

on or before the first days of June and December; and those officers were required, on the said days respectively, or within ten days thereafter, to pay all sums of money received by them from that source. In order, therefore, that I might be able to present to you a comparative view of the results of the last and preceding year, I have obtained from the Comptroller a statement of the receipts from Clerks and Registers between the 1st of December 1852 and the 10th of December 1853; because, it is estimated that no more has been paid into the Treasury by those officers, to that date, than would have been accounted for by them on or before the 30th of November last, had no change been made in the termination of the fiscal year and the periods for the settlement of their accounts. During the fiscal year 1852, the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for the several counties (Baltimore County included) paid into the Treasury the sum of \$76,215.44. During the last year, they paid \$94,870.22; showing an increase of \$18,654.78. In 1852, however, \$9,068.42 (on account of collections for 1851) were received into the Treasury from former County Clerks; which made an aggregate of receipts for that year of \$85,283.86. The actual increase in the revenue received from the Clerks of Counties, during the past year, is consequently \$9,586.36.

The Registers of Wills for the several Counties (Baltimore County included) paid, in 1852, \$20,846.80; and in the last year \$35,130.69; being an increase of \$14,283.89. In 1852, \$5,224.39 were received from former Registers, making an aggregate for that year of \$26,071.19. The actual increase in the revenue received from the Registers for Counties, during the past year, is consequently \$9,059.50; and from Clerks and Registers \$18,645.86. The increase for 1852 over 1851, was \$15,043.98; so that, the aggregate increase in the revenue derived from Clerks and Registers, in the last two years, amounted to \$33,689.84.

The returns from the City of Baltimore, although by no means as gratifying as those from the Counties, furnish no reason to doubt the permanency and steady expansion of the indirect revenues. The Clerks of the Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas returned, in 1852, the aggregate sum of \$93,767.77; and, in the past year, the aggregate sum of \$94,105.65; showing an increase of \$337.88. Whilst, however, the returns of the Clerk of the Superior Court, for the last year, are greater than those of 1852, by \$2,380.49, the receipts from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas are less by \$2,042.61. The Clerk of the Criminal Court (who has nothing to do with the Collection of the indirect taxes) returned during the last year, principally on account of the excess of fees over the Constitutional limit of his salary, the sum of \$1,131.94; which made the aggregate receipts from the Clerks of the City amount to \$95,237.59; being an increase over the previous year of \$1,469.80. The Register for the City returned, in 1852, \$23,046.16; and, in 1853, \$30,671.31; showing an increase of \$7,625.15. The aggregate increase in the City, during the last year, was therefore, \$9,094.95; and in the whole State, \$27,740.81. I cannot present a full estimate of the revenues due for the year from the City of Baltimore, as I am informed by the Comptroller that the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas has made no report since June last. Enough, however, has been exhibited to furnish you good grounds for confidence in this branch of the public revenue, and to strengthen you in the resolution to maintain the financial policy recommended by me to your predecessors, and adopted by them at their last Session.