

**COUNCIL CHAMBER,**

**ANNAPOLIS, July 30, 1836.**

**Dear Sir,**—Richard Lemmon, Esquire, one of the auctioneers within the city of Baltimore, under commission and license of the state, has informed the Governor and Council that suit has been instituted against him by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, for the recovery of a fine of \$500, for his non-compliance with an ordinance of the city lately passed for the regulation of sales by auction.

It is understood that the city authorities intend to contest the constitutionality of the state law regulating auctions, and that in addition to the ordinance for regulating them by city authority, they passed a resolution to indemnify such auctioneers as comply with their ordinance, and disregard the state law.

Under these circumstances, and in consideration of the deep interest which the state has in maintaining and enforcing its law, the Governor and Council have instructed me, to request that you will, by yourself or deputy, defend, or cause to be defended, Mr. Lemmon, against the suit aforesaid, and also any and all other auctioneers, acting