Mr Hubbard from the Committee On the Harbour delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee On the Harbour take leave to report that after an examination into the condition of the boiler of the dredging machine they find it entirely unworthy of repairs: from the estimate made by Watchman and Bratt of the probable cost of repairs, it appears that it would amount to within a few dollars of what a new iron boiler would; the estimate is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Council, also the estimate of the cost of a copper boiler. Your Committee are of opinion that taking into consideration the great difference of the durability of copper over that of iron boilers, and the relative value when unfit for use, the copper being worth, say one half its present cost, the iron little or nothing: under this view of the subject, they think it would be true economy in the Corporation to authorise the Port Wardens to contract for a boiler made of copper; and to effect this object, they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which is respectfully submitted.

Wm Hubbard, Wm H Hanson, J Woolen 1st B
J Laurenson, Wm Inloes 2d B

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Port Wardens be and they are hereby directed with the approbation of the Mayor, to contract for the making of a copper boiler for the Steam dredging machine, to be completely finished and placed on board the boat, and ready to go into operation on or before the first day of April next, the contractors to give bond and security to be approved by the Mayor, for the faithful performance of the contract.

And be it further resolved, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized, with the approbation of the Mayor to pay to the orders of the Port Wardens, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, the sum of Two thousand Six hundred and thirty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry the above resolution into effect, and to charge the same to the Harbour account.

A communication from Philip E Thomas President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail road company was received from the Mayor which was read and one thousand copies ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr Cohen a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the above communication to a Joint Committee and appointing on the part of this Branch Messrs Cohen, Mercer, Carroll, Hubbard & Thomas: and that the Committee have power to order the map accompanying the documents engraved; the Second Branch concurred and appointed on their part Messrs Laurenson, Moore, Reany and Inloes.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to monday next. This Branch dissented and informed the Second Branch by message.

The resolution relative to the different Fire Companies was read a second time concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch. The Second Branch returned the same endorsed "concurred in".

Mr Hubbard presented a petition from James Fields and others which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee on the Harbor. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Diffenderffer from the committee delivered the following report and A Bill entitled An ordinance for the erection of Gas lamps, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the several petitions for gas lights, beg leave to report by ordinance.

Chas Diffenderffer, Nr E Hansbury, Nr J Zanetzer
Richard Bevan, Joshua Nott 2d B

The Bill entitled An ordinance to provide for certain expenses for the year 1831 was read a second time passed and sent to the Second Branch.

The Bill entitled An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore and of the City Poor &c was read a second time passed and sent to the 2d Branch.

The resolution making an appropriation for the several fire companies was read a second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until to morrow afternoon at ½ past 3 o Clock.

By order Th Phenix Secy