

The gross amount of this account exceeds that of the treasurer by the sum of \$650 65. This excess has been produced by the introduction of some items, which in consequence of a difference in the wording of the Executive order, had been passed to another account than that of the survey. With the omission of these items, and the maintenance of a sum of \$200 now on hand to meet the contingencies of the survey when the moment arrives for its recommencement, the accounts can be balanced thus:

Gross amount of above account,	\$13 750 90	
Add balance on hand,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,950 90
Gross amount of treasurer's account,	13,100 24	
Add excluded item in entry of 18th March,		
1857,	350 65	
Add so much paid on account of		
survey in Worcester county,	500 00	
	<hr/>	850 65 \$13 950 89

It is proper to mention, that I have taken occasion to submit a copy of the above account to the treasurer, that it might receive (as I believe I am authorised in saying it does,) his sanction as a correct and authentic exhibit.

Every year the accounts of the different surveys have been made up and laid before the Executive—so that any one who is desirous of knowing the minute specifications of expense, can readily have access to them in the Council Chamber.

The smallness of the amount paid, as shewn in the statements, in comparison with the amount of work done, is such as to require no comment. I will barely add one or two particulars, which may be interesting at this time for the house to be informed on.

With regard to the expenditures for compensation, it may be observed, that in the coast survey of the United States, the only work in America conducted on the same plan with ours, and with which our survey is connected, the superintendent receives for salary, including personal expenses \$6000 per annum, only \$56 33 less than the entire sum of all expenses, salaries, contingencies, &c. in and about the New Map.

Also, the assistants on the coast survey, who perform operations of nearly the same class and importance with those that have been mentioned, and in the active co-operation of the two works, will continue to be performed by the State's Engineer, (with this exception, that they have no fiscal relations to sustain, nor any public responsibility to bear as to the rapidity and success of the work.) receive for compensation \$4000 per annum, exclusive of a means of conveyance which is furnished for each.

The assistants of the third class, who use the plane table, and for the discharge of whose duties are required not very deep mathematical research and moderate abilities as draughtsmen, receive \$1,500 per annum, a sum greater than has ever been realized in any one year, by any one connected in any manner with the survey of Maryland.