Thursday January 10th 1839.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment – present, Joshua Dryden, Esq. President, and all the Members except Mr. Lindenstiekn,

The following Communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office, January 10th 1839.

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council.

In addressing you at the commencement of your annual Session, on the general state of the City affairs, at so short a period after assuming the duties of Mayor, I feel sensibly the want of that intimate knowledge of the affairs of the Corporation, that more experience will impart. My present report is, therefore, founded upon the information derived principally from the official statements and returns of the City Officers. These statements and returns are annexed as a part of this report, and will be found to contain particular and satisfactory details of valuable information of the several subjects of which they treat, embracing all those of great importance to the welfare of the Citizens of Balto, as being intimately connected with the regulations of the public affairs of this City. Some remarks and suggestions have occurred to me, while examining the documents referred to, and reflecting on the information thus derived, which I deem proper to communicate to you, in connection with a brief notice of some of their contents.

A deep sense of gratitude to Divine Providence will be felt by every reflecting Citizen on examining the reports and statements of the Commissioners of Health, their Consulting Physician, and Health Officer – they furnish the gratifying information that our Citizens generally, during the last year, have been more than usually free from attacks of diseases, fatal in their termination, and that the number of deaths amounts to Twenty-six hundred and ninety-one, being fewer by twenty-three, than during the preceding year.

In reflecting on the great importance of using the most efficient means of preserving the health of the Citizens, I have come to the conclusion that it would be highly beneficial to make a change in the origination, the powers, and the duties of the Commissioners of Health, and in a few days I shall recommend this subject to your consideration by a special and more detailed

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communication. It is proper for me here to mention, as essentially connected with the above important subject, and deeply affecting the comfort and convenience of our fellow-Citizens, and the appearance and character of our City, that the existing system of cleaning the Streets, or, more correctly speaking, of preventing the existence in them of disagreeable nuisances, appears to me from my brief experience, to be radically defective, and I shall also respectfully invite your attention to this part of the subject.

To the politeness of the Collector of the port of Baltimore, I am indebted for the following statements of Imports, Exports, Vessels from Foreign ports, and Vessels built, &c.,

Custom House, Baltimore, Dec. 28th 1838.

Value of Imports into Baltimore from 1st October, 1837, to 30th September 1838.

In American Vessels,		$4.968.119
Foreign do		733.750
Total value of Imports		$5.701.869

Exports:

Domestic produce in American Vessels.	$ 2,836,115	
Do. do. in Foreign do.	1,329,053	
		$4,165,168
Foreign Merchandize in American Vessels,	303,045	
Do. do. in Foreign do.	56,355	359,400
Total value of Exports,		$4,524,568

Vessels entered from Foreign Ports, viz:

53 Ships
35 Barques
182 Brigs
132 Schooners
} 408 Vessels in all. — Tonnage, 77.187.

Of which 318 were American,	54,502 Tons
and 90 " Foreign,	22,685 "
	77.187 Tons

Vessels Built:

3 Steamboats,	1,536 Tons
4 Ships,	2,679 "
1 Barque,	261 "
7 Brigs	1,174 "