

senting all the judicial authority in the city, as the Circuit Courts represent the same authority in the counties.

In this opinion a majority of our brother Judges of the Supreme Bench do not agree, and have determined that the Supreme Bench has no report to make. If this matter involved only a difference of opinion in which they might conscientiously defer to the judgment of the greater number, the undersigned, from respect to their associates, would cheerfully submit to the opinion of the majority of their number; but as it concerns a question of constitutional duty upon which the undersigned have settled convictions, they do not think they would be justified in yielding them to the control of others. So much has been deemed proper to be said in order to account for this report being made in the name and under the the responsibility of the undersigned alone.

No general official investigation of the expenses, costs and charges of the Courts of the City of Baltimore having been made by the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city, no such report thereon, as is contemplated by the Constitution as above interpreted, can now be made; but there are certain matters disclosed by the report just published by the Comptroller of the State, which, as they properly concern the expenses of the Courts of the City of Baltimore, the undersigned think are the proper subject of comment and suggestion by them to the Legislature.

By that document it will be seen that for the year to which it relates, the Clerk of the Criminal Court collected from the Register of the City of Baltimore the sum of.....\$14,477 64
 The Crier of the Court collected from the same officer and from the Sheriff..... 4,595 25
 And the State's Attorney for Baltimore city collected from the same officer for the costs of two terms.....\$8,804 72
 Add to this one-half for the costs of the remaining term..... 4,402 36

13,207 08

\$32,279 97

Add to this large sum the small collections made by these same officers through the Sheriff..... 3,394 96

And we have an aggregate of.....\$35,674 93

Out of which the expenses of these offices are to be paid, and the residue to be paid into the State Treasury. These expenses, extracted from the same document, amounted to.....\$21,236 37

Making the large sum of.....\$14,438 56