

REVENUE FROM CLERKS OF COURTS.

Table No. 2, contains an account of the receipts, on various accounts, from Clerks of Courts during the fiscal year. Subtracting the amount of receipts for excess of fees, \$1,643 33, (which were not received from Clerks,) the total receipts from these officers are found to have been \$278,530 55. In 1857 the total receipts from Clerks were \$256,512 09; showing a difference of \$22,018 46 in favor of 1858; but \$12,604 11 were received in the latter year on account of revenue which accrued before that year, and in 1857 the sum of \$682 38 only was received for revenue which accrued in previous years; consequently the revenue which accrued and was received from Clerks in 1858, exceeded that which accrued and was received in 1857, by the sum of \$10,096 73.

The Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City paid into the Treasury during the fiscal year the large sum of \$173,840 59; the whole of which except \$1,570 43 was on account of Licenses.

It is only just to say that this officer has discharged his responsible trust faithfully and punctually.

The whole amount received for Licenses in the fiscal year 1858 is \$264,735 06, which shows an increase compared with the preceding year, of 19,861 75; and this has been the result, notwithstanding several hundred persons composing "A Liquor Dealers' Association," in the City of Baltimore, have refused to take out License under the Act of 1858, contending that the said Act is unconstitutional, and have thus by their refusal lessened the receipts from this source to the extent of at least \$25,000.

These persons have been indicted in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, and have removed their cases, or at least a number of them, to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, where they are now pending. It is believed that the constitutionality of the law in question will be sustained; should the decision of the Court, however, be adverse to the State, the subject will be taken to the Court of Appeals for final adjudication.