

*Returns for the year 1851, by the Clerks of the former Baltimore City and County Courts; and for the year 1852, by the Clerks of the Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.*

FROM	1851	1852	Increase.	Decrease.
Tax on certain officers.....	\$1,275 00	no returns.	.....	1,275 00
Licenses for Wood Hucksters....	937 66	1,150 81	213 15	.....
Marriage.....	7,204 80	6,456 32	.....	748 48
Ordinary.....	24,875 66	23,550 93	.....	1,324 73
Traders.....	50,380 82	49,757 38	.....	623 44
Billiard Tables.....	1,036 91	1,397 51	360 60	.....
Brokers.....	4,222 00	4,670 50	448 50	.....
Non-resident.....	5,723 00	2,443 00	.....	3,280 00
Hawkers and Pedlars.....	3,781 00	2,786 10	.....	994 90
Exhibitions.....	146 30	95 00	.....	51 30
Tax on Plaintiffs.....	3,084 00	725 80	.....	2,358 20
" Civil Commissions.....	1,029 80	2,481 40	1,451 60	.....
" Trustees and Receivers...	1,937 38	416 13	.....	1,521 25
" Stamps.....	9,004 70	5,346 31	.....	3,658 39
	114,639 03	101,277 19	2,473 85	15,335 69
Amount of Increase.....				2,473 85
Aggregate Decrease in 1852.....				13,361 84

The gross receipts from the items of revenue given in the above table were, in 1846, \$76,004.79; in 1847, \$91,860.40; in 1848, \$88,873.62; in 1849, \$101,299.03; in 1850, \$98,661.63; in 1851, \$114,639.03; in 1852, \$101,277.19; and the increase of the last over the first year named, comprising a period of seven years, was only \$25,272.40; whilst, the decrease of the last year, upon the returns for the year 1851, has been shown to be \$13,361.84. It will also be perceived that there is a falling off, as compared with the receipts for 1849; and, but a small increase over those of 1850.

In the fifteenth section of Article IV, the Constitution imposes upon the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, the duty of issuing all marriage and other licenses required by law; which he accordingly does. The Clerk of the Superior Court, therefore, accounts to the Treasury upon the last four items specified in the above table; and, only in part, for the aggregate item given under the head of "Tax on Plaintiffs." He returned, during the past year, a gross amount of \$7,859.40; to which must be added, for the purpose of comparison; the returns of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, upon the last five items, amounting to \$899.82; showing an aggregate of \$8,759.22. The Clerk of the former Baltimore County Court, (whose account embraced both returns) paid into