

decessor, by report or otherwise, under whose superintendence and management the same had been intrusted.

And, in order fully to comply with the provisions of the aforesaid act, he went to Allegany county in the month of November, and there commenced first settling the accounts of sheriffs and county clerks, up to the first day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty-six; he then passed through Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Harford, Baltimore, Prince George's, Charles, Saint Mary's, Calvert and Anne Arundel counties, settling as far as it was practicable, the accounts of those public officers up to that period.

The accounts which were adjusted during this tour, with the sheriffs and county clerks, amounting to upwards of twenty-six thousand two hundred and eighty dollars, with some exceptions, have nearly all been paid in.

It will be seen, by a statement herewith annexed, marked No. 3, that no returns have been made from one, and only partial returns from two other counties, the agent not being able to see either of those officers. Could a settlement have been effected with those noted as delinquents, the amount of revenue, which would have accrued to the state from these sources, might fairly have been estimated at about twenty-nine thousand dollars, for the last six months, ending on the first day of November last, which shews that no diminution of the revenue arising from this fruitful source has materially taken place.

There will be due to the state on the first day of May next, from collectors of the state tax on the western shore, as will be seen by a statement herewith annexed marked No. 4, the sum of fourteen thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars thirty-three and a third cents, which was authorised to be raised for the support of government by an act of the last session chapter 141; just one half the amount of the preceding year. Add to these several sums the probable amount to be accounted for by my honourable predecessor, for the half year commencing on the first day of November 1825, and ending on the first day of May 1826, which may reasonably be estimated at about the same as that of the last six months, will amount very nearly to the sum of sixty-eight thousand dollars, without taking into view or account any monies which may have been paid or received on account of old valid claims, from public defaulters, or any other source.

The statement herewith annexed marked No. 1, is a list of accounts adjusted with county clerks from the first day of May 1826, to the first day of November 1826.

Number 2, is a list of accounts adjusted with sheriffs up to the same period.

Number 3, shews the items of revenue which form the total amount of accounts adjusted with the county clerks and sheriffs.

Number 4, shews the amount and apportionment of the state tax levied in the several counties on the western shore, by an act of the last session, chapter 141.

The agent, in the course of his tour through the several counties, obtained information that there still remains unpaid a large