

The License Act of 1858 is in many respects a decided improvement upon all former laws on this subject; but in justice to the commercial interests of the State, the price of many of the grades of Licenses should be somewhat reduced, and it is the design of the Comptroller, in his next annual report, to call the attention of the Legislature more particularly to this subject, and to recommend such amendments as in his judgment will tend to perfect the Act of 1858.

The Clerks of Courts during the fiscal year 1858, have generally settled their accounts with this Department punctually.

The Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, is entitled to special commendation, for the very efficient manner in which he conducts the affairs of his office.

It is the duty of the Comptroller to report the Clerk of St. Mary's County in default for the whole amount of revenue which accrued in his hands from the first of June, to the first of December, 1857, and for the whole amount of revenue accrued to the first of June, 1858.

The late Clerk of Worcester county is in default for revenue accrued in his hands to the first of December, 1857. Notice of suit has been given.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline county is also in default for a small balance due upon his return to the first of June, 1858.

The Comptroller was reluctantly compelled to withdraw the claims of the State against the late Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline county, from the State's Attorney for that county, on account of his neglect to institute suit, according to instructions from this Department, and to solicit the Governor to appoint some other member of the Bar to represent the State in these cases. Accordingly the State's Attorney for Dorchester county has been appointed, and is now prosecuting these claims with zeal and ability.

REVENUE FROM REGISTERS OF WILLS.

These officers paid into the Treasury during the fiscal year \$54,306.96, which compared with the receipts on the same account in 1857, shows a decrease of \$14,570.32.