

REVENUE FROM CLERKS OF COURTS.

Table No. 2, of the Appendix, shows the receipts from these officers during the fiscal year to have been \$296,489.07, which is an increase of \$17,958.52 compared with the preceding year; of this amount, the sum of \$180,660.48 was paid into the Treasury by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore.

The revenue from the sale of Licenses, (included in the Table referred to) reached the sum of \$277,120.50, an increase of \$12,385.44 compared with 1858, and of \$32,247.19 compared with 1857; and largely exceeding the receipts on this account in any former year.

The tax upon some grades of licenses appears to be heavier than is required, and might be moderately reduced with safety to the State and justice to the mercantile community.

The Clerks have generally settled their accounts with this Department with great punctuality.

REGISTERS OF WILLS.

There was received into the Treasury during the fiscal year from this class of officers \$60,868.92, exceeding the receipts from the same source of the year preceding \$6,561.96. Of this amount, \$35,064.64 was derived from the tax on Executors and Administrators, and \$25,804.28 from the tax on collateral inheritances.

The Comptroller has been compelled to institute a suit against the official bond of the late Register of Wills of Baltimore city, for the sum of \$12,491.81, the balance due on his final return for the six months which ended the 1st of December, 1857. The requisite report was not submitted by him at the proper time, but a large payment was made into the Treasury; producing the impression that only a small amount remained due, and a promise given that that should be forwarded, accompanied by his account, in the course of a few weeks. It was not done; and after repeated solicitations and demands, he failed to comply. Finally, resort was had to the books and records of the Register's office, and through