upper end of Pratt street, and which lot being now occupied as a lumber yard, and not being immediately connected with any buildings, they do not think the risk of fire would be very much increased, considering the danger already existing from the lumber itself; yet to grant the permission asked would be a departure from what may be deemed, on this subject the settled Policy of the City; and not only would be an exception from a necessary regulation but also might be viewed as a precedent which if followed, may become highly injurious to the community. under these impressions, therefore, the committee submit the accompanying resolution.

Janry 10th 1831 S.S. Cohen Jr, Chas Diffenderffer, Fred'c Seyler

Resolved that the committee on Fire Companies be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of R.G Cole, Coates & Co.

Mr Hanson from the committee delivered the following report and resolution which was read a first time laid on the table.

The joint committee to whom was referred the examination of the accounts of the City Commissioners and Port Wardens, report

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and from the accounts regularly kept, supported by proper vouchers for each expenditure of their office, and beg leave to express their decided approbation of the manner of conducting the business of that department. All of which is respectfully submitted with the annexed resolution.

Mich'l Hanson, Noah Ridgely Chas Diffenderffer.
Samuel Moore, Joshua Motts.

Resolved that the committee be discharged.

Mr Meeker presented a petition from R I Crosby & Jn'o Wilson Committee on behalf of the Sunday school attached to the Second Presbyterian Church, which was read and sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer it to the Joint Committee On Education.

Mr Thomas from the Joint Committee On Health delivered the following report and resolution which was read a first and by special order the second time and ordered to lie on the table.

The joint committee On Health beg leave to recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Janry 10th 1831 Lambert Thomas, M'l Baer, Peter Tenby 1st
William Reany, M Grafton 2d

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Board of Health with the approbation of the Mayor be and

they are hereby directed to have the City forthwith divided into twelve convenient districts, and to employ one regular practising Physician for each district, whose duty it shall be to visit each house in said district and vaccinate all persons who may require this preventive against small pox; and that the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated with the approbation of the Mayor to carry this resolution into effect; the amount to be paid by the Register out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

Balt'e Janry 10th 1831

Gentlemen of the First & Second Branches of the City Council.

I herewith transmit a communication from John Scott Esq'r Attorney for the City; a claim of James B Hansbury as Executor; a claim of William H Collins for costs &c; a copy of the memorial of Samuel Hollins as presented to the General Assembly of Mary'd at their present session and the report of the Mechanical Fire Company.

Respectfully Submitted

Jacob Small Mayor

The bill from James B Hansbury and communication from John Scott Esq'r were read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the joint committee "On Claims".

The memorial of Samuel Hollins was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Joint Committee "On the Harbour".

A communication from A & J Ellicott relative to the fish houses was received from the Mayor which was read and referred to Mess'rs Carroll, Hubbard and Meeker.

The return of the Mechanical Fire company received from the Mayor was read and referred.

A petition from John Glenn and others was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the Committee On Bridges.

The Register presented his annual summary, which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Joint Committee appointed to examine his accounts. On motion by Mr Carroll 50 copies were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

A resolution requiring the committee on Ways and Means to make certain enquiries was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order the second time and ordered to lie on the table.