

REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, 22nd April, 1852.

To the House of Delegates :

In obedience to the order of the House of Delegates, of the 6th instant, requiring the Comptroller "to furnish, at as early a day as practicable, a report of the best plan to enforce a prompt collection and return of all revenue derived from marriage and other licenses, and from the fees of the various Clerks of Courts, Registers of Wills, and other officers of the State, whose surplus fees are required to be paid into the Treasury," the undersigned has the honor to present the following views :

During the past fiscal year, the revenue received into the Treasury, from licenses issued by the Clerks of the County Courts, and the Clerk of the City Court of Baltimore, amounted to the sum of one hundred and forty-four thousand two hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-five cents, of which, ninety-seven thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty-four cents, was paid by the Clerks of Baltimore County Court, and the City Court of Baltimore.

In the year eighteen hundred and forty-four, the entire receipts from licenses issued by the Clerks of Courts, amounted to eighty-six thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars and sixty-one cents, showing an increase, as compared with the last fiscal year, of fifty-seven thousand two hundred and eighty-two dollars and eighty-four cents, occurring, mainly, in the city of Baltimore; and it is fair to presume that, with the rapidly increasing population and business of that city, each successive year will materially augment the revenue from this source. Under the new organization of the Courts, the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore will be the recipient of the revenue from licenses heretofore received by the Clerk of the City Court, and of a very large proportion of that formerly passing through the hands of the Clerk of Baltimore County Court.

The Clerks of the several Courts by whom licenses have been hitherto issued, are required by law to return to the Treasury, semi-annually, lists of the licenses issued by them, and accounts