

several items of revenue specified, of \$7,187.76, estimated solely upon the basis of the returns made by the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for the year 1851.

From the above exhibits, which I have carefully prepared from the statement of the Comptroller, and the Reports of the Treasurers for past years, it would seem that the augmentation of those revenues has been remarkably slow, in view of the vast accessions made to the capital and population of the City of Baltimore, since the year 1846.

Although it was necessary to embrace, in the preceding estimate the revenue collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, in order that a comparison might be instituted between the aggregate receipts for the last two years respectively; still, it is proper for me to remark here, that that Clerk, like the other Clerks of Circuit Courts, collects only that portion of the revenue which accrues within his County; whereas, the Clerk of the former Baltimore County Court also collected much of the revenue which accrued in the City, and made a general return of all in the same account. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County returned, in the last year, the sum of \$7,509.42; which, I presume, does not vary materially from the amount derived, in 1851, from that County; although upon this point, I cannot give you an exact statement.

It is, also, proper that I should state that the receipts from the Register of Wills of Baltimore City and County, in 1851, were unusually large; and cannot, therefore, be well contrasted with the receipts, for 1852, from the Registers of Wills for Baltimore City and County respectively. The receipts from the Register of Wills, when the City and County were united, were, in 1847, \$8,243.91; in 1848, \$13,686.43; in 1849, \$16,341.60; and in 1850, \$23,358.33; which show a very moderate annual augmentation; but, that the returns for 1852, were larger than those of any preceding year, with the exception of the year 1851.

The returns from the Counties, (exclusive of Baltimore County, which is included in the preceding estimate,) on account of the indirect revenue, for the last year, are highly satisfactory. The whole amount paid into the Treasury by the Clerks of Counties (Baltimore County excepted) in the year 1851, was \$66,822.50; whereas, the present Clerks of the Circuit Courts for the several Counties (Baltimore County excepted) alone paid in, for the last year, the aggregate sum of \$68,706.02; showing an increase, that far only, of \$1,883.52; to which must be added the further amount of \$9,068.42 paid in, during the same period, by former County Clerks, showing an aggregate amount of receipts, for 1852, of \$77,774.44, and exhibiting an increase, over the receipts of the year previous, of