

matter, alternately overflowed and exposed to the rays of the sun. The improvements about Harris's creek may be regarded as having similar effects in that neighborhood. Thus, the causes which might formerly affect, in some measure, the health of Baltimore, having been completely removed, we are enabled to make the assertion, with confidence, that in the enjoyment of the greatest of earthly blessings we are not surpassed by any other city in the Union.

Chapter IV.—Privileges of the Corporation, City Government, &c.

Baltimore sends annually four delegates to the lower branch of the State Legislature; the city and county send two representatives to the Congress of the United States. The City is governed by a Mayor and City Council, the latter in two branches. The Mayor and the Second Branch of the City Council are elected by the people every two years; the First Branch is elected annually. The Mayor is required to be at least twenty-five years of age, ten years a citizen of the United States, and to possess property to the amount of \$500. The members of the Second Branch of the Council must have the same property qualification, and the members of the First Branch must be assessed to the amount of \$300 each.

The Mayor and City Council have the right of passing all ordinances whose operations are immediately confined to the city; such as those for lighting and paving the streets, licensing hacks, carts and drays, to provide for the security of the City from fire, contagion, &c. and to regulate the police.

The City is divided into twelve wards; each of which wards sends two members to the First Branch, and one to the Second Branch of the City Council. The following is a list of the municipal offices, with their present incumbents and their respective salaries.

| OFFICES. | PRESENT INCUMBENTS. | SALARIES. |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mayor, | Samuel Smith, | \$ 2,000 |
| Register, | Jesse Hunt, | 1,500 |
| City Attorney, | George Gordon Belt, | 600 |
| Collector of Taxes, | Samuel Brady, | <i>Commission.</i> |
| City Commissioners and Port Wardens, | Wm. Robinson, Js. Cur- ley, & Jacob D. Hair, | \$ 760 |
| Clerk to do. | — Varden. | 650 |
| Consulting Physician, | Jno. H. Briscoe. | 700 |

