

their estimates differ considerably from those set forth in the report of the late comptroller. The following statement will show the difference between the estimates of the late Comptroller for the current year, and the receipts for 1853, in reference to a few of the items.

	Comptrol- ler's esti- mates for 1854.	Receipts for 1853.	Excess of estimates for 1854 over re- ceipts for 1853.
Auction licenses, - - -	\$10,000 00	\$ 9,500 00	\$ 500 00
Baltimore and Ohio rail road for one-fifth receipts on Washington Branch,	75,000 00	70,426 38	4,573 62
Fines and forfeitures,	4,000 00	2,703 16	1,296 84
Licenses from clerks,	150,000 00	132,709 92	17,290 08
Live stock scales,	15,000 00	10,991 55	4,008 45
Stamps,	75,000 00	61,450 64	13,549 36
Tax on Commissions of exe- cutors and administrators,	30,000 00	25,985 29	4,014 71
Tax on Commissions of trust- ees and receivers,	10,000 00	7,837 60	2,662 40
Tax on incorporated insti- tutions,	30,000 00	19,108 64	10,891 36
Excess of officers' fees,	8,000 00	1,876 24	6,123 76

By carrying out the comparison as instituted in the above table, to all the items of estimates, it will appear that their excess, as compared with the receipts for 1853, is more than \$70,000. The income from the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road for the year 1853, exceeded that of the previous year \$10,599 68, and this extraordinary increase was in a great degree attributable to the inauguration of the President, which drew to Capital vast crowds of travellers. No such special occasion will exist this year, and the probability is that there will be a diminution rather than an increase of revenue from that source. So also, the committee can see no reason to anticipate so large an increase from the sale of stamps under the present system, as that claimed by the late Comptroller, and the same remark applies to the excess of officers' fees, the tax on incorporated institutions, the licenses from clerks, the tax on the commissions of executors and administrators, and to various other items. Some *under* estimates appear upon a comparison of other items, but upon a rigid examination it will be found that there is a probable over estimate of at least \$50,000, as compared with the receipts of the last year.