

act of the General Assembly regulating the salaries of deputies, could appoint, the power to fix their salaries would still remain in the Comptroller. This has always been a duty, the discharge of which was unpleasant, and existing circumstances render it still more so.

In this view of the case, believing that the Judges of the Circuit and City Courts, and the Judges of the Orphans' Courts of the Counties and City, being on the spot and cognizant of the real wants of their subordinates, are not only the proper parties to limit the number, but also to fix their salaries, I would therefore respectfully recommend the repeal of the above-named sections, so far as this office is concerned, and vesting the power in the Circuit, City, and Orphans' Courts.

FEES AND EMOLUMENTS.

Under this head, I would call your attention to Statements "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," and "F," Part 2 of Appendix, which embrace the returns of the Clerks, Registers of Wills, Sheriffs, State's Attorneys, Criers of Courts, &c., made in compliance with the provisions of Sec. 1, Art. XV, of the Constitution.

I have endeavored to obtain reports from all officers in the State, except those exempt by the provisions of the section referred to above; and in order that none might remain in, or plead ignorance of this provision of the Constitution, I have had printed and sent to each officer a copy of the section.

COLONIZATION TAX.

I would especially call your attention to Table No. 14, under the above caption. It shows the sum of \$8,064.21, due from several counties for this tax levied under Chap. 281 of 1831. Colonization has long ceased to be effective, or even thought of; a thing of the past. I think therefore, it would be proper to remit all these several sums to the counties owing them, and direct the charges to be stricken from the books of this office.

BALANCES DUE FROM COLLECTORS AND OTHERS.

Table No. 15 shows the balances due from Collectors of the Counties and Baltimore City, for Direct, Bounty, Public School