

under the head of "Tax on Plaintiffs". He returned, during the past year, a gross amount of \$7,859.41; to which must be added, for the purpose of comparison, the returns of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, upon the last five items, amounting to \$899.82; showing an aggregate of \$8,759.23. The Clerk of the former Baltimore County Court, (whose account embraced both returns) paid into the Treasury, in the fiscal year 1851, on account of the same five items of revenue, the sum of \$12,500.73; which shows a decrease, on these items, for the last year, of \$3,741.51. A part of this decrease, however, is to be accounted for, by the reduction of the Tax on Plaintiffs, from the former rate of two dollars on each writ, to the present rate of fifty cents. A further allowance must also be made, because this Tax, which was heretofore collected exclusively by the clerk of Baltimore County Court, is now divided between the Clerks of the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas; the former of whom returned, in the last year, \$348.65, and the latter \$305.42.

The aggregate receipts from the clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for the year 1851, were \$83,128.39; and the aggregate receipts from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the last year, were \$85,908.98. But, in fact, there is a large decrease; because, the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas accounts, in the above aggregate, for \$5,422.72 derived from licenses on marriages; for \$2,054.60 from licenses on Hawkers and Pedlars; and for \$305.42 derived from the Tax on Plaintiffs; making an aggregate of \$7,782.74; with the collection of which items of revenue the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court had nothing to do; and which are not, therefore, embraced in his aggregate of \$83,128.39; whereas, all the items of revenue, which were collected by the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, are now collected by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. If, therefore, the returns of the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for 1851, are credited with \$7,782.74, they will exceed the returns of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for 1852, by the sum of \$5,002.76 — to which must be further added the sum of \$2,185 returned on account of Brokers' licenses, in 1851, by the clerk of the former Baltimore County Court; which should properly enter into the account of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, who now alone collects the revenues from that source; and which must, therefore, be estimated as a part of the gross amount of decrease, in comparison with the returns of the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for 1851. This sum added to the amount of decrease (\$5,002.76) above given, would show an actual decrease in the receipts from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, upon the