

## REPORT.

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*To the County Commissioners of Baltimore County:*

GENTLEMEN,—

By an Act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, at December session 1852, chapter 357, entitled, "An Act to provide for the valuation and severance of the ownership of property now held jointly by the City and County of Baltimore," it was provided that "three Commissioners on the part of the County and three by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, whose duty it shall be to estimate the present actual value of the entire property, of every description, now held jointly by the City and County of Baltimore, and shall proceed to divide the same equally between the parties, so far as the same may, in their opinion, be susceptible of specific division, without prejudice to the interests of either party, or in case the division thus contemplated cannot be effected, then the persons respectively appointed by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall assign to one or the other, any particular part of the whole, with such sum of money added to the lesser valued property as shall make the lesser valued equal to the greater valued property, and which difference shall be stated in the report hereafter required to be made," &c., &c.

Under the authority of the above enactment of the Legislature, Thomas B. Cockey, Joshua Hutchins and Joab Bernard were appointed Commissioners on the part of Baltimore County, and Christian Keener, Nathan T. Dushane and Fielding Lucas, Jr., on the part of the City of Baltimore, all of whom being duly qualified according to law, as will appear by the Commissions and endorsements thereon, proceeded to perform the duties assigned them, and on the 16th day of September last they met at the Court House and organised by appointing Fielding Lucas, Jr., Chairman, and John L. Stansbury, Secretary to the Commissioners, who being duly qualified, they proceeded to perform the duties assigned them, and after having from time to time examined the entire subject with great deliberation, as will appear by our proceedings, herewith; the Commissioners beg leave to submit the following report, viz :