

AUCTION DUTIES.

The receipts from Auction Duties appear in TABLE No. 4, and amounts, for the fiscal year, to \$16,232 84.

The proceeds from these Duties are placed to the credit of the City of Baltimore under chapter 266 of 1853, for the Deepening of a Channel in the Chesapeake Bay.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act just mentioned, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, on the 24th of January, 1857, reported to the Comptroller a fair and distinct account of their disbursements in relation to the deepening and improving of the said channel, which report is herewith presented to your Honorable Body.

TABLE No. 4, of the Appendix, also shows the receipts from Auctioneers' Licenses during the year, which were \$5,000, being \$2,700 less than they were in 1856. This is accounted for by the large reduction which was made in the price of these Licenses by the Legislature at its session of 1856.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY.

The State's proportion of the receipts, from the Washington Branch of this Road, in the fiscal year, amounted to \$76,038.16, being an increase of \$2,979.08 over 1856, and of \$8,065.77 compared with 1855.

During the same period the State received from this Company, for dividends, \$90,636, being \$23,321 more than was received on the same account in the preceding fiscal year.

SUSQUEHANNA AND TIDE-WATER CANAL COMPANIES.

TABLE No. 17, shows that there was due the State from these Companies, for the year, the sum of \$67,000.00, upon which they paid into the Treasury \$40,559.70, leaving a balance against them of \$26,539.30. They state, with much confidence that they will be able to discharge their liabilities during the coming Spring.

The amount of arrears of interest which the State was entitled to have refunded, so long a subject of difference, has been