REPORT.

PORT WARDEN'S OFFICE—CITY YARD.

Baltimore, January 2d, 1866.

To the Honorable the Mayor and
City Council of Baltimore:

GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with the provision of ordinance No. 8, approved February 17th, 1863, the Port Warden hereby presents the following report, showing the business of the office for the year ending December 31st, 1865:

He entered upon the duties on the 1st day of March, 1865, and finding the entire property, together with the dredges, in a dilapidated condition, and without timber to make the necessary repairs, he proceeded to procure the timber required, and repaired thirteen (13) large dumping scows, and twelve (12) large open scows thoroughly, and rebuilt five (5) others, all of which are now in good working order. It was found necessary that the strictest economy should be used in order to come within the bounds of the appropriations. There was at that time some forty-five men employed in the yard, and believing it unnecessary, as the machines were laid up for repairs, the number was reduced to twenty-four, (24.) On the 28th of April the force was increased to twenty-eight, (28,) as the machine No. 1. was ready for work and put in the Back Basin, and on the 4th of May the small dredge was also put to work in the same place; and on the 12th of May the large dredge No. 2 was put to work at the Drawbridge, and has been moved from place to place wherever required. Up to the present time, from May 1st to December 31st, 1865, there has been removed three thousand (3,000) scow loads of sediment.

I would respectfully call your attention to the place of desposit for the sediment for the year 1866, as the property holders in the vicinity of the City Yard are opposed to any further deposit being made there, as already there is suffi-