Clopper's) has been examined by the board of City Commissioners, in conjunction with Mr. John Davis, who and of the opinion that it can be reclaimed, and made to afford a copious supply of pure and wholesome water. For further information on this interesting subject, I must be leave to refer you to their report herewith transmitted.

From the manner after which the duties of the board of Port Wardens lately established, have been discharged, we may reasonably calculate upon the most beneficial results to the future security and improvement of our harbour and Basin. Considerable progress has been made in devising a general plan. Several plats and estimates accompanied by a detailed account of the acts and proceedings of the board will be laid before you for your advice and approbation.

As usual the Register has prepared and will lay before you his accounts for investigation, from which it will appear that our future resources are incumbered with an increased debt of five thousand dollars to the Bank of Baltimore, making in the whole, now due the Bank, the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, and that there remained in the treasury on the 31st day of January last, nine hundred and fifty eight dollars and two cents.

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Edwd Johnson

A Message was received from the first branch, proposing to refer the Mayor's communication to the consideration of a joint Committee and appointing on their part Messrs Mosher and Rop; to which this Branch agreed and nominated on their part Messrs White and Finlay.

Mr. White from the joint Committee delivered the following report, which was read and concurred in.

The joint Committee of the City Council to whom was referred the Mayor's communication, have referred to the consideration of the second Branch that section referring to wharfage:

That part referring to the appointment of an assay master for establishing the quality of silver plate, & for having Clopper's Spring put in proper order, is referred to the consideration of the first Branch.

City Chambers 14th Feby 1814.

John Campbell White } 2d Branch
John Finlay ——

James Mosher } 1st Branch
Wm Rop ——

A Message was received from the first Branch, proposing a joint Committee of accounts, and nominating on their part Messrs Rop and Sheppard; to which this Branch agreed and appointed on its part Mr Bohn.

On Motion, Resolved, that so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to wharfage, be referred to Messrs White and Payson to consider and report thereon.

A Message was received from the first Branch, proposing a joint Committee of Enrolment and appointing on their part Messrs Burke and Slimmer; to which this Branch agreed and nominated on its part Mr Herring.

A Message was sent to the first Branch stating that this Branch had concurred in the report of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's communication, proposing that said communication be published for the information of the citizens of Baltimore, and