

Returns for the year 1851, by the clerks of the former Baltimore City and county courts; and for the year 1852, by the Clerks of the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

From	1851	1852	Increase	Decrease
Tax on certain officers	\$ 1,275.00	no returns	...	1,275.00
Licenses for Wood Trucksters	937.66	1,150.81	213.15	...
Marriage	7,204.80	6,456.32	...	748.48
Ordinary	24,875.66	23,550.90	...	1,324.76
Traders	50,380.82	49,757.35	...	623.47
Billiard Tables	1,036.91	1,397.51	360.60	...
Brokers	4,222.00	4,670.50	448.50	...
Non resident	5,720.00	2,449.00	...	3,280.00
Hawkers and Pedlars	3,781.00	2,786.10	...	994.90
Exhibition	146.30	95.00	...	51.30
Tax on Plaintiffs	3,584.00	725.00	...	2,859.00
" " Civil Commissions	1,029.80	2,487.40	1,457.60	...
" " Trustees and Receivers	1,937.38	416.13	...	1,521.25
" " Stamp	9,054.70	5,346.31	...	3,708.39
	114,639.03	101,277.19	2,473.85	15,835.69
Amount of Increase				2,473.85
Aggregate Decrease in 1852				\$13,361.84

The gross receipt from the items of revenue given in the above table were, in 1846, \$76,004.79; in 1847, \$91,860.40; in 1848, \$88,873.62; in 1849, \$101,299.03; in 1850, \$98,661.63; in 1851, \$114,639.03; in 1852, \$101,277.19; and the increase of the last over the first year named, comprising a period of seven years, was only \$25,272.40; whilst, the decrease of the last year, upon the returns for the year 1851, has been shown to be \$13,361.84. It will also be perceived that there is a falling off, as compared with the receipts for 1849; and but a small increase over those of 1850.

In the fifteenth section of Article IV, the Constitution imposes upon the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, the duty of issuing all marriage and other licenses required by law; which he accordingly does. The Clerk of the Superior Court, therefore, accounts to the Treasury upon the last four items specified in the above table; and, only in part, for the aggregate items given