

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Table No. 13 exhibits, in detail, the revenue derived from licenses to Foreign Insurance Companies. The aggregate amount received from this source during the fiscal year, was \$54,063.46, showing an increase over the year 1871, of \$20,617.78.

This increase in the revenue from this source, is one of the evidences of the wisdom of the legislation of the last Session, by which more effective powers of supervision were vested in an officer appointed to take special charge of this subject. The report of the Insurance Commissioner, (a copy of which I sent to your Excellency,) will exhibit the status of the different Insurance Companies doing business in this State, more in detail than is necessary in this Report, and will be highly useful to the people in determining the relative financial strength and reliability of the said Companies. It gives me pleasure to testify to the zeal and energy of the Insurance Commissioner, and the intelligence manifested by him in the performance of his duties.

Table No. 14 shows the amount of taxes for the year 1872, due from collectors of State taxes, in the several counties and city of Baltimore, at the end of the fiscal year, to be \$429,347.64.

Table No. 15 exhibits a list of balances due the State from collectors for various years, ranging from 1843 to 1871, inclusive, amounting in the aggregate to \$561,093.07, exclusive of interest. The accounts of these collectors are in the hands of the State's Attornies for collection, and a basis of settlement of many of the old claims has been agreed upon with the securities on the bonds under the Act of 1872, Chapter 196. and they are in course of liquidation. It is expected to bring a large number of them to a close during the current fiscal year.

Table No. 16 shows a list of balances due from various Sheriffs, for a long series of years, amounting to \$40,883.95, exclusive of interest. It is expected, under the same Act referred to above, to bring a large number of these cases to a close during the year.

Table No. 17 exhibits the balances due by Clerks of Courts, Registers of Wills and other officers, as of the end of the fiscal year, a large portion of which has been paid into the Treasury since the close of the same. Those accounts still due, are in the hands of the State's Attornies for collection by law. This table also shows the amount estimated to be due from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, under their contract to pay one-fifth of the gross receipts from passengers on the Washington Branch, amounting to \$629,-