The resolution discharging the committee from further considering the memorial of Samuel Reeves, was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returns the same endorsed, concurred in.

Mr Cohen from the committee On Fire companies, delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The Committee On Fire Companies, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Shedden, for the removal of a wooden stable, beg leave to report. That it is represented to them that the petitioner having made arrangements which will supersede the further consideration of the petition, and that he is desirous of withdrawing the application, the committee therefore respectfully submit the accompanying resolution.

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Resolved that the Committee On Fire companies be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Edward Shedden, and that he be permitted to withdraw the same.

Mr Millholland offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returns the same endorsed "concurred in".

Resolved that the committee On Streets be directed to enquire into the expediency of taking up and repaving the north west end of Wells street.

A communication was received from the Register furnishing a list of claims against the Corporation for 1830, in pursuance of the Ordinance of 6th Apl 1829, which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee On Ways and Means. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Cohen offered the following which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by both branches that the committee On Police be and they are hereby instructed to report A Bill to regulate the fare of Hackney coaches and carriages.

A report of the committee of conference on a certain resolution calling for the appointment of a Joint Committee to take into consideration a certain subject &c was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the Second Branch. The President appointed Messrs Young, Baer & Henby on the Joint committee required by the resolution, and informed the Second Branch by message.

Mr Diffenderffer offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the Joint Committee On the Alms house, enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature for a law to prevent the State from being burthened with poor emigrants from Europe, and to make the Captains and owners of vessels liable for their maintenance for one year.

On motion the Branch adjourned until to morrow evening

By order

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The Branch met pursuant to adjournment, present John B Morris Esq President and all the members except Mr Williamson.

Mr Russell presented the annual report of the Union Fire company which was read and referred.

The resolution for the committee on the Alms House to make certain enquiries was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed, concurred in with the proposed amendments viz after the word "Europe" insert the words "or any other Foreign Country" which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

In pursuance of a call of this Branch on the 24th Inst the Port Wardens communicated an account of their expenditure of the Harbour appropriation, which was read and on motion by Mr Young ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Port Wardens Office, Balt Jany 27 1831

To the First Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen,

In compliance with a resolution of your branch requesting the Port Wardens, to report a full and particular account of the expenditure by them of the appropriation for the harbour for the year 1830" We submit the following statement, approximating as nearly to the requisition as any thing short of the bills paid, can present, and should it be required, it will at any time afford us pleasure to exhibit the vouchers aforesaid.

Amount of purchase money paid for lots purchased of W Dawson and R Lawrence $2550.00