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Gentlemen of the
of the City Council. Permit me to invite your attention to the following subjects viz

By the 2nd Section of the ordinance of 1829 page 45 the informer is made liable for the costs in case of nonsuit; this provision has had a most mischievous effect in causing the City ordinances to be violated with impunity, as the informer once defeated is very cautious in any future prosecutions; it is a matter of no consequence who becomes the informer, provided it produces no cost to the City, and we can by these means cause the City ordinances to be respected, which is all important to the well being of the community; this provision has had a direct contrary effect and has in many cases prostrated some of our most useful regulations.

By the 3d Section of the same ordinance, the Justice of the Peace before whom information is made, is required to furnish the Bailiff a copy of such Judgment, which he is directed to deliver to the Register, after the

same shall have been superseded: this copy is of no value whilst the original is in the hands of the Justice as he can issue executions &c, and add as much cost as the nature of the case will admit, and finally send the defendant to Jail, where we are certain to lose the money; the copy being in the hands of the Register can answer no valuable purpose, except that of shewing a judgment exists, which he can always ascertain from the returns of the Bailiffs and Justice of the Peace; the latter will not give up the original without being paid the costs; some provision is therefore necessary in order to require the Justice to deliver the original judgment to the Bailiff, and that the Register be authorised to pay such costs on receipt thereof, and that he be authorised to direct the collection by execution or otherwise at his discretion, this would bring the whole business under the entire control of the Register where it properly belongs.

From recent occurrences, and the frequent calls, in order to obtain the names of drivers of carriages, whose name cannot be ascertained by the number of the carriage which they drive has induced me to press this subject for your consideration; all owners of carriages of burthen kept for private use should be required to record and number such vehicle, in the Registers office as carriages kept for hire are by the present Ordinance required to do, except that carriages of burthen kept for private use should not be required to pay for a license, and the owners of all carriages of pleasure or burthen should be required to be answerable for the conduct of the drivers, who should be of mature age; the latter is absolutely necessary for the safety of the community and the size of the numbers of carriages of pleasure should be designated. You will readily perceive the difficulty of the present arrangement; the owner of the vehicle calls to obtain a license, and places the same in the care of a person of no responsibility, perhaps a minor, with whom the law can have no effect, consequently he may commit any irregularity and the party injured can have no redress; and in the event of the driver being of mature age he cannot be punished because the number thereof does not furnish his name, and the owner will not disclose it, under the apprehension that he may be compelled to become his security or lose his driver. Taking a view of all the circumstances, the case appears to require some further provision.

The Ordinance relative to dogs is found insufficient and the following proposition is respectfully submitted for your consideration. To repeal all the ordinances relative to this subject and require the Superintendants of Chimney Sweepers to make a list of the owners or harbourers of all dogs found in their respective districts, and return a copy of such list to the Register of the City semi-annually and the said Superintendants be required to leave a bill of such tax at the place of residence of such owner or harbourer, stating that unless the