

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TO THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

*To the Mayor and City Council
of the City of Baltimore:*

GENTLEMEN:

The Commissioners of Public Schools have the honour to submit a report of their doings, and of the condition of the Schools under their supervision, for the year 1839, constituting the eleventh annual report of the Board.

The Board was re-organized in February last by the appointment of Mr. Denison, *President*; Mr. Warner, *Secretary*, and Mr. King, *Treasurer*. Shortly afterwards Mr. Denison, Col. Moore and Mr. Henderson resigned their seats at the Board. Mr. James Carroll, being appointed to fill one of the vacancies thus created, was appointed *President*; and afterwards, together with Mr. Warner, resigned his seat at the Board. The vacancies were then filled by the appointment of Mr. Thomas M. Locke, Mr. Nathaniel Kimberly, Mr. Franklin Anderson and Mr. Charles Gilman. Mr. Anderson, having determined to remove from Baltimore, declined taking his seat at the Board, and Mr. Asa Needham was appointed in his stead. Gen. Robinson was appointed *President*, and Mr. Locke, *Secretary*.

Thus it will be seen that of those members of the Board of 1838, who were re-appointed by the Council for this year, one only remained. These repeated resignations, all within a few months of the time of the aforesaid re-organization, tended much to embarrass the business of the Commissioners; inasmuch as all the complicated and multifarious duties of their appointment fell upon persons (one only excepted) who had no experimental knowledge of the business, and whose attention had been but incidentally called to the condition and wants of the Schools.

To ascertain the reason why the Schools were less prosperous than formerly, and to apply the necessary correctives to such parts of the system as seemed to them deficient, either in principle or practice, has been the constant object of the Board. And their success is evinced by the fact, that the rolls of the Schools, at the present time,