

confusion of the collecting laws for that County,) have exhibited a laudable determination, by the heavy payments they have made into the Treasury within the last fiscal year, to acquit themselves of their liabilities.

The State's Attorney of Baltimore county is entitled to credit for the zeal and energy manifested by him for the interest of the State.

Several Mutual Insurance Companies were exempted from all taxation, by Chapter 339, of the Acts of Assembly of 1856.

The law in relation to defaulting officers, passed at the late session of the Legislature, at the instance of the Treasurer, is a most excellent one, and the Comptroller will endeavor, so far as it may be in his power, to enforce it to the fullest extent.

### THE STAMP TAX.

The law imposing Stamp Duties was repealed at the last session of the Legislature, the repeal taking effect on the 10th of March.

No provision was made for the redemption of Stamps remaining in the hands of holders at the time the law went into operation. In several instances, this Department was requested to return the amount of these Duties, but, in the absence of any specific appropriation, under the 20th section of the 3rd Article of the Constitution, the Comptroller was constrained to refuse.

The Legislature, at its next session, will doubtless afford the necessary relief.

STATEMENT No. 6, will exhibit the amount of money received for Stamp Duties, from the 30th of September, 1855, to the repeal of the law, which appears to have been \$40,453.02, of which sum \$21,864.12 was paid by the Commissioner of Stamps, and \$18,588.90 by the Clerks of the several Courts.

### REVENUE FROM CLERKS OF COURTS, &c.

STATEMENT No. 7, also shows the receipts into the Treasury from the sales of Licenses, Taxes on Plaintiffs, on Com-