

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable

the General Assembly of Maryland:

The Board of Trade, comprising from three to four hundred of the principal merchants and men of business of the city of Baltimore, respectfully beg leave again to memorialise your honourable body on the subject of their Harbor, and the insuperable difficulties which inward and outward bound vessels especially experience from accumulations of ice in the river and bay during the winter months. In consequence of the great change in the seasons, the attention of your memorialists, and their fellow-citizens, was drawn to this subject several years ago. Your honorable body having incorporated a company for that purpose, they proceeded by private subscription to construct the Ice-Boat Relief, which is now and has been for several winters past, in full and successful operation. This boat is of about 150 horsepower, and has cost about forty thousand dollars. In consequence of the still increasing severity of the seasons, and the rapidly growing trade of the city, the boat, notwithstanding her incessant exertions by night and by day, is found to be totally incapable of rendering adequate relief to the many vessels that are continually soliciting her aid. She has, within the last three weeks, extricated from peril between eighty and a hundred vessels—saved many from wreck, and manifestly preserved whole crews and cargoes from loss. Yet she has been compelled from day