

Table No. 15 exhibits a list of balances due the State from Collectors for various years, ranging from 1843 to 1873, inclusive, amounting in the aggregate to \$523,454.63. Of this amount the sum of \$322,491.37, is due from the City of Baltimore, and mostly accrued previous to the year 1867. Since that time the balances due for the several years are comparatively small, except those for 1872 and 1873, the bulk of which latter will probably be realized to the Treasury. A number of the old balances due from the City of Baltimore are, in my judgment, utterly hopeless, and ought to be stricken off from the books of the Department. In the different counties where the several Collectors are held by law directly responsible for the amounts placed in their hands for collection, these old balances have been sent to the different State's Attorneys, from time to time, and suits have been ordered upon the bonds of the Collectors for their recovery. In quite a large number of instances small balances are shown against Collectors who have died, without procuring a settlement with the Department, and probably without getting credit for all the allowances from insolvencies to which they were entitled, and the difficulty and labor necessary to arrive at an accurate settlement in such cases, is constantly felt by this office and by the State's Attorneys charged with the Collection of the claims.

Table No. 16 exhibits in detail the balances standing on the books of this office against Sheriffs in the different counties and City of Baltimore for various years ranging from 1848 to 1874, amounting in the whole to the sum of \$35,913.38, exclusive of interest.

Table No. 17 shows the balances due from Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills and certain other officers, and the estimated amount due from the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company for the State's proportion of the receipts from passengers on the Washington Branch road, amounting in the whole to \$891,673.20, of which large amount, the latter account is the principle item, estimated at \$829,154.00. As no returns have been made by the Company for a number of years, the amount due can only be estimated from former returns. Only a few amounts, are due from Clerks and Registers for recent years, and