I herewith transmit a petition addressed to me by a number of "owners of property in the Southern Section of the City," expressing their belief, "that the property in that Section of the City for a considerable extent will not only be seriously injured, but the lives of the inhabitants residing immediately in the vicinity be endangered" in consequence of a building now erecting near the intersection of Light & Bank Streets, by Messrs Woolen & Howland, intended to be occupied for the purpose of "planing & sawing Lumber on the same principle as the one lately burnt on Green Street," & the petitioners request me "to convene the Council at an early day, for the purpose of laying the subject before them for their consideration."

Believing that opportunities ought always to be given to our fellow Citizens (when desired by them) to express their views to the Council upon Matters of importance, I have deemed it proper to comply with the request, and I submit the subject to your wisdom and consideration discretion, with a full conviction that you will bestow upon it a calm and dispassionate consideration.

I very much regret, that the object of the Resolution of the Council, passed at their late Session in July last in relation to the erection of a Bridge over Jones' Falls at Water Street, has not been carried into effect. — The ballance of the award of damages allowed to Mr McDonald by the Commissioners appointed under an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act authorising the connecting of Water Street with King George Street, at Jones' Falls, in the City of Baltimore," passed December Session, 1816 was tendered to the Counsel of Mr McDonald; who refused its acceptance, unless interest on the award was also paid: as Mr McDonald has never been deprived of the use of a part of the building which he continues to occupy and the receipt of rent for the remainder, the demand of his Counsel was deemed inadmissible, and notice was given that on a certain day the City Commissioners would proceed to remove the buildings; from which they

they were prevented by an injunction. An answer was filed on behalf of the Corporation and a Motion made by the Counsellor of the City to dissolve the injunction. It is confidently expected that the case will be argued and decided during the present Month —

Respectfully Submitted
Jesse Hunt
Mayor

A Message was received from the first Branch proposing the adoption of the joint rules of the last Session for the government of the Branches, until substituted by others. This Branch informed them that they assented —

A Message was received from the first Branch proposing the appointment of a joint Committee to whom the Mayors Communication shall be referred, and naming on their part Messrs Myers, Scott and Blair. This Branch appointed and appointed Messrs Lucas & Stubbs —

On Motion the Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past three o'clock —

By order W. Bell Clerk