as soon as the canal opens. The reasons that the directors assign for commencing operations on that route now, is, that there appears to be less opposition than has heretofore existed, and that there is some probability of paying expenses.

I hand herewith a statement of the liabilities of the company amounting to $6,942.96.

These liabilities have been incurred by putting repairs upon the boats. the "Relief" has had new boilers put into her, with other repairs that were absolutely necessary. The "Patapsco" has had new smoke stacks put upon her, and has had her furnaces and boilers so altered that she can now run at much less expense than formerly.

It would be well to remark here, that the knowledge of the fact, that the city holds a mortgage upon the boats, has so impaired the credit of the company, in the eyes of the public, that it is almost impossible to get anything for their use, unless some of the directors, or myself, will become personally responsible.

The boats are now, I can confidently state, in better condition than they have ever been before, since they commenced running.

The benefits that our citizens and the corporation derive from them through the winter season, has been so fully established, by report of the harbor masters, and from other sources, that it is useless to dwell upon the subject. I therefore submit the foregoing, together with the accompanying accounts, to the consideration of your honorable bodies, and have the honor to be

Your very obed't Servant.
William Mason President
of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam
Towing Co. on the part of the Directors.

To the Honorable the Mayor & City
Council of Baltimore

City Commissioners Office
Baltimore February 27th 1846.

To the Honorable Jacob G. Davies
Mayor of the City of Baltimore.

Sir

The City Commissioners have the honor respectfully to inform you, that they have examined the bridge over Jones' Falls at Madison street, and find it to be in an exceedingly unsafe and ruinous condition; it has been for a considerable length of time sustained and upheld by props provided temporarily for the purpose. The public convenience and the safety of our citizens

citizens and others who pass through this section of our city, unite in calling for a strong and suitable bridge over the falls at this point, which can be constructed for about $2,500, – and we would respectfully suggest the propriety of having a bridge placed there with the least possible delay.

Respectfully submitted
By order
C. M. Cole, Clerk.

On motion of Mr Brown the communication from the President of the Steam Towing Company, was referred to the joint committee on the harbor – and the communication from the City Commissioners to the joint committee on bridges.

Mr Brown presented a petition from James Kirby, asking permission to remove a frame building, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Hack called up bill No 42, entitled "An ordinance directing the inspection of butter and hogs lard".

Mr Hack moved to amend the third section by inserting in the second line, after the word "to" the word "sell" – which was adopted.

Mr Hack moved to amend the third section by inserting in the sixth line, after the word "so" the word "sold" – which was adopted.

Mr Walsh moved to amend the eighth section by striking out the words "ten dollars" and inserting after the word "offence" the words "not less than five nor more than twenty dollars" – which was adopted.

Mr Hack moved to amend the 14th section by striking out in the fourth line the words "ports of the United States" and insert the words "other port or markets" – which was adopted.

The bill being on its passage was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Davis:

Yeas – Messrs President, Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Hickman, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Hoofman, Starr, Brown, McCauley, Hack and Gross – 16.

Nays – Messrs Soran and Davis – 2.

Mr Dutton called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on the harbor, relative to widening the termination of Hughes' street.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Watkins from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Mealy & Sons for James Bingher, requesting the City Council to close that part of Pine Street, between Baltimore and German streets – together with