

The sum of \$3,386 80 was returned to the Treasury from this source, being an increase compared with the receipts in 1857 on the same account, of \$2,842 85.

The receipts in 1857 were unusually small, owing to the repairs made by the State Wharfinger, and which the Comptroller felt himself obliged to authorise, in order to preserve the property, and he has again consented that a portion of the proceeds shall be used in repairing Pratt street wharf, upon the representation of the State Wharfinger, to the effect that the said Wharf is in such a condition as to require immediate attention.

It would be well for the Legislature to made an annual appropriation, so much thereof as might be necessary to be applied in keeping in repair the State's property in Baltimore, the repairs to be made at the discretion of the Comptroller upon the request of the officers in charge.

The entire receipts, from every source of revenue, should be as nearly as possible, without diminution, paid into the Treasury of the State, and the requisite expenditures be made by Legislative appropriations. By the adoption of this method the Tables of Receipts and Expenditures from this Department would explain themselves. The course indicated is alone consistent with the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Treasury Department. In conclusion, the Comptroller may be allowed to express the opinion that the financial condition of the State is sound and healthy, and the citizens of Maryland may look with pride upon their Commonwealth as she stands among her Federal sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

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