sufficient number of Market Houses, for the whole trading community or abandon the management of them altogether.

The 2d. your Committee believe the Corporation is not in a situation to do and the latter the interests of our fellow citizens and the public good alike forbid.

Before the Committee take leave of this part of their subject, they would call the attention of the Council to the receipts from the markets for the last year compared with those of the preceding year — By the returns of all the markets for 1824 there was rec'd for Stall rents, Licences per diem Rents & fines

	$ 8224.20
	716.25
Licence to Bacon Carts & Tin Ware	8940.45
	$ 8169.25
Returns for 1824	
Bacon Carts, Tin Ware, Cedar Ware Boots & Shoes — 1635 —	9804.25
	$ 863.80

From this it will appear that there has been an increase of $863.80 from the Markets for the last year, and that there has been an increase of the Revenue instead of a diminution by the operation of the ordinance passed at the last session of the Council. The Committee do not think it necessary at this time to extend the principle laid down in the preamble to the Bill just referred to, but it may be justly asked how far the Council are justified in tolerating a system which is calculated to deteriorate the value of real property and is highly injurious to both landlord & tenant, for it must be borne in mind, that it is on this species of property the Corporation must mainly depend for the payment of its ordinary as well as extraordinary expences

The Taxes for the last year were

On the direct Tax	$ 74.110.87
City Court	15.470.39
City Poor	21.728.61
	$ 111.309.87

Compare this with the revenue received from the markets last year $9804.25

Deduct Clerks Salary	1700 —
Leaves a net revenue from that source of	$ 8104.25

But if we refer to the actual amount received for licences granted Bacon Carts, dealers in Cedar ~~Bacon~~ & Tin ware, dry goods, Boots & Shoes &c &c which is $1635 and compare it with the amount levied on Real & Personal estate it is comparatively speaking but as a drop in the bucket. The effect however of it upon the real estate, your Committee believe something like an illicit traffick upon the trading community, and in its operation highly injurious to the best interests of the City.

The subject of Huckstering or forestalling in our Markets has from time to time occupied the attention of the Council, independently of the expediency of entirely suppressing them its practicability may be fairly questioned; under this impression the Committee have thought it prudent that for the purpose of putting the persons who follow this employment, more effectually under regulation, it may necessary to licence them, the Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying ordinance —

Wm. Meeter
Henry Stouffer
Wm. Elliott
David Burke

The Branch then adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock

By order

Wm. Colson Jr. Clerk