

to day, to pass by numbers of ships and bay-craft, which she could not, from want of time and assistance, relieve.

Your memorialists are convinced that the prosperity of the city cannot be preserved, and the navigation of her river and harbor kept open, without the assistance of another boat of equal or larger power, and to be constructed at at least as great expense as the present one. The town is rapidly growing, and with due encouragement of her interests by your honorable body, her wealth and commerce must rapidly increase. For the prosperity which has already been attained, she is partly indebted to the kind and beneficent auspices of the State Government. Under existing laws, passed within the last few years, large sums of money have been appropriated to our great public works, nearly all of which lead directly or indirectly to the city of Baltimore. As this has been done in the way of loans and subscriptions to stocks, and as the success of these works is intimately united with the prosperity of the commercial emporium, it must always be a primary object with the government of the State, that her commerce shall not suffer from embarrassments, which may be easily relieved. Your memorialists are satisfied that from the heavy drafts which have already been made upon the liberality of their fellow-citizens, it would be impossible to raise, by private subscription, the sum that would be required for the object above specified. They are certain that the fullest employment would be given to both boats, were another constructed of equal cost and power with the present.

Wherefore, your memorialists most respectfully pray the Legislature to grant to them, to be expended as by act of Assembly shall be provided, such sums of money as may be necessary to carry into effect the object above specified. They represent, that the company who own it, have expressed their entire readiness to deliver over to the Board of Trade, the boat now in operation, provided the Legislature should see proper to make the grant now solicited; and the proposition