Gentlemen of the City Council

In consequence of receiving the inclosed letter from a company associated for the purpose of introducing a permanent supply of water into the city of Baltimore, requesting to know "whether the Corporation will require any, & what quantity of Water to be delivered for the public use of extinguishing of fires, that the pipes may be prepared & laid adequate to that Demand", I have considered it incumbent upon me to call you together, that you may have an opportunity of deciding thereon. In weighing this proposition, you will naturally take into view the permanent annual expence that must be incurred by your Concurrence with it; And whether any less expensive measure may not be adopted which would afford to the citizens of Baltimore the greatest possible security for a regular & abundant supply of this necessary of life for all public purposes.

Should no measure more advisable

than that presented by the letter be devised, forasmuch as the Company intend to apply, at the present session, to the Legislature, for an act of Incorporation, it may be proper to endeavor to ascertain the nature of the Charter they may apply for, & how far, if at all, it may affect the rights or interests of the City Corporation, in relation to this subject. These are objects interesting & important; and it appears to me that they could not at any more proper time than the present be respectfully submitted to your Consideration.

At the last session of the city council a resolution passed, authorizing the mayor & the presidents of the first & second branch of the City Council, to cause to be laid before the General Assembly of Maryland a Remonstrance in behalf of this Corporation, against a law passed by the General Assembly, whereby the city Corporation are deprived of funds granted to the city of Baltimore by the Charter of Incorporation & to petition the Legislature to reinstate the said funds in the city of Baltimore