

A message was received from the 2^d Branch stating that they had formed a quorum, had appointed Mr Warfield a Committee to join such Committee as should be appointed by this branch to wait upon the Mayor receive such communication as he should have to make, to which the branch concurred & appointed Mr Carey & Mr Small a Committee for that purpose —

The following communication was thereupon received from the Mayor —

Gentlemen of the City Council,

In conformity with a resolution passed by you at your late session the City Commissioners have procured a plan of a bridge to be erected over Jones' Falls in Baltimore Street and have advertised for proposals for building it. This plan and such proposals as have been received are now submitted for your consideration. Perhaps on a review of this subject and in consideration of the loose manner in which public contracts are too often executed you may be of opinion that a work which will require the disbursement of a sum the amount of which cannot be readily ascertained by estimates had better be commenced and finished, not by contract, but under the direction of the City Commissioners, or such persons as they may employ for the purpose, more especially as the bridge, it is presumed, should be built of the best material, and finished in the most substantial and durable manner. —

By the letters of Doctor Mackenzie and Doctor Smyth now submitted for your consideration you will observe that these Gentlemen propose taking under lease the City Hospital to be maintained by them under their immediate care and superintendance as an Infirmary and a Hospital for the reception

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of maniacs. You will doubtless give to their proposals the consideration which the interest and importance of the subject merit.

Agreeably to the phraseology of the Ordinance for the inspection of flows, the penalties in some cases attach against the Miller and not against the person submitting the flows for inspection, who alone can be within the jurisdiction of the Corporation. Should you deem it proper you will take the present opportunity to remedy this defect in the ordinance —

I have this day received draft of a Bridge with observations thereon from that faithful, able, and ingenious mechanic Mr John Davis Superintendent of the Baltimore Water Works.

These I take pleasure in laying before you, and have the satisfaction to add that Mr Davis has tendered his advice upon the subject of erecting a bridge across Jones' Falls, and has intimated that it may be in his power to take a part in the Superintendance of the work —

Thos W. Smith

9th June 1808.

Baltimore 14th April 1808.

Sir, We observe that you have in your late Communication to the City Council submitted to their consideration the propriety of adopting some measure for the support of Lunatics, should it be found to be within their Corporate power. The obvious propriety and indeed absolute necessity for some institution being opened in this populous City as an Asylum for these wretched dependants upon Humanity, is we believe generally if not universally admitted, With your approbation therefore

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