The report of the City Collector is herewith submitted. It appears by it, that the collection of the taxes levied for the year 1846, amounts in the aggregate, including the discount allowed for prompt payment, to $270.046.22, being an increase over the collections of the corresponding time for the previous year, of nearly $14.000.

The accompanying report of the City Commissioners will very satisfactorily account for the manner in which the various duties devolving upon that board have been fulfilled, and furnishes full details of the business with which they have been charged. The Iron Bridge to be erected over Jones' Falls at Madison Street, under the superintendence of the City Commissioners, was contracted for by Mr. J. R. Trimble, and this work will be completed for travel on or about the 1st of February next, and I have no doubt that the plan and structure will give entire satisfaction.

Agreeably to the provisions of resolutions 116 and 119. passed last session directing the Register to borrow $30.000 at 5 per cent, to purchase the ground and remove the houses thereon, for the extension of the Bel-Air Market, have been fully carried into effect, and it now remains with the Council to make the necessary appropriation to extend said market as contemplated. The revenue received by the city from the markets for the year 1846. after deducting the expenses for whitewashing, sweeping &c is $23.252. 87.

The appropriation for cleaning the streets, is in my judgment, entirely too small. The large increase of the streets for the last few years, has shown the impracticability of keeping them in the order they should be kept, by the limited expenditure of $8.000, which was the last year's appropriation. In the year 1836 the appropriation was $12.000 and from 1837 to 1842 inclusive it was $15.000 annually, since when the streets have been nearly doubled in extent.

The market house at Fells Point has been completed, and the additional new stalls have sold for as much as the new improvement cost, and will also yield an additional sum of upwards of $400 per annum. Ordinance No 50 approved 26th April 1846, directing the City Commissioners to cause an additional house to be erected at the west end of the present Richmond Market house, to extend to Garden Street, has been contracted for according to the provisions of said ordinance, and is now nearly completed, and will be ready by the first of March next, and will afford great facilities, and is a handsome improvement to that end of the city.

Run Alley has been tunnelled according to resolution No 213 of the

of the last session of the Council. The work has been well executed, and the improvement is of great value to that part of the city.

The report of the Commissioners of Finance is herewith submitted. By it you will find, that no action has been taken by the Commissioners in reference to ordinance No 60. authorising the purchase or exchange of a lot near the Eastern Fountain. The Commissioners found so much ambiguity to exist in the provisions of said ordinance, that they preferred, as is stated in their report, to wait for the instructions of the Council determining definitively in this matter. The communication addressed to me as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Finance, by the attorney of the parties owning the Eastern Spring Lot was received, in which he states the unwillingness of the owners of said lot to exchange the same for the Gay Street lot.

The report of the Board of Health discloses the fact, that with the exception of the prevalence of the small pox, in the early part of the year, which was not of very long continuance, we have every reason to be grateful for the enjoyment of unmitigated health by our citizens generally. This report will put you in possession of all the information you may desire as to the affairs of this important department, and contains many suggestions which may be of great advantage, if carried into effect.

The ordinances relative to paving and repairing, require much supervision. Indeed, the whole system is objectionable, and loudly complained against by the tax payers.

The report of the Trustees of the Poor of Baltimore City and County, herewith submitted, shows that the affairs of the Alms House have been judiciously administered, with great economy, yet not inconsistent with the most liberal public charity, and it may be justly considered as a model institution for similar charitable purposes. It is with much gratification I find, that trustees estimate of the probable expense for the coming year, at much less that the sum required for many years past.

I am indebted to the politeness of General William H. Marriott, Collector of the Port of Baltimore, for the following statement.

A general summary of the Foreign Commerce of the Port of Baltimore, for the year ending on the 31st December 1846.

Imports in American Vessels	$3.824.709
do Foreign do	338.743
Total amount of Imports from Foreign Countries, year 1846	$4.163.452

Exports