

The non observance of the prohibitory laws - April 19 1838 by
the retailers and taverns of our neighboring City has produced
its legitimate consequences in enabling the denizens of
dunkards to obtain a supply of spirituous liquors sufficient for
occasional imbibitions, the moderate drinkers of these liquors
to gratify a vitiated taste for ~~the same~~ ~~liquors~~, while the taverns
of the City and more genteel places of resort are frequented by the
youth and by those who would not consider it respectable to be seen
in the lower order of Grog Shops. - Our proximity and very
easy intercourse with the City subjects us to their evils -
But our sufferings are incomparably less than it would be
were the taverns, Grogshops, Gambling Houses and other places
of dissipation located in the midst of us, so as to afford the
strongest temptation to the young, the idle, to those disposed
to indulge in dissipation, to frequent them.

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