

the Treasury, in the fiscal year 1851, on account of the same five items of revenue, the sum of \$12,500.73; which shows a decrease, on these items, for the last year, of \$3,741.51. A part of this decrease, however, is to be accounted for, by the reduction of the Tax on Plaintiffs, from the former rate of two dollars on each writ, to the present rate of fifty cents. A further allowance must also be made, because this Tax, which was heretofore collected exclusively by the Clerk of Baltimore County Court, is now divided between the Clerks of the Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas; the former of whom returned, in the last year, \$348.65, and the latter \$305.42.

The aggregate receipts from the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for the year 1851, were \$83,128.39; and the aggregate receipts from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the last year, were \$85,908.37; which would seem to show an increase of \$2,779.98. But, in fact, there is a large decrease; because, the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas accounts, in the above aggregate, for \$5,422.72 derived from licenses on marriages; for \$2,054.60 from licenses of Hawkers and Pedlars; and for \$305.42 derived from the Tax on Plaintiffs; making an aggregate of \$7,782.74; with the collection of which items of revenue the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court had nothing to do; and which are not, therefore, embraced in his aggregate of \$83,128.39; whereas, all the items of revenue, which were collected by the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, are now collected by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. If, therefore, the returns of the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for 1851, are credited with \$7,782.74, they will exceed the returns of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for 1852, by the sum of \$5,002.76—to which must be further added the sum of \$2,185, returned on account of Broker's licenses, in 1851, by the Clerk of the former Baltimore County Court; which should properly enter into the account of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, who now alone collects the revenues from that source; and which must, therefore, be estimated as a part of the gross amount of decrease, in comparison with the returns of the Clerk of the former Baltimore City Court, for 1851. This sum added to the amount of decrease (\$5,002.76, above given, would show an actual decrease in the receipts from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, upon the 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 carefully prepared from the statement of the Comptroller, and the Reports of the Treasurer for past years, it would seem that the augmentation of those