City Commissioners Office

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

Balto Jany. 20th 1840

In answer to the call made upon them by your Hble. body, to know "what number of days the Dredging Machine have been employed between Chase's Wharf and Connelly's Wharf" and "if they have not been so employed, to state the reasons why they have not" the City Commissioners respectfully state that the Machines have been operating in that part of the Harbor known as "Deptford Hummock" except under two special Resolutions of the Council, viz: Resolution No. 35, approved April 3rd 1829 page 64 and Resolution No 35. approved March 2nd 1831 page 61.

In answer to the second branch of said call, requiring to know "the present depth of water in the Harbor between Chase's Wharf and Connelly's Wharf, and between Chase's Wharf and Bowley's Wharf" the Commissioners respectfully reply that they have sounded both sides of the Channel, and find the depths as follows:

North side of the Channel —

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| Off Chase's Wharf | 14 feet |
| Ramsay's do | 15-6 |
| Screw Dock | 15-6 |
| Jackson's Wharf | 15-6 |
| Craig's do | 16 |
| Campbell's do | 16 |
| Bell's do | 17 |
| Gibson's do | 17 |
| Connelly's do west side | 17-6 |
| do East side | 17-6 |

South side of the Channel

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| Between Connelly's Wharf & Whetstone Point | 17 |
| Opposite Court Wharf | 15 |
| Chasly Wharf | 15 |

Straight up the Channel

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| Off East side of Mill Street | 14 |
| West do do | 13 |
| Bethelle Church | 15 |
| Patterson's Warehouse | 13 |
| Point Street | 13 |
| Inlet to City Dock | 13 |



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| City Block | 14-6 |
| Union Dock | 15 |
| Oliver's Wharf East end 14 feet; west end | 15 |
| Goodwin's Ship Yard | 15 |
| Long Dock | 15 |
| Frederick Street Dock | 13-6 |
| Corner's Wharf | 14 |
| Of McKim's Steam Mill | 14 |
| Gay Street Dock | 14-6 |
| Steam Boat Wharf | 13-6 |
| Commerce Street | 14 |
| McClure's Dock | 15 |
| South Street Dock | 12 |
| South end Bowley's Wharf | 13-6 |

The above measurements were taken when the water was 6 inches below mean tide

Respectfully
James Curley
John N. Murphy } Commissioners

Mr Frazier from the Committee, submitted the following report & Resolution, which was read the first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the first branch

The Committee on the Harbor to whom was referred the Resolution of the second branch, requiring them to examine into the expediency of having Jone's Falls straightened at right angles with Pratt Street, have had the subject under consideration, and have come to the conclusion, that however desirable and necessary such an improvement might be, and your Committee are free to confess that it would be highly advantageous to the free and uninterrupted discharge of the water, ice, and other matter coming down the Falls; yet from the low state of the City Treasury, your Committee cannot at this time recommend such an undertaking with any prospect of success, more especial at a crisis like the present, when other improvements deemed almost of vital importance to the general interests of Baltimore, are likely to languish from a want of the necessary funds to push them forward to completion — The estimates of the City Commissioners for property to be taken and labor and materials necessary

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