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the water through the arches. the lot
binding on the North side of the eastern
abutment is owned by St. Paul's Parish, and
the Gentlemen composing the vestry have
delayed the improvement of the same, as
contemplated by them with a view to
accommodate the public, and for a reasonable
compensation are willing to sell to the city
such part thereof as you may deem requisite
and necessary.

Agreeably to a resolution of the City
Council at their last session the number
of fire plugs has been augmented to forty,
and by an annual appropriation for this
object, and a careful distribution of them
throughout the City, they will certainly
afford such a supply of water as to enable
the many well regulated fire Companies
already established to arrest the progress of
any fire that may take place. Several
new hose Companies have been formed, and
their zeal and exertion justify them in
expecting the same attention the Council
hitherto manifested, by preventing the
incurring individual expense, as their object
is the public Good.

The ruinous state of decay of two
of our present wooden bridges will in the
course of the ensuing summer render a
thorough repair thereof indispensable

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which the City Commissioners have delayed the
commencement of in order to ascertain the views
and wishes of the Council, should you resolve
to erect stone bridges in lieu of them, and
commit the Superintendance to the Board of
Commissioners, in addition to the arduous and
important duties already devolved upon them
their whole time will be required for the
Public Service.

The great increase of idle and wandering
poor, who have of late infected our City,
is as alarming, as it is distressing, and points
out the necessity of a well regulated Vagrant
Law, co-extensive at least with the cause,
and I have the fullest confidence, that this
subject if represented by you to the General
State Legislature, will receive the attention
its important nature demands.

I have long indulged the pleasing
hope, on this occasion to have been able
to congratulate you on a change in the
aspect of our Commercial Concerns, which
by affording activity to the industry and
enterprise of our fellow Citizens, greatly
augment the resources of our City, but
though in this I have been disappointed
there yet remains ample ground for
felicitating you on the numerous blessings
of a bountiful Providence towards the
United States.