Carts, Drays and Waggons are frequently left in the Streets all night; it would appear that this ought to be prohibited.

The manner of providing for the poor appears very objectionable; it is not only exceedingly troublesome, but the expense falls on a very few in proportion to our population: it appears to be well worthy the reflection of the Council, to ascertain whether a better plan cannot be adopted in future. I would suggest the propriety of an immediate attempt to establish a House of Industry on a large scale. There is already about $2600 raised to be appropriated in that way and an act of the General Assembly to raise by lottery $30,000, which in consequence of the late war has not been acted upon: the tickets of such a lottery would sell in preference to any other; the citizens generally would subscribe liberally for an institution of this kind, in preference to our present mode; it would be only necessary for many that now ask alms, to know that such provision was made for them, and they would take care of themselves. Some decided step ought to be taken to put a stop to those tippling shops, under the denomination of retail grocers, from whence the principal part of the distressed families may trace the origin of their poverty. There has not until lately been more than twenty four watchmen at one time on duty for the safety of the City; I find that some of them in completing their duty have to perform a tour of more than a mile: it will not be expected that double that number can do more than is necessary in discharging their duty as watchmen. On the 15th alto, I doubled the watch, and it now remains for the council to decide what number shall be permanent watchmen hereafter. Some additional restrictions are required to prevent vessels forcing their way into Docks, that are already so glutted, that there remains no snug for light vessels to depart. This more particularly applies to Smith's Dock, and the new Docks. When there is any thing like a want of room in either of those docks, no vessel ought to be allowed to enter, until permission is first obtained from the Harbour Master. He is the only one, whose business it will be to know the situation of the docks. Nothing will hurt them from obstructing at times the pass, except heavy fines: we have had a recent convincing proof of that: our late Harbour master, in the execution of his duty in the entrance of the new docks, was killed by one of the boatmen. This calls aloud for more energetic measures.

The Corporation has yet the power of securing for the use of the City two very valuable springs of water. I beg leave to call your very serious attention to this subject before it is too late; one at the Corner of German and Eden Streets ~~and Cottman Alley~~, on the property of Mr. James Steele: it has at present a great supply of water; and General Stricker, who has a number of very productive springs of water, a little above that, has authorised me say, that he will permit you to convey all the water free of any charge by him, to such place as you may designate. Those waters can be united to the other spring at a very little expense. The other Spring has long been known by the name of Clopper's Spring, in a very populous part of the City, where good water, with the exception of this Spring, is not produced.

Harford Run has a claim for money to be expended on it; in its present situation, it is the greatest nuisance in our City, and keeps that part of the City, that is as pleasant and healthy as any other part of it (and abounds with the best of spring waters) from being built on.

I did anticipate the pleasure of communicating to you that the Company preparing Gas for lighting the City, would have been by this time so far advanced as to have exhibited, satisfactory specimens of the utility of their exertions; but owing to obstacles incidental to getting into operation new inventions of such great magnitude, will until after the present severe frost prevent their from lighting more than the lamp, at the corner of Lemmon and Market Streets. I have no hesitation in believing that the most sanguine expectations of the Gentlemen who have undertaken this great improvement will be fully gratified, and that in a short time they will be prepared to contract for lighting the City whenever it may be required.-

The Port Wardens to whose charge has been entrusted the improvement of the Harbour, repairs to Harwes &c, will lay before you, the expenditures of the last year's appropriation, and a statement of what appears to be the most necessary to be next attended to, which supersedes