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on each side, makes the road so narrow it is with difficulty and considerable danger, that carriages can pass each other. The constant washes from the surrounding hills would destroy any other manner of improvement and carry the dirt and sand into the Harbour. Your Committee are firmly of opinion that the only effectual method of preserving and saving the navigation and harbour from total ruin is the paving of all the streets south of Dulany Street.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Ordinance passed the 10th April last, entitled "An Ordinance directing the paving of part of Dulany Street in the City of Baltimore", as also the Ordinance for paving Mills Street, Washington Street, Castle Alley and County Street within certain distances, and for other purposes, so as more effectually to preserve the navigation", passed same day, to be carried into effect, it being their opinion that the purport of said Ordinances requires no alteration - All which is respectfully submitted

Signed James Mosher, T. Sheppard, J. Jamison }
Wm. Bromwell, Jacob Miller L. D.

Which Report having been read was ordered to lie on the table.

"The Report of the joint Committee to whom that part of the Mayor's Communication which relates to an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the last session, entitled "An Act to enlarge the bounds of the City" was referred, pray leave further to report by Ordinance and Resolutions."

Signed, John Collins, James Bray, John Campbell White, 2nd
James Mosher, T. Sheppard, John Berry, James Wilson, E. J. Woodman, 1st

Which Report having been read, as also a legal opinion of John Purviance Esquire on the subject, and the following Bill viz: A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for laying out Election Districts in the City of Baltimore" And also the following Resolutions, were severally ordered to lie on the table.

to wit: "In First Branch of the City Council
Resolved, that Henry Stouffer, James Martin & Nathaniel Dymson City Commissioners, or a majority of them, be and they are

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hereby required to examine the late addition to the City of Baltimore and to report to the Mayor of the City, on or before the first day of August next the most equal division thereof into new Wards, as directed by an act of the General Assembly passed at the last session, entitled "An Act to enlarge the bounds of the City of Baltimore, so that each Ward may have, as nearly as may be, the same number of inhabitants with the present Wards respectively, and also to report the most suitable and Central places in each Ward for holding the City Elections."

Resolved that the said Henry Stouffer, James Martin and Nathaniel Dymson, or a majority of them, shall also make report, on or before the first day of October next to the Mayor, of all property within the limits of the late addition to the City, which is subject to taxation under the sixth section of said Act. And also to make an apportionment thereon and make return thereof in the same manner as apportionments in other parts of the City are made.

Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to call the Council together so soon as the first mentioned Report shall be made to him, in order that they may take the subject into consideration and pass such Ordinances thereon as may be by them considered necessary."

On motion it was ordered by the Branch that the Legal Opinion of John Purviance Esquire be entered on the Journal, which is as follows.

"The Legislature of Maryland by their late act to enlarge the bounds of the City, have certainly committed a great error in relation to the election of Members of the Council - they directed that the members for both branches of the City Council shall be chosen at the same time and in the same manner with those now elected for the present Wards. If the words of the law only are regarded, it would seem that the City Council have no right to pass any Ordinance prescribing a different period of time for holding the elections of the new Wards, from what now exists. The effect would be to leave that portion of the Citizens inhabiting the new Wards, without a representation in the second branch of the City Council, as that part of the Corporation is chosen for two years, and not quite one year has elapsed since the last election. In this state of things, I would advise the Council to proceed to enact the necessary Ordinances to regulate the election for both branches as if the