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BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

DECEMBER 28, 1831.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against extending Ferry-street from Gold to Nassau-street, presented the following Report in favor of the Extension, which was read, laid on the table, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

J. MORTON, Clerk.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a large number of persons owning property in Ferry-street, praying for a continuation of that Street to Nassau-street, together with a Remonstrance from persons owning property in Ferry-street, but more particularly persons owning property in Spruce, Frankfort, William and Gold streets.

Your Committee have advertised for objections and given the subject their deliberate consideration after hearing the parties for and against opening of Ferry-street.

This subject is supposed to be familiar with the Members of this Board, or a number of them, having been frequently petitioned for; but at no time previous has so large a por-

tion of those who would necessarily be heavily assessed for the opening, asked for this improvement.

Ferry-street from Pearl to Gold-street is at present a place of business, and great complaints are made against the inconveniences they suffer for the want of good outlets to the north and western parts of the city. Gold-street for two or three months of the winter season is hardly passable for loaded carts, particularly from Spruce to Ferry-street.

Your Committee regret that a Petition is now before them for widening Spruce-street, on the north side, from Gold street to Nassau-street—the whole length of the block on Nassau-street is less than 173 feet, which renders it clearly manifest that to widen Spruce-street on the north side 20 or 25 feet, and open Ferry-street 35 feet wide, would be injurious to both. The width of the block in William-street, between Spruce and Frankfort streets, is about 240 feet, and the width of the block between Spruce and Frankfort-streets on Gold-street is 330 feet. With but trifling improvements between Gold and William streets, on a line with the opening asked for, this block would be greatly improved, and could well afford to pay a large portion of the expense, as the ground in the centre of this block would become valuable, when at present it is of but little value. The block between William and Nassau streets is much narrower, and has some valuable buildings on William-street which would have to be taken down, as well as part of the back building of Mess. Lovejoy and Howard, which has recently been put up, together with a part of Tammany-Hall, taking off their private staircase, which, from the representation of the trustees and occupants, would materially injure the building for the purpose that it is now occupied for.

Your Committee after due deliberation on this subject, and the necessity of some public improvement in that neighborhood, have come to the conclusion, that the opening of Ferry-street from Gold to Nassau-street would be the best improvement and a great public convenience.

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That Ferry-street be continued from Gold-street to Nassau-street, agreeable to a plan herewith presented.

THOMAS T. WOODRUFF.
JOSEPH TUCKER.
FYLER DIBBLEE.

