

appealing with great force to the consideration of the Legislature, nevertheless, from inadvertence, or from some other cause, have failed to be provided for.

PENSIONS.

The amount paid during the fiscal year on account of Pensions, was \$89,660,00. The payments under the Act of 1870, chapter 477, are considerably less than under the Act of 1868. A number of those mentioned in the Act have since died, and the names are so misrecited and misspelled, that many of those probably intended by the Legislature to be benefitted by the law, are unable from this cause to avail themselves of its provisions. In all cases, where proof could be furnished to show to my satisfaction, that the party applying is called by the name mentioned in the Act, and the other requirements of the law have been complied with, I have caused the payment to be made. Many of the names recited in the Act are however so absolutely different from those alleged to be intended, that it is impossible to show by proof that the name in the law is intended for the party applying.

I suppose if the Legislature intend to continue this system of pensions, they will at the next session remedy the defects in the law, and make it available to the parties intended, for the time they have failed to receive the benefits.

The accompanying tables, from No. 1 to 13, inclusive, show, in detail, the various receipts into the Treasury from all sources during the fiscal year. The receipts from clerks of courts amounted to \$482,081.56, and from Registers of Wills to the sum of \$102,569.50. With very few exceptions, these officers have made their returns, and paid the amounts due from them, with commendable promptness. Several of the Wood Corders appointed, have failed to pay the tax on their commissions. A list of them has been furnished to your Excellency.