least with any material change or increase of the real and personal property of the citizen. The Council is aware that by existing state legislation it is made incumbent upon the city authorities to levy all taxes for city purposes upon the same basis or description of property as that declared assessable by the provisions of the act of Assembly passed March session, 1841, ch. 23. Having in view the high rate of tax or levy for city purposes justice as well as sound policy alike demand that no property justly liable to bear a part of the public burthen should be permitted to escape, and I doubt not that the rate of the levy would be greatly lessened, in consequence of the large increase of property which would be exposed to the view of competent assessors — more particularly in the items of personal property. By the accompanying report of the Appeal Tax Court, it will be seen that the whole amount of assessable property liable to city taxation for 1846 is $61.754.176, — being an increase on the levy of 1845 of $1.640.684.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of passing an ordinance providing for an enlargement of the limits of direct taxation. By a statement furnished me by the Appeal Tax Court and which I submit for your examination, the property situated within the city and not yet within the reach of the limits of the direct tax is estimated at $3.814.441.

I am indebted to the politeness of General William A. Marriott Collector of the port, for the following statement exhibiting the statistics of the foreign commerce of Baltimore

Exports of Domestic Produce in American vessels,	$4.605.103
do do do Foreign do	1.442.459
do of Foreign Merchandise in American do	156.568
do do Foreign do	60.429
Total exports, year 1845	$6.264.564

Imports of Foreign Merchandise in American vessels	$3.016.684
do do do Foreign do	214.050
Total Imports, year 1845	$3.230.734

Clearances — 1845

American vessels			Foreign vessels		
Vessels.	Tons.	Men	Vessels	Tons.	Men
359.	78.126	3.365	120	27.645	1.349

Entries 1845

American Vessels			Foreign Vessels		
Vessels.	Tons	Men	Vessels.	Tons.	Men
278.	58.946	2.527	100	20.628	1.023

I take pleasure in referring you to the report of the commissioners of Public Schools. The efforts which have been made to establish amongst us a public school system have been crowned with signal success. There remains no longer a doubt upon the public mind of the great utility of this mode of instruction. It is by early and well directed education that the rising generation is to be trained to usefulness, and that the great moral force of society, the motive power of all our political institutions, is to be awakened and made to bring forth all those happy results by which our country has been so eminently blessed. Our peculiarly complex and most excellent system of representative and delegated government can only be adequately sustained by an educated sovereign people, whose minds have been so far cultivated as to enable them to estimate at their true value the great political structures which shelter, cherish and protect, all they hold dear.

The report of the Visitors of of Baltimore city and county, I feel will show that this institution has been managed with great order and proper economy, notwithstanding a larger number of persons than usual have been confined there during the past year, which reflects much credit upon the Warden. Allow me to call your attention to the able special report of the board on the present condition of the building. After a very thorough examination, they do in strong language, recommend the erection of a new additional jail having for its object the separate confinement of from 80 to 100 persons.

I desire for this report the earliest attention of the Council. It strikes my mind that there is a cruelty displayed in confining a man arrested on suspicion or a man novice in crime, with the most abandoned and hardened criminals. Experience has taught those who have paid much attention to prison discipline, that when two persons are confined the less criminal will be swayed by force of example to imitate the more depraved.

If the Council should see proper to adopt the suggestion of the board of Visitors (as I sincerely hope they may) to erect a new jail, or build such an addition to the one now in use, that the object of separate