The second section of that ordinance directs the agents to remit to the Trustees all proceeds of sales in cash, notes, bonds, mortgage and other securities, and all monies collected by them as soon as received, and to take receipts therefor from the said Trustees.

By a report made to the Mayor and City Council in June last it appears, that the agents have sold a greater part of the estate, and have paid all claims and expenses up to May 30th, 1859, and that the notes received for the sales of property have been lodged in the Citizens' Bank of New Orleans for collection, subject to the order of the agents for the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. The papers, bank books, &c., and every thing presented with the reports were placed in custody of the City Comptroller, who, it is presumed will retain possession of them until otherwise directed. The greater part of the notes falling due in one year from the time of sale, will mature February 11th, and March 6th, 1860, and all the notes of the first year remaining on hand, amounting in the aggregate to $76,427, will be due by 5th May next. As the matter now stands the proceeds of the notes when paid will be placed to the credit of the agents, if the City Council intends that the agents shall retain possession of the notes until they fall due in the ensuing three years, and pay over the proceeds to the Trustees when collected, there remains nothing for this Board to do in reference to their collection, but to receive the funds as they may be tendered by the agents.

As far as the Trustees are concerned it is immaterial to them as to the time or manner of receiving the funds, their duty is only to invest when funds are received, and now refer to the subject to exonerate the Trustees from apparent delinquency, and to suggest the necessity of making such provision as may be required in the case, that all parties concerned may understand their respective duties in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. RANDOLPH, *President.*

WM. G. KNOWLES, *Secretary.*

# REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS,

*Baltimore*, January 2d, 1860.

*To the Honorable the Mayor and*

*City Council of Baltimore:*

GENTLEMEN:—

The Board of Fire Commissioners beg leave respectfully to report.

That since the presentation of their first Report, on the 19th January, 1859, they have fully organized the Fire Department in the City of Baltimore, in accordance with the Ordinances passed by your honorable body, to establish a Paid Fire Department. In the organization of the Department, they have availed themselves of such information as could conveniently be obtained from similar commissions in other cities, where the paid system had been tried with success; and, whilst rejecting such features of these systems as they thought would be undesirable in this city, they have endeavored to blend in our system all the advantages and benefits of those examined and tried elsewhere. In effecting this organization, they have exercised the most rigid enconomy consistent with efficiency, and have endeavored to quiet, by actual evidence, the apprehensions of