

REPORT
OF THE
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY
OF THE
STATE OF MARYLAND

*To His Excellency,
Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland.*

December 1, 1931.

Complying with Section 9 of Article XIX of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I hereby submit a statement of the financial affairs of the State for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1931.

The various Bureaus of our department are functioning efficiently and, I believe, satisfactorily. The License Inspectors' Department shows little change and is up to date.

The Gasoline Bureau is showing a steady increase in revenue and the detail work in reference to the new system of auditing and investigating the claims for refund of the tax, as provided by law, is steadily increasing year by year. However, we have been able to keep this work up and all matters are handled without delay.

For the past year we have been making more effort looking towards centralized payment of accounts, and beginning with October 1st of this year the plan was practically completed and seems to be working efficiently and satisfactorily. As authorized by the last Legislature I have appointed one Chief Deputy Comptroller and two Deputy Comptrollers, which were necessary to carry out the physical task of the required details to make the centralized payment plan prompt and efficient.

The Central Purchasing Bureau and this office are working in close harmony and I believe the desired results are being obtained.

Due to the increased volume of valuable and important records I believe I am justified in bringing to your attention, as I did in our annual report of 1923, the necessity of more adequate facilities for the keeping of valuable records. I think this could be accomplished without a large expense and a slight extension of the space surrounding our office.

I suggest to you again that I think much could be accomplished and many economies effected by some arrangement looking to the supervising of expenditures by various State departments.

I hope you will bear in mind the desire of this department to cooperate completely in every possible way to bring about a most economical and efficient administration of the fiscal affairs of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. GORDY, JR.,
Comptroller.