

## CITY.

Ordinary Licenses from 1st October, 1852, to 1st May, 1853.	395 93
“ “ 1st May, 1853, to 1st June, 1853,	14,613 95
“ “ Rent over \$500, “ “ “	287 97
“ “ 1st June, 1853, to 1st Dec. 1853,	995 68
Retailers Licenses, from 1st Nov. 1852, to 30th April, 1853,	34 74
Jail Fees, “ from 1st May, 1853, to 1st June 1853,	1,950 72
“ “ 1st June, 1853, to 1st Dec. 1853,	158 03
City's Proportion,	18,437 02
State's Proportion,	16,683 09
	34,120 11
To which may be added as the excess of fees over and above the amount which the clerk is allowed to retain, say,	3,000 00
Total due by L. S. Norwood, Esq.,	\$37,120 11

Of this large sum of public treasury, Mr. Norwood, has made no returns; his resignation has been tendered and accepted, and John W. Davis, Esq., has been appointed to fill the place. This defalcation was anticipated by those who were familiar with Mr. Norwood's habits, but for want of authority no barrier could be interposed. We think a law requiring monthly returns to be made to the State Treasury of all monies received instead of yearly or half yearly returns as now required by law, and also a law giving to the judges of the several courts the power to require at any time of any of the clerks additional security and in default to dismiss such clerk would subserve the public interest, and perhaps prevent a like recurrence.

It is proper to state (and the committee take great pleasure in doing so) that Jno. W. Davis, Esq., the present incumbent is conducting the affairs of this office with ability, and has introduced many valuable reforms which if prosecuted with the same spirit with which they have begun, cannot fail to be eminently useful. His known business habits and his high reputation for strict integrity warrants the hope of entire success.

From the limited time allowed, the committee found it quite impossible to give to the office of the clerk of the Superior court that close and thorough examination which was desired; it was evident however, from the short time devoted to this office, that its affairs are conducted in a manner not such as the important interest committed to this department demands, and unless some changes are