

every hundred dollars worth of property that each county has been taxed on this account. It will be seen there is a very wide difference in expenses in the different counties—the comparative amount in Charles county being six times, and other counties three, four and five times, as great as it has been in Carroll county.

The publication and circulation of these accounts will undoubtedly call public attention to, and to some extent check, the extravagance and irregularities that have, in too many instances, been committed in the county expenditures during the past year.

As a further means of correcting these abuses the Committee has prepared and will report to the House three several bills, viz: one proposing to reduce the expenses of publishing Local Laws; one to reduce the expenses of publishing statement of county expenditures, and one to prevent the accounts against the counties, for officers' fees, exceeding the legal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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