PORT WARDEN'S REPORT.

PORT WARDEN'S OFFICE,

Baltimore, January 1st, 1854.

To the Honorable,

The Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

The Port Warden in obedience to an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council, approved March 8th, 1850, to preserve the navigation of the harbor, and prescribing his duties, respectfully submits the following report of his proceedings for the past year, in connexion with the harbor.

The machines were put in operation on the twenty-second of March, and were employed in deepening and improving the harbor and private wharves until the tenth of December, when they were brought in and laid up for the winter.

It affords me great pleasure to inform the honorable Council that the depth of water in the harbor has been increased, particularly in the falls—in which two of the digging machines have been employed in cleaning out as far up as the Canton avenue bridge, nearly the whole season.

Five scows and one of the old discharging machines were hauled up and thoroughly repaired.

Two of the two horse digging machines, the steam tow boat Mayor, and steam dredger required considerable repairs, the latter