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of the basin, and they recommend, that the  
sum of — Thousand dollars be appropriated  
to be expended by the City Commissioners, with  
the approbation of the Mayor, in building a  
wharf on said lot, and into which the Mud  
taken out of the harbor shall be thrown,  
and for this purpose they will submit an  
Ordinance, as soon as a Survey of the lot  
can be obtained.

The necessity of keeping the basin  
navigable for vessels of moderate burthen  
and deepning the harbor, where it is  
required is obvious to all, after agreeing  
to recommend the said Appropriation, your  
Committee were induced to endeavour to  
find the Cause by which said Measure  
has been rendered necessary, and from  
an examination commenced at the lower  
bridge to the extent of the improvements  
made by Samuel Chase Esq: South, thence  
returning to the Stone bridge, they have  
no hesitation in declaring that the ruinous  
State of the wharves binding on the Falls,  
particularly on the west side thereof to the  
lower bridge, and in some measure on the  
East side, and from thence on both sides to  
the brewery of Mr. McEandland is one of the  
greatest Causes why the navigation of the  
basin, has been so seriously impeded. In  
disregard of the Ordinances by which the  
Proprietors of property obtained the sanction

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of the Corporation to make said wharves, they  
have been either insufficiently constructed, or  
greatly neglected, so that large quantities of the  
dirt or other materials of which they are formed  
are with every rain or flood carried into the  
falls, and thence into the basin. This is not  
however the case with all, for whilst some  
of the owners of property bounding on the  
Falls, have not even put down a log to  
prevent the earth from washing into the falls,  
others have built substantial abutments of  
Stone, and until this mode of building  
walls of Stone shall be generally adopted,  
a considerable deposit of mud, much from  
these falls, be daily made in the basin.

Your Committee therefore beg leave  
to recommend, that the Mayor be requested  
forthwith to have made by the Harbor  
Master, a survey of the wharves to the west-  
ward of Warford Street, and to direct a  
report to be made to him as to their situation  
and immediately thereafter to cause the Ordina-  
ances to be obeyed, and if necessary to have  
instituted suits against all who neglect to  
fulfil the Conditions required by the Ordinances  
in such cases made and provided

Feb'y 18<sup>th</sup> 1811.

John Campbell White  
Mr McDonald  
Henry Payson

A Bill, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing  
the building of Bridges over Jones' Falls"

(May)