the Hose department in such cases of necessity as now frequently arise. Each company is now entitled to one thousand feet of hose under the ordinances; but this is not sufficient for working purposes, and we suggest that this deficiency be supplied by an additional five hundred feet to each company. The cost of these special claims urged upon your notice, are not embraced in the estimate heretofore submitted to the City Register, because that was intended to include only the current annual expenses of the Department, whilst these purchases are of such special character as will require a special appropriation for the purpose named. The amount required, however, to meet the entire cost of the suggestions submitted, will not be so large as to excite any apprehension on your part, and we express the hope that you will give them a favorable consideration.

You will ascertain from the tabular statement hereunto annexed, the total amount of expenses incurred in organizing and equipping the Department, and the current cost of running the same to 1st January, 1860; and some other items of information not embodied in the Chief Engineer's report, that may be useful to your Honorable Body and the public.

We beg leave to acknowledge our special obligations to the Mayor of the city for his energetic co-operation with us, and to return our thanks to the other officers of the corporation, and to our citizens generally, for their encouragement and valuable assistance in establishing the *Paid Fire Department.*

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CUSHING, *President.*
JOHN T. MORRIS,
W. H. QUINCY,
JOHN W. LOANE,
W. H. STRAN,
Board of Fire Commissioners.

Cost of Baltimore City Fire Department for 1859*; including purchase of apparatus horses, houses, hose, &c., and running expenses.*

For purchase of steam fire engines, &c...	$27,698 37	
" " " houses, &c.....	35,542 47	
" " " hose.....	6.172 28	
" " " hose carriages.....	2,427 13	
" " " harness	1,625 10	
" " " horses	6,642 12	
For repairs of houses, and refitting do...	3,733 86	
For furniture for engine houses.....	1,134 11	
For office furniture, safe, &c.....	727 10	
For stationrey, print'g, & advertis'ng...	542 18	
For purchase of badges, &c.....	451 75	
For purchase of bells.....	4,357 72	
		$91,054 19

RUNNING EXPENSES.

For amount paid salaries of officers and men.....	$23,302 94	
For amount paid for feed.....	2,256 41	
For incidental expenses—tools, &c.....	2,249 09	
For repairs of apparatus.....	2,329 94	
For amount paid for fuel.....	531 04	
For amount paid for shoeing horses.....	184 11	
For amount paid for stable account.....	289 36	
For amount paid for gas lights.....	218 97	
For amount paid for oil, &c.....	264 34	
For amount paid for ground rent.....	349 35	
For amount paid for insurance.....	61 90	
For amount paid for office expenses.....	93 69	32,131 14
		$123,185 33