

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

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December 9th, 1932.

*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

Section 9 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland directs that the Comptroller of the Treasury submit an annual report of the fiscal affairs of the State, and in accordance therewith I present for your consideration report for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1932.

In doing so I am taking the liberty of calling your attention to certain matters which we believe to be worthy of consideration.

Due to the increased volume of work in this office over a period of years we find our facilities to be inadequate for the safekeeping of valuable and important records and request consideration for an extension of our office, taking in a part of the present building, and the construction of a fireproof vault and other facilities.

During the last fiscal year we have extended and practically completed a system of direct payment of all State accounts through the Treasury, which system has greatly facilitated the promptness in settling all State accounts and making a supervision of and auditing all accounts before payment. The last Legislature appropriated \$15,000 additional for this purpose. We were able to effect this change for a considerable amount less than that appropriated and have reverted to the Treasury approximately \$8,000. We believe our office to be adequately and modernly equipped with efficient clerks and modern machinery to take care of present requirements and invite your inspection of our department.

We wish to call your special attention to the operation of the gasoline tax department under our supervision. For the fiscal