

141 And also a Petition from the "Mechanical Fire Company of Baltimore," praying for "an appropriation to assist them in paying for an Engine House built by them on a public Lot," were severally presented Read and referred to the standing Committee appointed on that subject. Viz: Messrs. Jamison Leving and Young.

A Bill entitled "A Supplement to the Ordinance providing for lighting and watching the City" was received from the Second Branch, Read the First time and ordered to lie on the table.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to assist Samuel Davis in procuring machines to remove mud out of the Harbour" was on motion Read a third time, passed & sent to the Second Branch for their concurrence.

The following Resolutions were on motion submitted Read the First time and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

"Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested and directed to have all the gun powder that belongs to the City sold forthwith, and the net proceeds placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of the Battle Monument to be expended by the Committee in aiding to finish the Monument."

2^d "Resolved by both branches of the City Council that there be added in the appropriation Bill for the present year dollars to be paid over to the Chairman of the Committee of the Battle Monument, to be expended by the Committee in aiding to finish the monument

142 which Resolutions having been severally Read were ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the Letter from the Mayor accompanying a Correspondence of Major General Smith with the Acting Secretary of War relative to the Claims of the City of Baltimore upon the General Government for expenses incurred during the late War, submitted the following -

"First Branch City Council

The Committee to whom the Letter of the Mayor communicating one to him from Genl. Smith, and also one to the Acting Secretary of War from Genl. Smith upon the subject of the Claims of this City for expenses incurred during the late War, beg leave most respectfully to Report, That your Committee are of the Opinion that until a Secretary of War shall have been appointed by the President of the United States nothing can be decisively done at Washington upon the subject of said Claims. But that they confidently believe the accounts of this City will be audited soon after such appointment shall have been made, and when audited appropriations will be made to pay the same, if such have not already been made, and the City will then eventually be paid. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, that the Mayor and the Presidents of both branches of the City Council be requested to confer with Major General S. Smith upon his return to this City; and they are hereby authorized to decide upon, and adopt such measures as in their opinion may then seem best to obtain an early settlement of Claims of this City,