

proficiency, for his numerous blessings - a sentiment which I trust both our Constituents, and ourselves will be always ready to manifest. The late revision of the Ordinance, of the City heretofore passed will probably greatly abridge in future your labor, in the public service - These Ordinances have generally been approved by experience, and now are reduced into so small a compass that every Citizen interested in the regulations of our police may readily inform himself upon the subject - Again I am induced to call the attention of the City Council to the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the sale of bread" It has been represented to me that a regulation in the nature of an Apize of bread upon the principle adopted in some of the Cities in the U. Stat., would be more acceptable to the Baker, and in its operation would be more equitable & could be enforced with greater facility than the provision contained in the present Ordinance upon this subject - if any better system can be adopted which may not infringe the rights of the Trade, and may at the same time protect the purchaser of this essential article of life from imposition, it will doubtless meet with your approbation.

Agreeably to the directions of the City Council, the City Commis<sup>rs</sup> commenced the work of erecting a Watch house in Market Street in the Seventh Ward, but some Citizens in the Neighbourhood considering the Corporation have no right to erect the house on the site proposed have procured an injunction from the Chancellor to stay further proceeding in the work - It is therefore proper that the Corporation should take some order in the case and as we may in a short time expect to be under the necessity of providing another Watch house in lieu of that occupied on the West side of Jones' Falls, it is my duty to call your attention to this subject also. I shall cause to be laid before you the state of the City Hospital in order that you may adopt such measures in relation to that building and the grounds attached to it, as you may consider interesting to our Constituents. An effort has been made by you Gentlemen and myself acting in our capacity as Citizens of Baltimore together with the Members of the board of health a number of Clergy, Physicians and other Citizens to obtain from the Legislature of Maryland funds for the support of indigent Lunatics within the State in this Hospital - This application has not been successful - This in a City of the rapidly increasing population of Baltimore a subject of peculiar interest that provision should be made for this unfortunate class of miserable

dependents, and if you can suggest any plan <sup>77</sup> consistent with your Corporate powers Connected with this subject I am inclined to believe it will be done - The great sufferings and distress among the poor class of our Citizens occasioned by the scarcity and high price of wood in long and severe winters has often awakened the sensibilities and opened the purses of the Charitably disposed to administer to their relief - The frequent recurrence of such times and the inadequacy of individual charities to meet this evil, suggests that a provision commensurate to the object is extremely to be wished for - It is therefore submitted whether it would not be advisable to appoint proper persons that would undertake to procure and have deposited in convenient situations a quantity of wood fully adequate to the purposes of such an establishment - This wood to be bought when at the lowest market price and sold out at the original cost with such addition only as to reimburse the cost with interest thereon and the expences attending the superintendance of the business, By an arrangement of this kind much good might be done, great distress alleviated, or prevented, and a supply of fuel be always ready to be delivered to the needy persons of small means in severe winters, and at a price little exceeding what it would have cost them at that season of the year when wood is generally cheapest, An account of the work done towards deepening the harbor, as well as the state of the Mud machine, and an estimate of the cost of building another machine, will be submitted to you by the City Commissioners, for your information -