Columbian Conpencies not stated but need		
then annual proportion		500.00
First Baltimore		997.89
United C	Do	500.00
Franklin		693.43
Washington		741.25
Patapsco	upward	2500 —
Howard		818.20
		$13.252.62
Special appropriation of 1840.		7.500 — —
Excess of expenditure over appropn.		5.752.62

The return of expenditures during the past year shows an excess over the annual appropriations made by the council in 1840. of the sum of $5.752.62 and to provide means for its liquidation some of the companies will necessarily have to look to the council for such special appropriations as they shall deem expedient to make in the present embarrassed condition of the city finances

The Committee have thought it due to the Council and to the respective fire Companies to present as nearly as possible, the precise state & condition of each of the respective fire Companies, so that each and every member might have before him the information necessary to come to a just conclusion as regards the quantity & condition of the apparatus of the fire Department & its wants. The Committee have to state that there was only one appropriation (special) made last year by the Council to the fire department & ~~its wants~~ the company to which it was made being unable to comply with the condition of the appropriation did not receive the same. The Committee are not at this time prepared to recommend any special appropriations but present to the consideration of the council the following resolution making the usual annual appropriation, all which is most respectfully submitted

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Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the sum of Seven thousand five hundred dollars

or so much thereof as may be required be and the same is hereby appropriated for keeping in repair the apparatus belonging to the Mechanical, Union Friendship Deptford Liberty, Independent Regiment, Columbian, Newmarket, First Baltimore Hose Franklin Hose Washington Hose, Patapsco, United and Howard Fire Companies to be distributed among the said fire companies respectively as follows.

To each Company having one spouting engine two hundred dollars for said engine, to each company having one suction engine one hundred & fifty dollars or three hundred dollars if two suction engines, to each company having one thousand feet of hose with the necessary carriage one hundred & fifty dollars, and in proportion for any greater or less number of feet provided the same shall not be less than seven hundred & fifty feet, and provided also that no one company shall receive in all more than five hundred dollars. the same to be drawn for by the presidents of the respective companies and paid by the Register on the order of the mayor.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Mayor to direct the payment of the said sums as soon as he shall be satisfied from the returns made by the respective companies from their vouchers & that the apparatus for which the appropriation is asked is in good & effective condition; that the amount asked has been properly expended for said apparatus, that the company asking the same is a bona fide member of the Baltimore United fire Department, and that their hose have the standard screw.

Resolved that the Mayor be & he is hereby authorised and empowered not to pay the foregoing appropriations to any fire Company, the members of which shall hereafter be engaged in fighting or aids at fires, or while out as a company, going or returning from a fire or alarms of fire, until he shall have received satisfactory evidence that the company or companies to which the parties are attached have taken proper measures for the punishment of the same & have adopted such regulations as in his opinion are calculated to prevent the recurrence of similar outrages, and be it further resolved that any fire Company or fire Companies closing the doors of its or their