

maintenance or repair of different parts of the suburbs, for £20, £25, or £30 ; but in this case it would be necessary, in addition to the security which the city should require of the contractors, that a penalty should be imposed, recoverable in a summary manner, upon prosecution, either by the Surveyor or any other person, against any contractor becoming negligent or refractory.

18. The street sweeping is removed in summer by the Magistrates at the expense of the city, and in winter, the care of the maintenance and repairs of certain roads, is, by the 12th section of the Act of 1799 imposed on the Magistrates. (See this section of the Act which authorises the Magistrates to lay out for this purpose a sum, quite inadequate, not exceeding £20 annually). In like manner why should not the Magistrates be empowered to contract with individuals for the performance of the two kinds of work last mentioned ? Such individuals to be liable to a penalty, to be paid to the city, when convicted of negligence ; and such penalties to be recoverable in a summary manner.

19. The owners of large lots of ground in the city not built upon would readily open upon their respective lots more new streets or continuations of streets than they are now in the habit of doing, if they were freed from the burthen of keeping such streets or continuations of streets in repair in winter ; which they are now obliged to do so long as they remain in possession of the lots bordering on such streets. Might not the city undertake to maintain these new streets in good repair for a limited time ? The advantages resulting from this would be most beneficial to the city. Every thing that is carried into the country, or brought from it, now passes necessarily through few streets, the maintenance of which must in consequence be very expensive to the city. In proportion to the in-