

From the foregoing statements it will appear, that the aggregate receipts into the Treasury, for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1853, are less, by \$279,960.09, than those of the year which preceded it.

This result was expected, and has been brought about, not by any material diminution of the general revenue, but by the operation of the Act of 1853, Ch. 82, which, changing the termination of the fiscal year to the 30th of September, limited its receipts to ten, instead of twelve months. It will therefore, be necessary, in comparing the revenue of the present, with the past fiscal year, to add to the former the receipts of October and November, which will be found in the supplement to this report.

From the joint exhibit thus made, it will be seen that the decrease has been very slight, that it has occurred from perfectly obvious causes, and affords no reason whatever for supposing, that the general revenue of the State will be to any considerable extent lessened; but, on the contrary, presents the strongest ground for anticipating, a gradual increase from nearly every source, the Direct Tax alone excepted.

The entire revenue of the fiscal year ending September 30th, is \$1,000,653.19, that of the months of October and November \$217,466.72, making an aggregate of receipts for twelve months of \$1,217,519.91, being a decrease of but \$62,433.56, when compared with the revenue of the preceding year.

Reference to Statement No. 1 will show, that the receipts from Direct Tax for the fiscal year are \$380,993.73, of which \$138,523.19, was paid on account of the Tax levied for 1853, and \$242,470.54, on account of former years. In the months of October and November, there was received, on account of Direct Tax, \$80,349.59, making an aggregate for the twelve months, corresponding to those of the preceding year, of \$461,343.32, and showing a deficiency, when compared with the receipts of that year, of \$10,792.33.

The balances in the hands of Collectors for 1853, as will be seen by referring to Statement F, amount to \$220,068.02, and those of former years to \$318,984.24, exclusive of interest, (see Statement E.) Of these amounts there have been collected and paid into the Treasury, since the close of the fiscal year, as stated above, \$80,349.59.

In Statement No. 2 will be found the sum received for Stamp Duties during the fiscal year, amounting to \$56,238.75, of which \$41,259.28 was paid by the Commissioner of Stamps, and \$14,979.47 by Clerks of the various Courts. If to this sum be added the receipts of the months of October and November, which were \$5,211.89, it will show an aggregate of \$61,450.64, exceeding the revenue of the preceding year by \$1,729.69, and the largest sum ever paid into the Treasury from this source.