general complaint and invective which found a tempo-rary respite in a petition for an extra session of the coun-cils with a view to its repeal, but I felt it obliga-tory on me to decline a compliance with the request, failing to discover a warranty for the exercise of this power by any consideration of "public good." Certain and important interests are however seriously effected by its operation, and I would respectfully ask that the petition and remon-strance which I herewith submit, may receive your attention. A communication from the "Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company," was submitted to the council on the closing day of the last session, containing a proposition to convey to the city all their corporate rights and property, upon condition of an assumption by the city of their pecuniary obligations, amounting to $18,000; but time did not allow it the consideration to which it was entitled by its importance. Since then a letter has been received suggesting a loan of $10,000 from the city, the interest and principal to be secured by an assignment of the Steam boats Patapsco and Relief. The difficulties in which they are involved, are calculated to effect most seriously if not to destroy their efficiency, and the importance of ensuring during the Winter season an unobstructed access to our harbour, is a subject too often discussed and too well understood, to require comment. It will demand your earnest consideration to ascertain, whether an accession to one of these propositions may not be indispensable to the interests of our city, and the preservation of the original design of that incorporation.

By the kindness of Mr. Williams, Collector, I am enabled to furnish you a statement of the imports and exports of Baltimore, and the number of vessels the construction of which during the past year, has afforded employment to that portion of our mechanics, whose skill is so proverbial.

Port of Baltimore. — Year ending 30th September 1842

Imports from Foreign countries in American vessels	$4,075,072
do do Foreign do	425,339
Total imports	$4,500,411

Imported in 314 American vessels, aggregate tonnage		65,479
94 Foreign do do do		21,425
408 vessels	Tons	86,904

Exports to Foreign countries.

Of Domestic production in American vessels	$3,536,501
do do Foreign do	1,099,006
Total of Domestic production	$4,635,507
Of Foreign merchandise in American vessels $233,017	
do do Foreign do 36,242	
Total of Foreign merchandise	269,259
Total amount of Exports	$4,904,766

Exported in 303 American vessels, aggregate tons		61,447
do 95 Foreign do do		21,260
398 vessels	Tons	82,707

Built — 1 Sloop, 21 Schooners, 3 Brigs, 4 Barques and 2 Steamers. Of the aggregate tonnage, 3100 tons.

Our city has been improved by the erection of five hundred and fifty-eight houses, but a decline in business generally is manifested by a diminution, with a few exceptions, of all the ar-ticles of trade subject to inspection. Butter, leather and tobac-co, are named as exceeding the inspections of the preceding year.

I have ascertained by examination that the will of Henry Peters, has up to this time, failed to secure a distribution of his property as directed by the testator. This charitable individual died in 1837, having previously devised cer-tain annuities amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $105.50 to the Mayor and City Council, in trust for the benefit and relief of the poor of the twelfth ward. No part of this annual income has ever been collected, and has consequently accumulated to a