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Whole number of debtors committed, - - - - -		419
Discharged by creditor or his attorney, - - - - -	150	
Discharged by Commissioners of Insolvent Debtors, - - -	171	
Discharged by creditor not paying maintenance, - - -	53	
Discharged by paying debt, costs and Jail fees, - - - -	44	
Remaining in Jail, November 26, 1840, - - - - -	1	
Whole number of prisoners other than debtors, - - -		1311
Whole number sent to the Penitentiary, (white,) - - -	20	
Do. do. (colored,) - - -	34	
Do. eloped, - - - - - - - - -	4	
Do. died, - - - - - - - - -	1	
Do. discharged, - - - - - - - -	1183	
Remaining in Jail, November 26, 1840, - - - - -	69	
	1730	1730

Number of Debtors committed for less than $1, - - - -	8	
Number of Debtors committen for $1 and less than $5, - -	46	
5 " 10, - -	98	
10 " 20, - -	99	
20 " 50, - -	98	
50 " 100, - -	29	
100 and over, - -	41	
		419

Respectfully submitted.

D. HERRING, *Warden.*

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

To the Honorable

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore:

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with the "Ordinance relating to Public Schools," the Commissioners present their report for the year 1840, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

The Commissioners appointed by the Council in January, convened February 3d, and organized by the election of Thomas Kelso, President; Joseph King, Jr., Treasurer; and Thomas M. Locke, Secretary. Subsequently Mr. J. W. Tilyard was appointed Clerk to the Board by direction of "a supplement to an Ordinance," &c. passed March 16th.

Mr. Benjamin Charles and Mr. Wm. Willson, (Howard street,) have resigned their places at the Board. J. W. Randolph and Jesse Slingluff have been elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. Charles' business avocations requiring his presence during school hours, prevented him from devoting the time necessarily required of a Commissioner. Mr. Willson finding his business engagements demanded his exclusive attention, particularly during the fall months, induced him to resign. His resignation was received with reluctance by the Board. We cannot omit an allusion to his valuable and efficient services as a Commissioner. His duties were performed with energy and ability.

During the year, the Commissioners have erected a substantial brick school house on the lot appropriated for that purpose, corner of Monument and Forrest streets. The building fronts sixty-five feet on Monument street, running back forty-three feet, is two stories high, has two rooms on a floor, and a passage eight feet wide, running through the centre. The building has been constructed to conform to the simultaneous system of instruction; each room is calculated to seat one hundred scholars, and the whole building capable of receiving four hundred pupils. The work was begun in June last, and finished in October, by Messrs. Shipley & May, for $5,741 64, including all expenses for the building, except desks and other school furniture, and has been completed with satisfaction to the Board.

The school was opened on the 12th day of October, and the Board are gratified to state, that it has been filled with a rapidity unparalleled