

AUCTION DUTIES.

The receipts from Auction Duties for the fiscal year were \$13,129.08. The proceeds of these duties are received into the Treasury and disbursed to the Corporation of Baltimore city, under the 127th section of the IVth Article of the Code of Local Laws, for the purpose of deepening and improving a channel in the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River below Fort McHenry.

The receipts for Licenses issued to *Auctioneers* amounted to \$5,900.

A detailed statement of the receipts on both of these accounts may be seen by reference to *Table No. 2*.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

There was received into the Treasury from this Company, during the fiscal year, the sum of \$10,000 only of the \$90,000 annuity due, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 260 of the Acts of Assembly of 1854. In consequence of this default, the Comptroller, as required by law, instituted legal proceedings against the Company, and the eminent legal gentleman appointed by your Excellency, special attorney in this case, in conjunction with the State's Attorney of Baltimore city, has obtained a judgment against it, and an injunction restraining the Company from applying the receipts of the Road to any other purpose except to defray necessary repairs and expenses, until the claim of the State shall first have been satisfied.

The quarterly payments due from this Company have been regularly received up to about eighteen months ago, and it is to be hoped that the Road will hereafter be conducted in such a manner as to re-establish its character and relieve its embarrassments.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

The receipts from the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company during the fiscal year, ending on the 30th of September last, will appear on reference to *Tables Nos. 5 and 13* of the