

WHEREAS, Said wharf has, for many years, been used as the landing place of said ferry boats, and is in every way adapted to the convenience, and meets the wants of the public in this regard, and there is no other wharf on the north side of the basin, which, from its position in reference to access from the streets of the city would be available or suitable for ferry purposes, that could be obtained, except at such a price as would make its acquisition for such ferry purposes out of the question; and the prohibition therefore to use said wharf at the foot of Broadway, for the landing place of said steam ferry boats, would be practically a *destruction* of said steam ferry altogether; and

WHEREAS, The maintenance of said steam ferry is absolutely vital to all the large commercial, manufacturing and shipping interests, now carried on at Locust Point; and besides being a great and necessary convenience to the large number of working people who are employed at Locust Point, and live in the City of Baltimore, is also of inestimable service in connexion with the transportation of the Fire Department of the City, in cases of fire at Locust Point.

WHEREAS, Said wharf as it stood prior to its extension and improvement by the Broadway and Locust Point Ferry Company, under its charter, granted by the Legislature in 1868, was built and has been from time to time improved, extended and repaired by the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, out of the Treasury of the City, the published "Ordinances and Resolutions" of the City, showing appropriations for the construction and repair of said wharf as follows: Resolution No. 46, of April 2nd, 1835, appropriating \$3,000, (three thousand dollars;) Resolution No. 29, March 8th, 1836, appropriating \$2,400, (two thousand four hundred dollars;) Resolution No. 14, February 15th, 1837, appropriating \$3,452, (thirty-four hundred and fifty-two dollars;) Resolution No. 62, March 13th, 1846, appropriating \$100; and Resolution No. 66, April 3rd, 1849, appropriating \$1,000, (one thousand dollars,) making a total appropriation of \$9,952, for said wharf; so that said wharf, though called the "County Wharf," is in fact the property of said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and it would, therefore, be manifestly unjust for the Legislature of the State to make such use of said wharf as should be ruinously prejudicial to the interests of said city; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Legislature of Maryland be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to pass no law prohibiting the use of the wharf at the foot of Broadway, known as the "County Wharf," for the landing of the Steam Ferry Boats of the Broadway and Locust Point Steam Ferry Company.