

be appointed to reside in the city, furnished with blanks by, and be required to make his report to, the Comptroller. The first plan could probably be adopted with more advantage to the interests of the State.

The provision of the Act which directs the Comptroller to publish the names of the agents who have been authorized to act, is an excellent one, and an appropriation should be made to pay the expense of the publication.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The *Weighmaster of Live Stock* paid into the Treasury during the fiscal year \$8,537.02, which shows an increase of \$1,020.32 when compared with his returns of the preceding year. The receipts are given in *Table No. 12* of the Appendix. It is represented by the Weighmaster, that certain repairs and additions should be made to the *Scales*, the effect of which, in his opinion, would add greatly to the public convenience and increase the revenue. The contemplated improvements are of such an extensive character, that the Comptroller does not feel himself authorized to allow the receipts to be applied in making them. He respectfully suggests the appointment of a committee, by the Legislature, to examine the Scales, and other property of the State, in the city of Baltimore.

Table No. 12 also exhibits the receipts from the *Hay Scales*, in Baltimore city, during the year. They amounted to \$686.60. In the year preceding they were \$737.12.

The receipts from the *State Wharves* in Baltimore, which also appear in *Table No. 12*, amounted in the year to \$4,082.72, exceeding the receipts from the same source in 1858 by the sum of \$692.92. A portion of the receipts were expended in necessary repairs.

The appropriation of \$50,000, made at the session of 1858, or the building of a Record office and the improvement of the State House, was exhausted before the projected works were completed, but the committee concluded to proceed without funds, rather than to permit the buildings to remain in an unfinished condition, liable to injury, and to cause great inconvenience to the public. The contractors agreed to trust their bills to the Legislature, not doubting a speedy appropriation to meet them.