

16 This season it should be done. — We also erected the contemplated Canal (on Harford Street) from Queen Street Bridge to King George Street a distance of about 500 feet — with a Stone pavement at the bottom of said Run, which we presume will prove permanent in a short time, true it may require about two or three collars of repairs, as soon as the weather will permit, but this is very reasonably accounted for when we reflect that the pavement was newly laid at the commencement of the winter season, it not having time for the crevices & holes filling in with sand or gravel, so as to cement the pavement together before a heavy snow fell thereon and by hard frosts the pavement, snow, &c. became one solid body; soon thereafter a sudden thaw took place which caused a heavy fresh, and thereby tore the ice snow, and a few of the stones, which otherwise could not be expected, yet by another winter we flatter ourselves it will not be the case, as the pavement will become more solid. — We are sorry to state to you that the estimate made by us to you proved inadequate for the completion thereof, owing to the extravagant advanced on materials and labour last season, we were obliged to close it in an unfinished state as the funds would admit of, it will therefore remain with your Hon^{ble} body to say if the work shall be finished this season or not, we wish merely to remark that our plan to complete the channel is to raise the side walls about one foot higher, and finish the top with good and sufficient capping stones about the regular grade of said Street it will require about \$500, and if not done it is apprehended that in heavy freshes the present walls might be overflowed and thereby wash away the Street in the rear thereof and destroy the whole Channel — The improvement on Spur Street we presume will answer the contemplated purpose — expected therefrom, our opinion was and is still that by this regulation so large a body of water is brought to one point on Washington Street and discharged into the Basin which ought

17 to be remedied, it is then necessary to find some relief at another point, as it is, and has been our belief that every Street Lane and alley ought to carry off its own water, wherever practicable, and if there is no public Street that will answer, its perhaps best to resort to sewers or Canals as provided for by Ordinance, we therefore recommend an investigation, as our opinion is that a great proportion of water coming from the North East direction ought to be stopped at the City line and conveyed in the basin at the East end of Col. Beays's Wharf, such would be an advantage to Washington Street. —

We also wish to call your attention to those Streets that have been paved some time since which when done were badly graded and paved, not having a sufficient bed of sand, all the repairs that can be done, will never make them in proper order, say Baltimore St. Frederick St., Harrison St. &c. and in fact too many to enumerate, would it not be cheaper to appropriate annually a certain sum that the City funds would admit of, for the purpose of repairing all such Streets &c. and save the expending money for useless repairs. — We have an application to pave St. Pauls St. and St. Pauls Lane & proposals for the paving the same, these require so much digging down and filling up, that they ask us 20 Cents per yard for regulating the Street in addition to the paving Tax, it will therefore be necessary to have an appropriation to meet this and similar objects for the current year, suppose you say \$1,000. besides the following objects if your funds admit — viz

For repairing Streets	\$ 3,000.
„ repairing Streets	1,000.
„ Cross Streets	2,000.
„ Fly Stones	1,000.
„ Extending Foot ways	1,000.
„ repairing Unpaved Sts	200.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
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