That by an act of Assembly passed in the year 1803 Certain alterations were proposed to be made in the law by which the City of Baltimore was incorporated — provided such alterations were approved by the First branch of the City Council at their succeeding session —

It is further respectfully represented, that the propriety of adopting the alterations so proposed received the Consideration of the first branch of the City Council, at the time directed, And it was by that branch Unanimously thought advisable to adopt all the alterations proposed. And as the Corporation had not the priveledge of accepting such of them as were desirable, It was resolved, that your Hon.^b body should be respectfully petitioned at your present session for the following alterations in the aforesaid Charter —

1.st That the amount of $500 of Assessment within the City be the qualification of members of the first branch of the city Council instead of $1000 at present requisite. —

2.^d That the amount of $1000 of Assessment within the City be the qualified of members of the second branch of the City Council instead of $2000 at present requisite. —

3.^d That the mode of voting at the City Elections be by ballot, & that such elections commence and close at the same times of the day as the other elections held within the City. —

And whereas by the act of Incorporation of the city of Baltimore — the corporation are to provide for the safe keeping & preservation of the standard of weights & measures fixed by Congress & for the regulation thereby all weights & measures used within the city & precincts, & in asmuch as congress have not yet fixed any standard of weights & measures, Your petitioners pray that the Mayor & City Council may have the right of regulating weights and Measures by the present standard until one shall be fixed by Congress so that much fraud & imposition may be thereby prevented —