

The Agent for the western shore respectfully submits the following report: That in the discharge of his duty as state's agent for the western shore, he commenced, on the first day of *May* last, adjusting the accounts of the different collectors and receivers of the public monies in the several counties on this shore, pursuant to the act of assembly passed at December session 1824, ch. 139; and having been previously furnished by the treasurer, (for the first time since his recent appointment,) with a statement or list of balances due to the state from clerks and sheriffs, to the large amount of forty-one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six dollars and forty-eight cents, which sum accumulated between the years 1807 and 1826; \$12286 68 $\frac{2}{3}$, between the years 1807 and 1822, and \$29,589 79 $\frac{2}{3}$ between the years 1822 and 1826, making the above amount. Also a list of balances due from collectors of the direct taxes for the years 1823-4 and 5, to the amount of eleven thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents; the above lists furnished the agent no other information than the amounts due, and the names of the principal debtors, many of whom, in this space of time had died, moved without the state, or become insolvent. His tour, therefore, through the eleven counties, was slow during the last spring and summer, as he had to look after each individual, or their legal representative, and to search the records in the different public offices, to ascertain the true state of the claim, and the condition of the debtor; that he called on all who were living or could be found, and urgently pressed them to an immediate or speedy settlement.

In all cases where, from the condition of the parties, and the nature of things, he could revive and put into a coercive train for settlement the above claims, he did so. He spent nearly three months in giving his attention to this matter during the early part of the year. In the mean time, while travelling through the different counties, he adjusted the accounts of the several public receivers and collectors of the current revenue which accrued to the state on the first day of *May* 1827, and as fast as settled transmitted them on to the treasurer, amounting to the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents and upwards, which he believes has all been paid into the treasury.

He again commenced his tour after the first day of *November*, and continued it up to the meeting of the present session of the legislature. He closed the accounts of the clerks and sheriffs of Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince-George's, Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert, Anne-Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties, to the amount of upwards of twenty-two thousand five hundred and forty-one