each. All members of Congress receive \$3,000 per annum and mileage, while the Speaker of the House receives \$6,000. All heads of Bureaus receives \$3,000, and the Clerkships range from \$2,500 to \$750. As a general thing, the first of every month is pay day.

## OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS.

Few strangers ever visit Washington during the sessions of Congress without being invited by a friend to a reception, and it is therefore proper that we should briefly allude to them. What we have already said of those held by the President, where the only "entertainment" consists of good music by the Marine Band, is only partly true, when applied to the receptions held by the various members of the Cabinet. On one evening in each week do the Secretaries throw open their houses to the public, and though all strangers, when properly introduced, are cheerfully welcomed, it is not customary for residents to attend who do not receive cards of invitation, but these are always sent to all persons who have previously taken the trouble to leave their own complimentary cards. Some of the Judges of the Supreme