I would therefore recommend that ample appropriations be made to the Health Department to enable them to meet any contingency without delay or embarassment In this connexion I would respectfully bring to your notice the condition of Jones Falls it has been and still is very filthy A remedy for this evil is absolutely necessary and should be speedily provided to my mind the best & most effectual one would be to grade & pave the bed of said stream wall up substantially the sides thereof and as far as practicable straiten the course of it I would suggest the following as a plan build a strong wall across the falls say at Hawk street the surface of which should be above high tide then from that point up the stream fill up to a proper grade and pave the bed with a substantial pavement with the centre hollowed like a inverted arch, thus the filth would be carried off easily and the entire course of the stream within the city would be kept clear that portion below the wall might be dug to a sufficient depth by our mud machines to enable us to use it as a dock I submit this for your consideration

The Port Wardens report will present to you the condition of the department under his supervision it is not probably as full or complete as it would of been had a very unpleasant affair occurred with him in consequence of a report made to your honourable body by the committee on Harbour shewing him to be a defaulter to a considerable ammount I found my self under the necessity of suspending him from office and he was not on duty for nearly two months I however requested the committee to appoint two competent clerks to make a thorough investigation of the matter

which they did and the report of those Gentlemen which I herewith lay before you proves that the committee were in error I therefore conceived it to be but justice to a innocent man to reinstate him I do not pretend to attach censure to the committee examinations of this character require much more time than Gentlemen who have business of their own to look after are able to bestow upon them but it is all important that investigations of accounts particularly where the character of a man is concerned should be carefully made and duly considered, before a public report is made, his report however will shew you what has been done during the past and what in his judgement requires to be done in the coming year and you will take such action upon the various interests as they seem to demand I would recommend the removal of the city yard to the south side of the basin and the sale of the ground it present occupies The cleaning of our harbour is a subject that has caused me much solicitude and I have sought information concerning it from every available source I have come to the conclusion that the system now in use by us is entirely too expensive our horse power machines do not answer the present emergencies it is costing the city at this time from 35 to 50 cts pr square yard for the work done in our harbour whilst it is costing the commissioners for deepning the channell of Patapsco River for similar work, but about 15 cents pr yard why this difference it can only be explained by the fact that they are using the modern machinery whilst we adhere to the old they employ steam dredges and we horse power, they excavate a yard to the minute whilst we remove a yard in from three to five minutes one of their machines requires no more men than one of ours and the expense of attending it is no greater these are indisputable facts.