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chosen by themselves for in their discretion the amount of income.
The payment of the amount of tax to be levied upon that income, they can
enforce by distress be it never so extravagant and the party must submit in
silence or resort to an appeal to the Ward Commissioners. to a mode of relief the
most offensive. He is to petition those Commissioners to offer proof that
his pecuniary means are less, his situation not so eligible as it appears to be to the
World. Your Committee would ask what proof, what testimony is to be offered the
Act does not prescribe, but that it shall be such as to the Commissioners shall be
satisfactory, thus having it wholly discretionary with them to prescribe the rules by
which they shall govern themselves, Will they demand the exhibition of the books and
papers of the person taxed, or will they examine his Clerks, in either or any other
way the private business of every man would be exposed to the view of the
Commissioners or assessors. a course which Your Committee think would be

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ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

William Gibbs McNeil, Consulting Engineer,			$2000 00
Isaac Trimble, Chief Engineer, - - -			4000 00
1 Assistant Engineer at	$ 3½	per day.	
1 do	at 90	per month.	
4 do	at 2½	per day each.	
2 do	at 1½	per day each.	
18 Rod, axe, chain and flag men, &c.	at 1	per day each.	

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

Danl. C. H. Bordley, Superintendent, per annum,			$1100 00
Charles Winder, Clerk,		"	500 00
1 Conductor,	at $30	per month,	$ 360 00
5 Drivers,	at 25	do each, $300,	1500 00
1 do	at 22½	do	270 00
1 Hostler,	at 25	do	300 00
1 do	at 18	do	216 00
1 Carpenter,	at 37½	do	450 00
1 Harness maker,	at 25	do	300 00
1 Black Smith,	at 1½	per day.	468 00
1 Overseer of Laborers, 30 per month,			360 00
4 Laborers, each 75 cents per day, $234,			936 00
			5160 00
			$6760 00

revolting to the feelings of the People, that at no distant period the whole system would become so obnoxious that even that part of it which is desireable would suffer in the general wreck. It is true one mode might be resorted to in order to avoid this inconvenience, the individual taxed might avail himself of the established rate of commutation, and submit as they apprehend would not unfrequently be the case to pay more than he could afford or his circumstances would justify rather than submit to the humiliation of having his poverty exposed. In this measure too there is this which is objectionable, those who have means, can under the bill get their Children educated, whilst those who have no means who cannot pay the tax, cannot derive the benefit of the system, their Children cannot go to the Schools. for none of those who have Parents that do not pay can be received, the class of Persons having Children but who are now too poor to educate them and would be too poor under this system to pay would in the opinion of Your Committee be large, the Children of such would remain in a state of hopeless ignorance, the Bill presents them no relief, one then of the most desirable objects of any system, the education of the Poor is either wholly lost sight of or but partially provided for in the Bill. Other objections present themselves, but Your Committee forbear to press them, as they fear they have already trespassed too long upon this subject.

In conclusion they would remark that the present measure is one new to the People of Baltimore, important in its character and incapable completely in its details, that a diversity of opinion should honestly exist is not to be wondered at from the nature of the subject; it would be difficult if not impossible to draft a system that was not obnoxious to objection.

Your Committee regret sincerely that they cannot concur in opinion with the Convention upon this subject. Although they highly appreciate the motives of its members and respect the talents of them. They differ from and feel it a duty to recommend the Council the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved as the sense of the City Council of Baltimore that the passage of the law preferred by the Convention of a portion of the Citizens would be in its operation injurious and oppressive to this community and therefore it would be inexpedient to concur in any manner in the application to the Legislature for the passage of said Law.

Resolved that a Copy of the above Resolution and Report signed by the Mayor be transmitted by him to the Senators and members of the Legislature from this City and that they be respectfully requested to use their exertions to prevent the passage of the Law in question.

A. S. Heath
James H. Clarke } 1st Branch
Samuel Moore

Danl Bosley
James Beatty } 2d "