

AUCTION DUTIES.

Statement No. 9 gives the amount of duties paid by the several Auctioneers, in the City of Baltimore, which will be found to have been \$18,199.39.

This sum was carried to the credit of the City of Baltimore, under chapter 266 of 1853 for the deepening of a Channel in the Chesapeake Bay. On the 26th January 1855, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in obedience to the third section of the act, above referred to, reported to the Comptroller an account of their disbursements in relation to the deepening and improving of the Channel aforesaid, which report is herewith submitted to your Honorable Body.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

A change might be very advantageously made in the manner of collecting and securing the revenue in the hands of Notaries Public, by delivering to them from this Department, blank protests, and charging them with the same in the manner heretofore adopted in the delivery of Licenses to the Clerks of Courts.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

This Company has, with great promptness, made its regular payments to the State. The amount received from the capitation tax on the Washington branch of this Road, amounted, during the last fiscal year, \$67,972.39, being an increase of \$5,094.86, over the amount received during the fiscal year, ended 30th September 1854. This result was anticipated by the Comptroller and so stated in his last annual report to the Governor.