collected from July 1st.	1835.	to July 1st.	1836.	$160.883.30
do.	1836.	do	1837.	242.070.05
do.	1837	do	1838.	233.295.96
do.	1838.	do	1839	285.547.06
do.	1839	do	1840	193.843.28
Entire amount of levies for the year			1835.	170.672.50
do		do	1836.	270.997.44
do		do	1837.	262.069.47
do		do	1838.	264.313.64
do		do	1839	314.370.15

It seems proper to remark that the foregoing statement embraces the entire amount of taxes received during the years specified and of course includes the whole amount of arrearages of former years received within the years specified.

Very respectfully

Jesse H. Nutt. Register.

Mr. Prindell called for the second reading of the resolution relative to the petition of Wm. Bickford, which was accordingly read and concurred in.

Mr. Joseph Brown from the Committee of Ways & Means, made a report on the Communication of the Mayor relative to the finances of the City, which was read and recommitted.

A Communication was received from the Mayor covering a petition of Thomas Pennington and E. T. Cook relative to the property of the late Dr. Mann asking that certain streets be laid off through said property, which was read and referred to the next annual Session.

Mr. Joseph Brown from the Committee of Ways & Means to whom was recommitted the Mayor's Communication &c relative to the finances of the City submitted the following report and resolutions which were adopted.

The Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the Communications from the Mayor, Register and Collector, in relation to the condition of the City Treasury, and the arrearages of Taxes now due, beg leave to report, that the subject committed to them, is one of serious importance, and requires the prompt and efficient action of the City Council.

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The first object of enquiry suggested to the minds of the Committee was to ascertain what amount of the Taxes remain unpaid, especially of the years 1839 and 1840; and for that purpose a resolution of enquiry was introduced into the Councils and adopted by them. In reply to this resolution, the City Collector states that of the assessment for the year 1839, $129.705.50, and for the year 1840 the sum of $421.940.09 remains uncollected. It will at once impress the mind of any member of the Council, that some deficiency must exist in the mode of collecting the taxes which would permit so large a proportion of the taxes, especially for the year 1839, to remain uncollected. By reference to the reports received from the Register of the assessments and collections of taxes since the year 1835, it will be seen that the deficiency which exists for the year 1839, is much larger in proportion than in any previous year. The Committee while they would be unwilling to believe that the Collector has not used sufficient energy in the discharge of his duty, would take this occasion to suggest that the present condition of the City Treasury shews the necessity of the most active and unremitting diligence on his part, as mainly upon him depends the credit of the City, and the capability to afford that protection to the Citizens which the Act of Incorporation was designed to impart. Your Committee have also learned that an opinion is very prevalent that the Taxes are not payable until the year succeeding that in which they have been assessed, and inasmuch as such an opinion is too apt to be practised upon, especially during such an emergency as at present exists, they are willing to attribute very much to this cause, the large amount of arrearages which at present remain uncollected.

By reference again to the Report of the City Collector it will be seen that during the years 1836 and 1837, the collection of the Taxes as compared with the assessment, was very close. During this period a liberal allowance was made for prompt payment in the shape of discount, and this circumstance alone it was believed had a very material influence in the collection of the Taxes. Indeed, according to the opinion alluded to above, it would seem to be proper that some such system should prevail as it is scarcely fair that the Individual who pays promptly, should be made to suffer on account of those who are dilatory. Your Committee however are not prepared

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