

whose location I am informed. The Act makes it the duty of the President or Vice-President and Secretary of each of the Companies annually, on the first day of February, or within one month thereafter, to prepare, under their own oath, and deposit in the office of the Comptroller, a statement of the condition of such Company, on the 31st day of December then next preceding, according to the form prescribed by the Comptroller, which statements the said Companies are required by said Act to have published on the first Monday of March in the same year, daily for one week in one or more newspapers of the place where said Companies are located. This provision will do much to guard the public from imposition by irresponsible corporations, and to establish the credit of those whose foundations are substantial, and which are under the direction of well-known and trustworthy officers.

Table No. 14 shows the amount of taxes for the year 1870, due from Collectors of State taxes in the several counties and city of Baltimore at the end of the fiscal year, to be \$510,338.09.

Table No. 15 shows a list of balances of State taxes for various years, ranging from 1843 to 1869 inclusive, due from Collectors, amounting in the aggregate to \$546,039.78, exclusive of interest.

Table No. 16 exhibits a list of balances due as of 30th September 1870, by the Sheriffs of the counties and city of Baltimore, for a long series of years, amounting to \$76,520.47; a small portion of this amount has been since paid, and many of the items will probably be collected, but a number of the older accounts are beyond hope, and not worth bringing forward.

Table No. 17 shows a list of balances due by Clerks of Courts, Registers of Wills, Notaries Public, Inspectors, &c., as of 30th September, 1870.