The following communication from the Mayor was received, and on motion of Mr. Horan, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Child, Scott & Myers.

Mayor's Office
Baltimore, February 20th 1835.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council

In Compliance with a resolution of your branch of the 5th Inst. requesting "such information as may be in my possession relative to the annual expenditure of the various fire companies, for the purchase and repairs of their apparatus, together with any other information which in my opinion may be right and proper;" I herewith transmit the average annual amount of expenditure by each fire company, based, as will be perceived, upon the annual expenditures of the respective companies for the years 1832, 1833, and 1834; and also the average annual amount appropriated by the Mayor and City Council to the several fire companies, based upon the appropriations for the years 1832, 1833, & 1834.

Amount expended by the Mechanical fire Company for the purchase and repairs of apparatus during the year.

	1832,	$604.26.
	1833,	946.68
	1834,	895.91
		$2446.85
Average annual expenditure		$815.61
Annual appropriations for the years 1833,		
1833 and 1834 of $285 per year		$855.00
Special appropriation 1831		350.00.
		1205.00.
Average annual appropriation		401.66⅔

Union Fire Company,

	1832.	$537.63
	1833	450.00
	1834.	498.37
		1486.00.
Average annual expenditure		495.33⅓
Annual appropriation for the years 1832		
1833 & 1834, of $285 pr. year		855.00.
Special appropriation 1832		300.00
" " 1834		200.00
		1355.00
Average annual appropriation		451.66⅔

Friendship Fire Company

	1832.	$460.64.
	1833.	409.69.
	1834.	376.25.
		1246.58.
Average annual expenditure		415.52⅔
Annual appropriations for the years 1832		
1833 & 1834 of $285 pr. year		855.00.
Special appropriation 1833 payable in June 1834.		650.00
" " 1834		500.00.
		2005.00.
Average annual appropriation		668.33⅓.

Deptford Fire Company.

	1832,	315.13.
	1833,	288.85.
	1834,	700.00.
		1303.98.
Average annual Expenditure.		434.66⅔
Annual appropriations for the years 1832		
1833. & 1834. of $285 per year		855.00.
Special appropriation 1834.		250.00.
		1105.00.
Average annual appropriation		368.33⅓

Liberty Fire Company.

	1832,	475.00.
	1833	575.00.
	1834	2570.00
		3620.00
Average annual expenditure		1206.66⅔
Annual appropriations for the years 1832,		
1833 & 1834 at $285 per year		855.00.
Special appropriation 1832.		400.00
		1255.00.
Average annual appropriation		418.33⅓.

Independent Fire Company,

	1832,	580.76
	1833,	392.32.
	1834.	515.09.
		1488.17.
Average annual expenditure		496.05⅔.