

sary to take the entire proceeds of their inspections for this purpose. The law, although somewhat obscure, does not seem to admit of this interpretation, and therefore the claim was not allowed. The provisions of the Act, however, should be made more explicit.

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED LOTTERIES.

The receipts into the Treasury from this source during the year were \$25,500.

The contractor is indebted to the State in the sum of \$12,500, the amount of the last quarterly instalment, which should have been paid in the month of April, at which time his contract expired. Being duly notified, he refused to make his final payment, upon the ground, as he alleged, that he had been subjected, as contractor, to certain costs and expenses of suits, from which the State, under the contract, was bound to save him harmless. The Comptroller, upon examination, finding nothing in the terms of the contract to warrant such a construction, directed the State's Attorney of Baltimore city to institute suit, without delay, and to prosecute the same, with diligence and effect, to judgment and execution, or until the demands of the State should be satisfied.

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The Agents of Foreign Insurance Companies paid into the Treasury, for licenses, during the fiscal year, \$14,800, an increase of \$6,500 compared with those of 1858. *Table No. 10* contains the names of the Agents, and the several sums paid by each on this account. The State, as it was predicted, is now realizing quite a handsome revenue from this source.— The law, however, is doubtless violated to some extent, and might be amended and rendered more effective by authorizing the licenses to be issued by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and the blanks to be prepared by the Comptroller, as is done in the case of other licenses; or a State agent might