lot owned by the city, at the corner of Bank and Bethel streets. The old house sold for $1.795, and the new watch house has been erected on the location pointed out by your predecessor. The building is large substantial, and well adapted for the purposes for which it was intended. Looking to the rapid growth of that part of the city, and the character of the buildings which are being erected, the City Commissioners, with my approbation erected such a building as was deemed necessary. Its cost will after deducting the proceeds of the sale of the old building require an additional appropriation of $2.564.44
The assessment required to be made, with a view to the extension of the Belair market, has been made out and will be laid before the Council. An appropriation will be required to pay the commissioners, and defray other expenses incurred
I invite your attention to the report of the commissioners appointed to Tunnell Run alley
His Excellency the Governor of Maryland has sent to this office, through the hands of S. H. Alexander esq., for the use of the city of Baltimore a standard yard measure constructed under the authority of the General Assembly of Maryland
I am pleased ~~to the~~ to be able to state as will appear by the reports of the harbour master, that the collection and returns made by them have exceeded in amount those of any previous years
The report of the Comptroller of the city is herewith transmitted
The report of the health officer will show the efficient manner in which the duties of that office have been performed, the returns of the office after deducting all expenses incident to his department amount to revenue of $900
I would respectfully recommend the establishment of a Dispensary in the Southern section of the city. The increase of the population in that section calls for the benefits which would result from such an establishment
The annual report of the Trustees of the Alms House calls for your particular attention. At their last session, the City Council appropriated the sum of $10.000 to be applied to the erection of a house of refuge, and by a subsequent ordinance you authorized the Mayor to make arrangements with the commissioners of Baltimore county for so much of the ground attached to the alms house as he might deem necessary for

the use of said institution. Before proceeding to exercise the authority by the ordinance above referred to, I was induced to seek information relative to the cost of similar institutions elsewhere, which resulted in the ascertainment of the fact that from $50.000 to $60.000 would be a moderate estimate of the probable cost of a house of refuge for this city. I therefore deemed it my duty to delay the consummation of an arrangement for the purchase of the interest of the county in so much of the alms house property as would be required for the purpose of a refuge, that an opportunity might be afforded to place the information obtained before the Council and from which it will be perceived how inadequate will be the sum appropriated to the purpose designed.
The increase of new buildings erected in the city during the past year was 1.508, of which 17 were only frame
I should return myself wanting in a proper acknowledgement of the services of the city police and night watch, did I not publicly express the entire satisfaction with which they have discharged their onerous and responsible duties. To the vigilance of the city police and night watch, may be in no small degree ascribed the almost entire absence from rioting, which has marked the history of the past year in our city. It is true that slight disturbances of the peace have occurred, and are almost unavoidable, but the spirit of violence has been checked by the appearance of the police. To that prompt and efficient officer, the high constable, much credit is due. Sustained by the good sense and love of order which belong to the character of our constituency, and placing the utmost reliance for support in their readiness to sustain those to whom they have delegated the protection of the good name and peace of the city, I have never for a moment since my installation in my present office as Mayor of the city, felt the slight apprehension that not could reach the place of order, or that the good citizen could be disturbed in person or property with impunity, by the vicious and depraved. The policy of securing lots or squares of ground for public promenades will, in all probability, be deemed a subject worthy of your consideration. I understand a lot of ground adjoining the south side of Calvert street spring, upon which are now