

business, health. To us were assigned, the sad though  
a. joyful office of charity and love, and the privilege  
of contributing from our abundance, the means of assu-  
rages, as far as human aid could assuage, the frequency  
of that sorrow which wrung the hearts of the pitiable  
sorrowed people in the dark hours of their awful  
affliction. That heart must indeed be cold and  
hardened, lost to all sense of gratitude, that in the  
contemplation of these great mercies, is not lifted up,  
in joyful praise and thanksgiving to Almighty  
God, for such marked evidences of his infinite mercy  
and kindness.

By the report of the Comptroller made  
to me by that Officer, shewing the state of the Treasury  
Department at the end of the year 1854, it appears  
that the aggregate receipts into the Treasury for  
that year ending 30th of September, amounted to  
\$1,208,347.39, which with the sum of \$345,357.80 the  
balance in the Treasury at the close of the preceding  
year 1853, made the total sum in the Treasury  
from all sources, during the fiscal year 1854, \$1,553,  
705.19. The public expenditures for the same period  
were \$1,175,581.21, leaving a balance in the Treasury  
on the 30th September 1854, of \$378,123.98, subject to  
the payment of subsisting demands, amounting in  
the aggregate to \$268,177.87, leaving in the Treasury at  
the termination of the year, applicable to future  
demands a nett balance of \$109,946.11.

On the 30th September 1853, there remained in the  
Treasury in the credit of the Free School Fund a  
balance of \$30,802.16, and at the close of the fiscal  
year 1854, there had been received from all sources  
of revenue applicable to that fund the sum  
of \$75,235.18. The expenditures on that account  
for the same period were \$64,480.18, leaving at the  
close of the year a balance on hand to the credit of  
that Fund, of \$41,427.76. Among the sums received  
on account of said Fund, it appears, from the  
statement of the Comptroller, was the sum of  
\$9,300 received of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland,  
from the reduction of which took place under  
the Act of 1854, Chapter 78, of two fifths of so much  
of the stock of the said Bank, as stood to the