

in books to be provided for that purpose; and said books, journals and all other documents in the possession of said Commissioner, shall always be open to inspection by the General Assembly, or any committee appointed by it for that purpose; and it shall be the duty of said Commissioner to report to the General Assembly at each regular session, or as may hereafter be directed by said General Assembly, the number and expense of the police force employed by him under this sub-division of this Article, and all such other matters as may be of public interest in connection with the duties assigned to him; and said books, journals and other documents, and the vouchers for all payments by said Police Commissioner shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor and City Treasurer, or either of them; and it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore to examine all bills and accounts presented by said Police Commissioner and the vouchers therefor; *provided, however, that whenever the Police Commissioner maintains permanently for such inspections photographic, photocopied or microphotographed copies of any of said books, journals, vouchers, reports or other said documents in compliance with the provisions of Section 127B of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland as enacted by Chapter 518 of the Acts of 1949, then the originals thereof more than three years old may be destroyed, with the written approval of the Board of Public Works, in compliance with the provisions of Sections 127A and 127C of the Annotated Code of Maryland as enacted by Chapter 755 of the Acts of 1949.*"