the corporation to carry into effect the provisions of the several ordi-nances already existing, and which in my judgement, are sufficiently ample to meet the exigency, is placed by the charter with your honorable body; and I have every confidence in the liberality which will characterise your appropriations for that purpose, believing that you will consider that the health of the city must be preserved if possible, at any cost

I would respectfully suggest that in view of the importance of raising the necessary funds for the purposes aforesaid, that the Register of the city be authorised to effect a loan of five thousand dollars, to be placed at the disposition of the board of health, to be expended by them as occasion shall require, and in order that the responsible duties imposed upon them, may be fulfilled.

Herewith I transmit a communication from the board of health addressed to me, and which contains some suggestions which the council may find useful in their deliberations.

Very respectfully
Elijah Stansbury Mayor

Office of the Board of Health, May 2d 1849.

To the Hon Elijah Stansbury
Mayor of the city of Baltimore.

Sir:

The present excited state of the public mind growing out of the existance of Cholera in some of the neighboring cities, and its anticipated appearance in our own city, and also our unprotected condition, makes it necessary that you, as the chief officer of this corporation should be informed of the inability of the Board of Health to meet this dreadful scourge.

The Board does not desire to create any unnecessary alarm by prematurely arousing the community by recommending preparations or measures to avert or lessen the violence of this pestilence should it appear among us. Nevertheless, we feel it our duty to urge upon all to be prepared for its approach. After watching its progress, it is unreasonable to suppose that we shall escape a visitation from it.

The principal object of this communication is to call your attention to the difficulties that now present themselves to the Board in abating nuisances, injurious to health. There are many stagnant pools of water on private property located in the city, requiring draining. There are many other nuisances in existance which, if not abated, will prove fruitful sources of disease, the Harford run is in a disgustingly filthy condition and requiring cleaning. This should be attended to immediately. This subject was presented to the City Council at its annual session and was referred

to the Board of Health to have the work done, but no money was appropriated for the purpose. The Board has also felt the want of means in many other cases where it was necessary to procure agents for disenfecting certain localities, inhabited by a miserably degraded portion of the colored population among whom existed typhod fever.

The Board believes that the ordinances of the city gives it full power and authority to remove all nuisances dangerous to health The appropriation, however, made for that purpose is very small and barely enough to meet the expenses at a healthy period, and totally insufficient for an extraordinary occasion, such as is reasonably anticipated will occur. The usual method of abating nuisances will not answer in the cases to which your attention has been called. The Board would soon expend the little means at its disposal, and nothing would be left for ordinary purposes, Before the fines and penalties could be collected for violations of the health laws the pestilence would have swept over the land. It must also be recollected that these fines do not come into the possession of the Board of Health but into the city treasury.

Means should be immediately placed at the disposal of the Board for the purpose of cleansing and disenfecting all public places, and also the property of persons who are either unable or refuse to do it themselves. Cleanliness has done much to mitigate the violence of the disease in other cities, and we may hope with well directed and proper efforts, either to prevent its introduction and extension or render it mild in its character should it appear.

With these remarks, the subject is left with you to do what in your judgment may deem proper.

By order of the Board of Health.
John F Monmonier
City Physician.

Mr Shaffer presented a petition of John M Buck and others complaining of a nuisance between Gough street and Harford run, which was read and on motion of Mr Shaffer referred to the board of health.

Mr Shaffer presented a petition of W Reeside, relative to a a nuisance in hides, now landing from the brig Neptune, lying at Tennants wharf, read and on motion referred to the board of health.

The following message was received from the First Branch read, and on motion concurred in.