Mr Finley from the committee to whom was referred the Petition of Fielding Lucas & others, delivered a report and A Bill entitled An Ordinance to prevent the obstruction of the streets, lanes and alleys in the City of Baltimore; which was read a first time & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Cushing from the Joint Committee delivered the following Report and Resolution which were read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Col John E Howard beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under consideration and have in person examined the situation of the property through which Belvidere street has been extended. The fact that the exclusion of said street owing to the peculiar character and situation of the adjacent grounds has been in some respects prejudicial, and has produced a controversy between Col Howard and the City of Baltimore. That in consequence thereof, a suit has been brought in Equity and an Injunction obtained, that this suit has been pending several years and from the peculiar character of the controversy and the extent of the claims, is likely to be of long duration, and in any event to involve the City in much trouble and great expense owing to the nature and limits of Col Howards grounds intersected and cut to pieces as they are by the streets and the Water Company's Canal, the assessment upon Col Howard for the extension of the street has operated oppressively, and has distinguished his case from that of others. They find too that in the extension of it, damage has been otherwise done which has also given rise to suits. In addition to these circumstances Your Committee would add that a culvert was rendered through a portion of the grounds necessary and which could only be made at considerable expense. These and other circumstances brought to the notice of Your Committee, induced them to recommend a compromise whereby these difficulties will be removed, and the City released from the trouble and expense of a long and unpleasant controversy, which will be desirable. The case moreover being different from others and singular in its character cannot in future be properly drawn into a precedent, Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

S. Cushing, John Reese, Jas A Clarke 1st
Robt Miller James Beatty 2d

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Mayor of the City be and he is hereby authorized and required upon the receipt of the sum of Five Thousand dollars from Col John E Howard, to enter the cause now pending in Baltimore County Court, on the Equity side thereof, wherein Col Howard is the Complainant, and the Mayor and City Council and others are Defendants "agreed", and to execute to the said Howard a release and acquittance of and from all claim and demand against him for and on account of his proportion of the assessment laid for the opening and extending of Belvidere street.

Mr Finley from the Committee of conference, delivered a Report, and A Bill entitled A further additional supplement to an Ordinance, entitled An Ordinance regulating the riding and driving of horses and carriages &c which was read a first and by special order the second time & Bill passed.

Mr Hubbard moved that the Committee on lamps be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp at the N. E corner of Holland and Harford streets and one at the south west corner of Holland & Eden street.

Mr Bosley presented a petition from Thomas W Bond and others relative to a pump, which was read a first time, on motion by Mr Shaffer it was referred to the next annual session of the City Council, and on motion by Mr Bosley the petition was withdrawn.

On Motion by Mr Finley the memorial from S C Larkin was referred to Messrs Finley, Cushing and Moore.

Mr Heath from the Committee of conference delivered the following Report.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the Ordinance entitled A supplement to an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance for completing the Baltimore Monument, beg leave to report that they have considered the subject and recommend the passage of the Ordinance with the proposed amendments. To suffer this memorial of the valor and patriotism of your citizens to remain in its present state would be a disgrace to the City. Your Committee cannot believe that the lapse of a few years has so obliterated all the high and noble sentiments which actuated the gallant band whose deeds it commemorates, and the noble feelings by which the living were governed as to permit