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of the Bill was moved and carried, and clauses and conditions totally unconnected with the object of the petition ingrafted into it, which were deemed so inadmissible as to induce the friends of the Bill to vote against it. The hopes, the wishes and just expectations of the Citizens of Baltimore, are thus again, by party spirit, prostrated, and the City must continue with its corporate credit pledged, for the money which has been borrowed of the Banks, without the power of redeeming the pledge.

Thus situated, it is for the wisdom of the Council to adopt such measures as may be required by the peculiar emergency in which the City is placed, with little or no means of defence provided by the State for its protection, during the approaching season of hostile operation, with great probability of a serious attempt by the enemy, and labouring under the embarrassment and pressure of a debt, which we are restricted from the common privilege of paying, it will require the active and zealous exertions of every good Citizen, to ward off the impending danger. Under these trying circumstances, however it is gratifying to reflect that there is a public spirit and vigour existing in our citizens which will cause them to endure every privation, to submit to every sacrifice which may be required to enable them to meet and repel any attempt of our implacable foe.

Several important laws, materially affecting the interests of the City have been passed by the Legislature at their late session, by one of which the transit

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duty on goods passing over the public wharves, as imposed by an ordinance passed at the last February session, is destroyed, and the City Council restricted from laying similar duties in future, from the whole context of the law, the intention of the Legislature is manifest; but as some of our citizens give such a construction to the law as defeats the whole of our regulations respecting wharfage, and probably may give trouble, it will be advisable to revive the several ordinances on the subject, and make them conform to the provisions of the law of the Legislature. An act, also, of the Legislature to fix and regulate the quality of silver plate, manufactured and sold, or offered for sale in the City of Baltimore, has passed; under the provisions of this law, it is an incumbent duty of the Council to appoint an assay officer, the stamp or mark to be used by the said officer, to be submitted to the Council for approbation.

For the purpose of erecting an Arsenal in the City of Baltimore, the Legislature has authorized the raising, by way of lottery, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The managers named will probably attempt the effecting the object contemplated. Should they succeed, the proceeds of the lottery are to pass over to the Register to be applied by the City Council in purchasing a lot and erecting suitable buildings for the purpose, and should a surplus remain, to establish a permanent fund, to defray the annual expenses incident thereto.

In conformity to a resolve of the Council, passed the 21st of May last, the several appropriations therein mentioned were suspended, and no money drawn