

other member of the Bar; otherwise the State's Attorneys may nullify the laws, in this particular, with impunity.

REPEAL OF THE STAMP DUTIES.

The law imposing *Stamp Duties* having answered the purpose for which it was designed, by assisting to relieve the State of her embarrassments, and having become an inexcusable burthen upon the business enterprise of her citizens, was at the Legislative session of 1856, wisely and properly repealed. At the same time the great Landed Interest of the State was considered and respected in the reduction of the Direct Tax from 15 to 10 cents in the \$100. The whole amount of revenue derived from the sale of stamps from the passage of the Law to the date of its repeal (March 10th, 1856) was \$765,707.94, of which the sum of \$148,351.34 was for Stamps on Lottery tickets.

It will be necessary for the Legislature at its present session to make an appropriation for the redemption at the Treasury of Stamps remaining on hand at the time of the repeal of the law. This was contemplated in the original enactment, but was omitted in the repealing act, and thus the Treasury Department was left without the authority to afford the requisite relief.

REVENUE FROM REGISTERS OF WILLS.

The receipts into the Treasury from the Registers of Wills in the year have been \$68,877.28, which is an increase of \$1,599.24, upon the year preceding.

Of the amount received \$37,745.19 was for tax on the Commissions of Executors and Administrators, and \$31,075.74 was on account of the tax on Collateral Inheritances.

These officers, almost without exception, have made their payments into the Treasury with commendable punctuality.