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for Making a correct Survey of the City  
of Baltimore: which provides for a Survey  
of the City by Mr Poppleton in the best  
Manner the latest improvements in  
Surveying admits of, and thereby prevents  
the errors that would hereafter, as they  
have heretofore done arise from the  
employment of different Men with  
less accurate instruments, and in the  
gradual Manner that they would be  
called on to execute the work, which  
would only be done as the buildings  
and improvements progressed and lead  
to the same errors as are acknowledged  
to have been heretofore committed, to the  
injury of the City, and vexation of the  
Proprietors of the grounds, whereas if  
as proposed by Mr Poppleton the Survey  
of all the Streets lanes and Alleys are  
forthwith established by him, and  
afterwards reviewed by Competent Judges  
of the same delineated with accuracy  
on a map and lodged in the Mayor's  
office, altho' it should not be admitted  
as Conclusion evidenced in the adjustment  
of rights yet it would afford such  
means of information as it is believed

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would greatly tend to prevent Contentions,  
or afford Materials for the detection of  
errors by a view of the whole City and  
the tracing on the Map, the source from  
whence the error or difficulty originated  
and the Correction thereof if practicable  
By the adoption of this plan all the  
evils that must arise from the employment  
of a Board of Commissioners liable  
from the tenure of their Office to Annual  
change, composed of different individuals,  
having more or less Capacity for the  
business and with different degrees  
of Knowledge therein, and requiring  
from the Nature thereof so much  
time for its final accomplishment  
that the life of man is not adequate  
thereto, all these will be avoided by  
the immediate Survey by one Man  
with competent talents and accurate  
instruments, the same legibly delineated  
in a scientific Manner, lodged and  
carefully kept in the Mayor's Office for  
the inspection of all persons who require  
its aid, All which is submitted

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