

to the punctual payment of the interest - until some
 mean can be devised for the total extinguishment
 of the debt. An application to the Legislature of our
 State at its late session, to invest the City Council with
 power to impose a tax on the property of the City & Parishes
 agreeably to the prayer of the petition formerly presented
 for the payment of this debt, has been renewed and
 again rejected.

A Law has been passed at the late session of the
 General Assembly of our State, authorizing the City
 Council to adopt a scheme of a Lottery to raise Twenty
thousand dollars in one or more classes, for the
 purpose of procuring a suitable lot & buildings, to be
 called a House of Industry for the purpose of affording
 relief by giving employment to the poor of the City, subject
 to such Rules & Regulations as the Corporation shall from
 time to time deem it expedient to establish; And if by
 such an institution the frequent calls made upon
 fellow Citizens can thereby be dispensed with, the very
 objectionable mode of raising money by lottery may
 be justified by the extreme urgency & necessity of the case.

* The important aid which the Military authorities acknowledge to have received from the Committee, affords the strong
 proof of the judgment with which its members were
 selected. Thanks to the God of battles, the fortitude of
 our Citizens, and to the prudence, judgment & heroism of
 those intrusted with our defence, this important aid
 popular City has, not only been preserved from
 horrors which have invariably marked the progress

of our City, but has been thus preserved, with less of sacrifice
 and of suffering, than could have been anticipated by the most
 sanguine of our fellow Citizens.

When it is recollected that we sustained an incessant
 bombardment for twenty six hours, from nearly all the Bomb
 Vessels which belong to the "Thousand Ships" of Great Britain
 that were simultaneously attacked by a powerful & veteran land
 army, flushed with recent success; and that we were principally
 defended by "Militia and Volunteers" we may be allowed
 after acknowledging the special aid of a kind providence, to
 boast of having been the first to check the daring attempts of
 our haughty foe in these waters and of having set an example
 which has been closely and most successfully followed in another
 portion of our beloved Country.

As usual the Register has prepared and will lay before
 on his accounts for investigation from which it will appear
 that our future resources are encumbered with an increased debt
 of Four thousand dollars to the Bank of Baltimore making in the
 whole now due to the Bank the sum of Twenty nine thousand dollars
 and that there remained in the Treasury on the 31st January
 last, fourteen hundred & forty seven dollars and seventy
 cents.

13th February 1815.

Edw. Winsor.

Which Communication having been read, was ordered to
 be published for the information of the Citizens of Baltimore.

A message was received from the second Council proposing the
 appointment of a joint Committee to consider & report on the
 Mayors Communication, & nominating on their part Messrs