

to the failure of the law imposing a license upon non-resident traders, which lessened the revenue from that source during the fiscal year, as compared with that of 1871, by the amount of \$32,373.00.

The revenue arising from the other items in the table, shows an increase in 1872, of \$23,049.62, over 1871.

The revenue paid into the Treasury during the fiscal year, by Registers of Wills, as shown in detail, in Table No. 2, was \$90,256.74, being larger than that of the fiscal year 1871, by the sum of \$13,794.14.

Most of the Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills in the State have paid over the revenue collected by them, with commendable promptness and punctuality. I regret that there are any exceptions to the above, but am compelled to say that a few of these officers have failed to make their returns properly, or to pay over the amounts punctually.

The accounts of the defaulting officers are in the hands of the State's Attornies for settlement by law.

The revenue paid into the Treasury by collectors of State taxes, for Direct, Bounty, Southern Relief, Deaf and Dumb, Hospital Loan and Public School taxes for the fiscal year, as shown in detail in Table No. 3, amounted to \$739,661.82, showing an increase over the year 1871, notwithstanding the repeal of the Direct Tax, of \$2,612.10.

This is a highly satisfactory exhibit, and demonstrates the fact that the several Boards of County Commissioners have been careful in the selection of prompt and efficient collectors, and that these officers have shown increased zeal and fidelity in the performance of their duties.

It also clearly demonstrates the efficiency of the legislation of 1870 and 1872, in enforcing prompt payments by collecting officers.

Table No. 4, exhibits the receipts from licenses to auctioncers and auction duties. These amounted, during the fiscal year, to \$18,301.84.

The Act of 1872, Chapter 249, makes the auction duties payable directly to the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore, so that no receipts from this source have accrued to the Treasury since April 1st, 1872. Notwithstanding this diversion, Table No. 4 shows an aggregate somewhat in advance of the revenue from the same sources in 1871.