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fellow Citizens. Whilst we feel a proper sense of gratitude to the Supreme Being that the visitation of this disease has been so slight, wrought not to forget his goodness in preserving us in a remarkable degree from fire especially when added to the common accidents incident to all towns, we have reason to believe that several attempts have been made by vile incendiaries within a few weeks past to involve the City in flames.

Experience evinces that no measure we can take, contributes so much to the malignant effects of fever as cleanliness, and therefore that every exertion ought to be made to remove from the City all impure substances and putrefactive matters and to fill up low and sunken situations which retain stagnant waters and fester; much has already been done in this respect since we have been incorporated, and every observant mind must view with pleasure the great improvements that have been made as well in the east part of the City as the west in filling up low and sunken grounds, and in making streets that were before quagmires not only passable but elegant; these together with a variety of other matters such as watching and lighting the City, erecting and repairing bridges repairing and improving markets as relating to

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build and to support an hospital, erecting a powder magazine, deepening and improving the harbour sinking wells and keeping pumps in repair cleaning the streets &c. &c. have been attended with heavy expence to the City and have done hard on many individuals, but I trust they will reflect that the expence has been unavoidable and was the only means whereby their property could have been rendered valuable to them.

Agreeably to the ordinance of the last session a channel has been marked off in the basin and the north side thereof for about one hundred feet wide cleared out to the depth of ~~ten~~ ^{ten} feet as low down as the market place, it will therefore be necessary to continue this channel in such direction as to be most useful and to have it cleared out as soon as possible to admit the like draft of water into the upper channel. It is to be observed that when any of the mud machines are employed out of the Channel marked off by law it is not for the public expence.

The increasing trade of the City points out the necessity of extending our inspection laws to many more articles of commerce than have yet been done such as flaxseed hemp pot-ash butter &c. you will therefore give this subject due consideration.

The ordinance to restrain gaming and to licence and regulate theatrical and other exhibitions is found to be defective in as much as