

The Board continue to feel the great responsible duty of "preserving the public peace, preventing crime, protecting persons and property, guarding the public health," and at the same time to enforce the laws and ordinances of the city. The reports will show that the number of aggravated cases or cases of high misdemeanor have been very few. The great majority of cases being for minor offenses, yet subjected to arrest, as "drunk and disorderly" has been the great burden of the daily reports.

The police law constituted the City Register, John A. Thompson, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, which position he held with much satisfaction to the Board until the 19th March, 1864, when he declined to serve any longer. Since that time the Board have made their requisitions through the Comptroller, Samuel Maccubbin, Esq., on the City Register for the amount necessary to meet their wants every two weeks, all of which have been promptly paid.

It remains with your Honorable Body to appoint a Treasurer, or allow the Board to continue to draw their requisitions through the Comptroller, as they have done since Mr. Thompson's declination.

In reviewing the responsible trust committed to their care by the General Assembly of Maryland, they desire to say that they have devoted their entire time and energies to the welfare of the force and the best interest of the city, in endeavoring to elevate the police force to the highest point of excellence. Of their success and the manner in which the duties have been performed, we refer you to the community at large.

The following statements are respectfully submitted :

Statement A, being an account of receipts and disbursements from January 1st, to December 31st, 1864.

Statement B will show the condition and workings of special fund, from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1864.

Statement C, showing the number of arrests and amount of goods and money recovered by the Detective force from March 17th to Dec. 31st, 1864.

Statement D, showing the number of arrests made, and for what offences from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1864.

Statement E, showing the number of officers and policemen in service, Dec. 31st, 1864.

Respectfully submitted,
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President.