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of the Council, as to render any observations
on this subject from me unnecessary.

The Stone Bridge at Pratt and
Lucas Street has been contracted for, and
is in such state of forwardness as to
insure its final completion early in the
Spring, it is to cost the City Twenty
thousand Dollars, sixteen thousand of which
are already paid. The very great extent
of the Appropriations for the last year
has kept the Treasury so poor, as to
render it inconvenient to expend three
thousand Dollars in purchasing and
providing the necessary materials for the
erection of a Stone Bridge at Gay Street
in addition to which no suitable and
convenient place of deposit could be
procured, the hauling of such heavy
materials a second time would be attended
with very great expense and experience has
taught us that Stone and other materials
that may be required can be readily obtained
for and furnished as fast as they can
be consumed, the progress of the work
will certainly not be retarded thereby.

A very efficient Vagrant Law for
our City has been passed by the Legislature
of Maryland. The Judges of the Criminal
Court and Mayor are authorized to

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enforce its provisions, and with due vigilance
we shall probably be able to get rid of the
many pick pockets and other vagabonds who
have for some time past infested our City. New
and very important powers are by this Law
devolved upon the Judges of the Criminal
Court, and by a special act of the
Legislature you are authorized to Levy a
tax in addition to your fifteen shilling
tax to the amount of six hundred Dollars,
as an additional Compensation to the Chief
Judge of the Criminal Court, which only
increases the taxes on the assessable property
within the City six Cents in every hundred
pounds.

The City Hospital under the
direction of Doctor McKenzie and Linn the
by virtue of their lease has been brought
to such a state of perfection as admirably
to answer the benevolent intention of
its first establishment, the Centre building
and one wing are nearly finished, and
the Cells intended for the care and
custody of maniacs are constructed upon
the latest and most approved plan, and
will afford every possible comfort and
convenience to that wretched class of our
fellow mortals. To this institution which
owes its origin to the purest principles
of Philanthropy, the fostering hand of the
State of Maryland has been extended and