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it does not comprehend a dangerous species of gaming
such as faro tables and other like devices which fre-
quently entraps the unwary and strips them of
their money to the great injury and even in some
instances to the ruin of themselves and their fa-
milies.

The ordinance to regulate the sale of beer
I fear has been evaded by many of the brewers
the council will consider the propriety of making
it more efficient.

Every mode hitherto devised to
regulate the sinking of wells and erecting and
repairing pumps has proved unsatisfactory to
many of the citizens; whether any other plan
can be fallen upon that will give more satisfac-
tion is with you to decide. It is greatly to be
lamented that no measures for supplying the
city with water from springs or fountains has
been adopted by the corporation; efforts for this pur-
pose have been made by individuals, how far
it would be proper to encourage such an under-
taking in a private company will be with you
to determine.

I have been informed that a bill was
introduced into the legislature of this State during
their last session to make some material alter-
ations in our charter, which was postponed

for further consideration until the next session of
the General Assembly; whether these alterations are
in themselves desirable or otherwise, is not for me at
this time to determine I submit to your consideration
how far it is proper to alter so sacred an act as a
charter without the consent of the citizens expressed
in their corporate capacity or in some other deliberative
way; as it must be well known that procuring
out-door signatures to petitions or other papers does
not always show the sense of the majority, being
frequently obtained more through personal influence
of those handing them about and from their
industry and exertions than from a deliberative
view of the subject matter contained therein.

The legislature of the State passed some
acts with respect to Lotteries which require the
assent of the corporation before they can be acted
upon within the city; you will therefore give or
withhold that assent according to your ideas of pro-
priety under all existing circumstances.

The Register will lay before you as soon
as many of the money received and expended during
the last year ending the 31st of January, and will
submit his accounts to the inspection of such
gentlemen as you may please to select from
your respective Branches for that purpose.

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J. Calhoun