REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
FOR DEEPENING THE CHANNEL
OF THE
PATAPSCO RIVER, &c.

January, 1854.

Baltimore, January 9, 1854.

To the Members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Commissioners constituted by ordinance, No. 59, approved June 18, 1852, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the removal of obstructions from the channel of the Patapsco river," beg leave to submit their annual report. After an unavoidable delay of several months caused by contracting for and procuring the necessary aid and machinery, best suited in their judgment to effect the object of the ordinance, the active operations of the Board in removing the various obstructions or knolls in the channel of the Patapsco river, commenced on the 12th July, 1853, and steadily progressed, until the advance of winter suspended operations. The first operation was the entire removal of Sparrow's Point knoll, which heretofore was a great stumbling block in the way of large ships. The Dredge was then removed to Rock knoll, and all that part of it which would fall in the range of the new channel, was removed. She then, accompanied with the government dredge, was employed in the new channel which had been staked out by Captain Brewerton, United States engineer on this station.

The following exhibit of the amount of work accomplished for the several months from July, 1853, of disbursements, and other details is respectfully submitted.