

114 or stone, that the proprietors of the property ought to be compelled to have the snow removed, and that the Corporation ought to have that on the Cross streets and footways of the bridges also removed.

Considerable difficulty arises in keeping the streets and footways from being incumbered with merchandise &c. owing to an inclination for them to remain a limited time in the street - Nothing will induce some men to restrain their disposition to impose on the public, but the fear that they will have to pay for it. I believe that no more indulgence ought to be given than time sufficient to pass the goods from the dray or cart into the store.

A size of bread, although of the first importance appears to be fairly explained, except as to the weight of the loaf, the price of which I believe ought to be in proportion to the price of flour, or the weight of the loaf proportional to the price paid for it.

The drivers of Hacks take unwarrantable liberties and advantages of strangers, to the disgrace of our Corporation Regulations; it appears to me that from the time they come on the stand they are public property, but neither to abuse or be abused, which can only be remedied by prescribing rates and distances, by which they shall be governed. I think it worthy the reflection of the Council whether the Powder Magazine is not too near the City - when full of powder, as it may be, that it take fire by lightning or otherwise, the survivors would have to lament that it had not been more remote from the City.

Carts, drays and waggons are frequently left in the streets all night - it would appear that this ought to be prohibited.

The manner of providing for the poor appears very objectionable it is not only exceedingly troublesome, but the expense falls on a very few in proportion to our population - it appears to be well worth the reflection of the Council to ascertain whether a better plan cannot be adopted in future. I would suggest the propriety of an immediate attempt to establish a House of Industry on a large scale - there is already about \$20,000 raised to be appropriated in that way and an act of the General Assembly to raise by lottery \$30,000 which in consequence of the late war has not been acted upon. The tickets of such a lottery

would sell in preference to any other - the Citizens generally would subscribe liberally for an institution of this kind in preference to our present mode; it would then only be necessary for many who now ask alms, to know that such provision was made for them, and they would take care of themselves. Some decided steps ought to be taken to put a stop to those tippling shops, under the denomination of retail grocers, from whence the principal part of the distressed families may trace the origin of their poverty.

115 There has not been until lately more than twenty one watchmen at one time on duty for the safety of the City; I find that some of them in completing their duty have to perform a tour of more than a mile; it will not be expected that double that number can do more than is necessary in discharging their duty as watchmen; on the 15th ult. I doubted the watch, and it now remains for the Council to decide what number shall be permanent watchmen for the future.

Some additional restrictions are required to prevent Vapels forcing their way into docks that are already so cluttered that there remains no pass for light Vapels to depart; this more particularly applies to Smiths Dock and the New Dock - When there is any thing like a want of room in either of these Docks no Vapel ought to be allowed to enter until permission is first obtained from the Harbour Master. He is the only one whose business it will be to know the situation of the Dock - Nothing will keep them from obstructing the pass at times, except heavy fines; We have had a recent convincing proof of that - our late Harbor Master in the execution of his duty, in the entrance of the Dock, was killed by one of the boatmen - this calls aloud for more energetic measures.

The Corporation has not the power of securing for the use of the City two very valuable springs of water. I beg leave to call your attention to this subject before it is too late; one is at the corner of German and Eden Streets, on the property of Mr. James Herold. it has at present a great supply of water, and General Stricker who has a number of very productive springs of water a little above that, has authorized me to say that he will permit you to convey all the water free of any charge by him, to such place as you may designate; that water can be united to the other spring at a very little expense; the other spring has long been known by the name of Cloppers Spring, is in a very populous part of the City, where good water, with the exception of this spring is not produced.

Harford turn has a claim for money to be expended on it; in its