

officers of the Tax Department of that city. In the counties, suits have been brought to recover the balances, and are in the hands of the State's Attorneys for prosecution to settlement.

Table No. 16 exhibits a list of balances standing on the books of this office, at the close of the fiscal year, against Sheriffs in various counties, from 1848 to 1876, inclusive, amounting to \$32,964.05, exclusive of interest.

Table No. 17 exhibits the balances due from Clerks of Courts, Registers of Wills, Notaries Public, and other officers therein named, at the close of the fiscal year, amounting to \$60,859.31. The greater portion of this amount, which is regarded as collectible, has been paid into the Treasury since the close of the fiscal year.

This Table also shows the estimated amount due from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, at the close of the fiscal year, for the State's one-fifth of the receipts from passengers on the Washington Branch, to be \$786,466.85, exclusive of interest.

Suits have been brought for the recovery of this indebtedness, and the cases have lately been heard, on appeal, by the Court of Appeals.

#### STATE TAXES DUE FROM INCORPORATED INSTITUTIONS.

Table No. 18 exhibits in detail, the amounts due from sundry Incorporated Institutions for State taxes on shares of their capital stock, amounting to \$39,046.57.

#### DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

Table No. 19 exhibits in detail, the payments on account of special appropriations during the fiscal year, with the Acts of Assembly by which they have been respectively directed to be made. I have thought it necessary to give these payments in detail, with names and dates, for the inspection of your Excellency, and of the people of the State, it being impossible, in the condensed form in which this head appears in Statement "B," to cite the various Acts of Assembly under which the several payments have been made, or to give the names of the parties receiving the same.

#### TAXATION OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.

The validity of the law taxing the gross receipts of Railroad Companies, working their roads by steam power, has been established by the decisions of the Court of Appeals, in the cases of the State vs. the Northern Central Railway Company, and the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company. I have received information from the counsel of the latter Company, that preparations are being made by that Company to settle its indebtedness to the State under that law, for the years from 1872 to 1876,