

Harford County	37,400
Howard County	5,000
Kent County	500
Montgomery County	3,000
Prince George's County	1,000
Queen Anne's County	500
St. Mary's County	None
Somerset County	700
Talbot County	13,850
Washington County	101,450
Wicomico County	13,400
Worcester County	6,800
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	\$2,282,700

TRADERS' LICENSE

The Commission had conferred upon it, by the Act of its creation, the power to provide for a system of inspection of licenses, and shortly after its organization established a sub-department having in charge investigations of this subject.

A very considerable portion of all of the State's revenue is license receipts, and there was urgent need for investigation, as subsequent events have proven, because prior hereto there was no supervision or investigation (with the possible exception of that made by some constable or sheriffs) to see that licenses were obtained by persons who, under the laws, were required to obtain traders' licenses. The investigations made by the Commission so far have been along the following lines:

(a) As to whether the trader had any license or was licensed to the proper amount in accordance with the law, which requires him to take out, before the first of May in each year, a license based on the amount of the stock of goods, wares and merchandise (not manufactured or grown by him) generally kept on hand by such trader at the principal season of sale.

(b) As to whether the trader was assessed on his stock in trade, or, if assessed, was the amount of his assessment in proper proportion to that amount for which the license was obtained, the assessment being based on the fair average value of his stock in business.

One of the first duties of the supervisors of assessments was to compile information from the office of the clerks of the courts and