

Officers much praise and credit is due for the prudent and careful conduct of their Offices, by which these sums have been secured to the Treasury.

Complaint is made by the Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills, in some parts of the State, in relation to the difficulties attendant on the collection of their fees.

To remedy this evil, a law should be passed, requiring these Officers to deliver annually to the Sheriffs true bills of all uncollected fees, and the Sheriffs should be compelled, under heavy penalties, to collect within a specified time all those, which are not returned by them, as due by Insolvents or Non-residents. By this means, a large amount of revenue from this source might be secured to the State.

A number of Officers in this State, whose emoluments exceed the Constitutional limit, allege, that the expenses of their Offices reduce the amount below that sum. They neglect or refuse, therefore, to report to the Treasurer, as required by the first section of Article X. of the Constitution. A law should be passed requiring them to make semi-annual reports to the Comptroller, stating not only the amount of their receipts, but the details of their expenses, which should be allowed or disallowed according to their justness and reasonableness.

### TOBACCO INSPECTIONS.

In *Statement No. 11* may be found the amount of the gross receipts from the State Tobacco Inspections in the City of Baltimore, during the fiscal year just closed, which was \$63,019.80 and the expenses were \$45,196.32, leaving a nett balance of \$17,823.48 applicable to the payment of interest on Tobacco debt, the erection of Warehouses, ground-rent, &c. The recommendation of the Comptroller in relation to Warehouse No. 6, just completed in Baltimore, made in the last annual Report to the Executive, is here renewed.

The amounts respectively returned by the several Inspectors are set forth in *Statement No. 12*.

During the year 1854, the Comptroller, finding that there was no insurance upon any of the Tobacco Warehouses in Baltimore, and believing it improper, that so much of the State's property should be uninsured, effected, during the temporary absence of the Executive, an insurance on all these Warehouses. The insurance has been continued and the premium paid out of the Executive Contingent Fund. It is necessary that a sufficient sum should be appropriated for this purpose.

### AGENTS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES NOT INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

The Agents of Insurance Companies, not incorporated by the Legislature of Maryland, should pay a specific sum of money for a License to act, as such Agents, in lieu of all other taxes therefor.