for Oppressed Humanity – La Fayette the protegee of our Washington, is the last of our Revolutionary Generals, and comes to see for himself the Fruit, borne on the Tree of Liberty, to feel that Emancipation of body and person which belongs to man; in possession of those rights the Omnipotent has bestowed on his creatures.

As it is utterly impossible that the people of Baltimore should feel Lukewarm on an occasion like that anticipated, or that the now Venerable and renowned La Fayette should not be received and retained as the Friend of our Republic, so long as it shall suit his convenience to abide with us; I have convened you chiefly, to afford an opportunity of shewing the love and respect of a Grateful people, to this Illustrious and Chivalric Foreigner, who used his influence, hazarded his Honors, and freely exposed his life, that the Sovereignty and Independence of these States, proclaimed the Fourth of July 1776 might be ratified, by the destruction or expulsion of the invaders of our land.

As the General is now advanced in life (altho' we have the pleasure to learn he enjoys good health) I would respectfully beg leave to suggest, that in the attentions that may be paid to him, the most earnest respect be shewn to his ease and comfort, that if possible he may be made to feel at home in this City, which so well knows how to shew gratitude to her Benefactors, Protectors & Friends.

Some of the provisions of the last law for the regulations of the Markets, operate with a severity not contemplated, and is much complained of, particularly the section by which selling of Cheese in the Fish Market is prohibited.

The appropriation of one Hundred Dollars for Chatsworth run has not been used, as upon a consultation with the consulting Physician, Board of Health, and City Commissioners, we cannot discover any valuable purpose to which it can be applied: if the appropriation is increased to Five Hundred dollars, it can be so used, as essentially to contribute to the preservation of the Health of that part of our City. for more particular information on this interesting subject I refer you to the Communication from Doctor Bond herewith handed you.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Edwd. Johnson

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A Message was recd. from the first Branch proposing to refer the Communication from the Mayor to a joint Committee naming on their part Messrs Reed & Niles to which the Second Branch assented appointing on their part Messrs Patterson & Randall & so informed the first Branch by Message. –

Sundry Petitions were recd. from the Mayor which were read and referred to the first Branch.

Mr Patterson from the Committee delivered the following report which was read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in –

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Communication and the accompanying Documents prayed leave to recommend that so much thereof as relates to the expected visit of the illustrious and venerable General La Fayette be referred to a Joint Committee of both Branches to report fully thereon; That so much as relates to the provisions of the late law for the regulation of the Markets be referred to the first Branch; That so much as relates to Chatsworth run be referred to the first Branch; and that the Communication from the City Commissioners on the subject of the repairs of the centre Market be referred to the Second Branch, all of which is respectfully submitted.

July 22nd 1824 –

2nd Branch { Wm Patterson, Reale Randall.
1st Branch { James H Clarke, E G Woodyear, J Cushing

The first Branch informed ye of the concurrence in the above report by Message.

A Message was recd. from the 1st Branch informing us of the appointment of Messrs Howard, Niles and Woodyear as their part of the Committee on so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to General La Fayette, whereupon this Branch appointed Messrs Patterson and Randall and so informed the first Branch by Message.

Messrs Meeter, Mosher and Stouffer were appointed a Committee on the subject of the Market houses.

A message was received from the first Branch proposing to refer an accompanying communication from the Mayor and documents relating to City Stock and Cheapside street to a joint Committee, naming on their part Messrs Cushing, Tyson and Finley