this subject, and as it contains information which appears to me important, it is herewith submitted,

By the annual expenditure of large sums of money our Harbour has gradually improved, but the wants of our growing commerce & population requires that the improvement should be extended, as it is essentially important that the Harbour generally should be deepened, but however desirable this may be, the present embarassed situation of the Finances of the City; forbids me from recommending at this time an increase of the large sum annually appropriated by the Council for this object; This being a subject in which the General Government is deeply interested, as it is a source from which it derives through Commerce an immense revenue in duties, and when it is remembered that the revenue thus derived is applied to the General benefit of all the States in the Union it appears unreasonable that the City of Baltimore should be burthened with the whole of the expense of preserving the harbour in navigable condition such is at present literally the fact for although the state Maryland appropriates twenty thousand annually from the auction duties towards deepening the harbour yet these duties are in fact derived from the auctioneers of the city of Baltimore. I would therefore respectfully recommend that an application be made to Congress for an appropriation to aid in deepening our harbour, & I have no doubt such an application would meet with a favorable reception, for it will be remembered that a few years since Congress appropriated twenty thousand dollars towards this object, but it was contained in a bill embracing upwards of one hundred other appropriations, some of which were deemed inadmissable by the President and the bill was consequently vetoed, if an appropriation could be obtained from Congress for deepening our Harbour without connecting it with other subjects, it would doubtless receive the sanction of the President.

The several Markets have been improved as directed and the revenue derived from them has very much increased during the past year: the comfort and convenience of persons attending Market should be promoted by all reasonable means, and I think these would be increased by placing two rows of Flag Stones near the centre of the Street opposite the Market Houses and in a range with the wagons, this improvement especially in the Centre Market would be very beneficial and if adopted it would also be necessary to repave the Street from the Flag Stones to the Sheds of that Market, and when it is recollected that while these improvements in our Markets add to the convenience of our Citizens, it also promotes the comfort of those who in all seasons, and at all times bring the necessaries of life to administer to our wants; the Council will I am sure be ever willing to accomplish those desirable objects, so far as prudence and justice will warrant.

The western Night Watch is located in a rented building, by no means adequate to the purpose for which it is occupied, the rent paid for this building it is believed would nearly pay the interest upon the sum which it would require to erect a suitable House for this purpose, and I would therefore recommend this subject to the favourable consideration of the Council.

A plain and neat vault has been erected in the Catholic burying ground as a receptacle for the remains of Sister Mary George who died in Hospital No 2 and Sister Mary Hedwig who died in Hospital No 3 whilst engaged in the noble work of alleviating the sufferings of their fellow beings during the prevalence of the Cholera.

The Court of appeals at its last Session decided the protracted controversy respecting Sugan & McElderry in favour of the city, and they also decreed, that Butler Sugan Esqr. should pay all the costs of the controversy and refund to the City the amount of wharfage received by him.

The arrangement which subsisted between Gov McKenzie and the State of Maryland, in relation to the Maryland Hospital, terminated on the first Instant and the State now have the entire control of that Institution.

An arrangement has existed for some years past, between the board of Health and Gov McKenzie in relation to the reception of persons having the small pox, but by an act of the Legislature passed at December Session 1827, it is provided, that hereafter no person affected with any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease shall be admitted into said Hospital; as the Rules and