

of health it appears necessary that a lot of ground for the like purpose should be also purchased at the east end of the City; as well as that appropriations should be made for the repair and preservation of the City Hospital property.

The high price of fuel and the excessive consumption of coal, induce me to suggest to you the propriety of making some regulations for the measuring of coal brought to this City for sale; and as it has been represented to me that much imposition has been practised in the sale of cordwood brought by land to this City, I submit to your consideration, whether it would not be proper to make provision for the inspection and measuring of that article also.

There are few subjects connected with our Corporate affairs which can be more interesting to the inhabitants of this City than the market regulations. I fear the ordinances to prevent huckstering are not sufficiently efficient. It has also occurred to my mind that a fish market is much wanted upon this subject you will act in such manner as you may think most conducive to the good of the City.

By an arrangement made in the watch department, which renders it the duty of the watchmen to regulate themselves by the setting and rising of the moon in the lighting and extinguishing of the lamps, a very considerable saving of oil has been effected: it is submitted to you whether further regulations for the government of the watch, would not render this establishment more useful to our fellow Citizens.

When I refer to the several communications heretofore made to you on the subject of inspection laws; and when I reflect that there are among your gentlemen who, from their intelligence and particular walks in life, must be intimately acquainted with the best commercial interests of our City, I do not consider it necessary to make any observations to induce you to give the subject your most serious consideration. Among other articles it has been stated that inspection of pot and pearl ashes, of flax seed and gun powder are much wanted. The subject generally will doubtless engage your attention, as none can be more important to the interest of the City of Baltimore.

As the acts of the General Assembly of the State are not published until after the session of the City Council, I have procured for your information copies of several