

It is impossible for me to reach the delinquent parties, unless the officers appointed by said Act will co-operate with me; otherwise it will become a dead letter.

Table No. 19 shows a list of the "Incorporated Institutions" indebted to the State for taxes, whose accounts require to be adjusted before the amount of their indebtedness can be ascertained. Some of them have been merged in other Companies, and others have become insolvent and abandoned.

The commission appointed by Governor Swann in accordance with a provision of the Constitution of 1867, made a report to the Legislature of 1868, which was adopted. It places greater restrictions on the Corporations of the State, and especially on Insurance Companies, and requires them to make an annual report in full, of their capital stock, assets, &c.

#### AUCTIONS AND AUCTION DUTIES.

By the provision of Sec. 127, Art IV. of Public Local Laws relating to Baltimore City, the proceeds arising from Auction Duties to the amount of \$20,000, are to be returned to the city for the purposes therein mentioned. The duties returned to the Treasury never reach that sum, and unless the laws are more rigidly enforced, they never will. Many persons in Baltimore city are daily and weekly engaged in the business of auctioneering, that pay no license and make no returns. I have called the attention of the State's Attorney for the city to the matter, and requested him to investigate the subject. It is a source of astonishment that the city authorities who have the greatest interest and receive the entire duties back from the State, do not see that the law is executed and enforced.

An examination of Table No. 4, will more fully show the amount received, and the parties who have taken out license.

#### INSPECTORS.

The amount received from "Inspectors of Grain" during the last Fiscal Year, was \$7,803.18, and the salaries and expenses paid in connection therewith, \$7,843.47; showing a deficit of nearly six thousand dollars compared with the re-