

It is ^{not} presumable that the best regulated Police can effectually prevent the introduction of malignant disorders, or the calamity of fire, which to a Country at peace and situated like ours are perhaps the greatest misfortunes we are subject to; but it is certainly our duty to use every human means for those purposes and not to slacken our vigilance on account of our last years security.

I trust you will not find it necessary to remain long in session at this time, for altho' a City of the rapid growth of Baltimore requires more Ordinances to regulate its police than most people imagine who are unaccustomed to legislative proceedings, yet I do not recollect any subjects of much importance not already decided on except that of introducing a copious and permanent supply of water into the City, which is certainly an object of much magnitude and very interesting to the Citizens; ^{but every attempt heretofore made has failed of success} whether it will be possible for the Council to adopt any measure

that ^{will} answer the purpose is with them to decide.

It may however be useful to take a retrospective view of such Ordinances as have been passed since our Incorporation, and especially to examine our Inspection and Market Laws, and if necessary make such alterations as will render the intercourse between the seller and buyer more easy. — In our Inspection Laws the principal object must be to support the Credit at foreign Markets of our exports, but where the article is used amongst ourselves and the buyer can have a view of what he wants to purchase, it cannot be necessary to throw difficulties in his way to obtain it. — In our Market Laws we should guard all in our power against the forestalling and huckstering up for the purpose of selling at an advanced price articles of provision intended for the supply of our Markets, at the same time giving every encouragement and facility to the bringing them in from the Country; and it may be worthy the consideration of the Council how far the prohibiting the sale of provisions out of Market, to the consumer is useful; many think it prevents considerable supplies from being brought in by those who cannot attend at the Market houses, is daily violated without the possibility of