On motion by Mr Baer a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence to refer the communication from E L Finley Esq to a joint committee, and appointing on the part of this Branch Messrs Baer, Munroe and Young. The Second Branch concurred, and appointed Messrs Sauerwein and Lucas, of which this Branch were informed by message.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer an accompanying petition from John Barnhart and others to the Committee On Fountains: which was assented to and returned to the Second Branch with a message.

The resolution on the petition of Samuel Swetzer was returned from the Second Branch endorsed "concurred in".

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

The committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred an enquiry into the propriety of obviating expenses against the City in prosecuting violations of the State license laws, beg leave to report that having had the subject under consideration, and that whilst it is desirable to lessen the costs to the City in certain cases arising under the acts of Assembly, embraced in the resolution the committee do not conceive the expenses thereby incurred of sufficient magnitude, to ask the interference of the Legislature, they therefore submit the accompanying resolution.

J. J. Cohen Jr James Carroll Jr 1st B

Feby 9th 1831 Y Lucas Jr Samuel Moore 2d B

Resolved by both Branches, that the Joint Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution referred to them, on the subject of an application to the Legislature for the purposes therein stated.

Mr Williamson presented a petition from Mayer and Beauty and others, which was read and referred to the committee on Bridges.

Mr Dushane from the committee delivered the following report and a Bill entitled A Supplement to An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance respecting swine running at large in the City of Balt which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee appointed to bring in A Bill respecting swine running at large, have had the same under consideration and take leave to report the following

Feby 14. 1831 Valentine Dushane Chm Dispenderfer

The following communication was received from Noah Ridgely Esq a member of this Branch, which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

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Jno B Morris Esq President
First Branch of the City Council

Dear Sir,

In compliance with a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, I proceeded to Annapolis on the 9th Inst with the Port Wardens book of record, and delivered it to John Scott Esq. Mr Scott and myself thought it unnecessary for me to remain with the book, I therefore returned to Baltimore on the 10th. Mr Scott has returned the book to the Mayors office, from whence it was received by me.

Yours very respectfully, Noah Ridgely.

Mr Williamson 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 lighting the City, be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp at the Engine house of the Howard Fire company.

The Amendments proposed by the Second Branch to the Ordinance for a new division of the City into wards was read a second time. The Branch dissented from the first, second and third amendments and concurred in the last; and on motion by Mr Young a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting them to reconsider and recede from their said proposed amendments.

Mr Williamson moved that a message be sent to the Second Branch proposing that the City Council will adjourn sine die on the first of March next; which was laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor

Baltimore Feby 14th 1831

Gentlemen of the First Branch
of the City Council

I have approved and signed An Ordinance for the erection of Gas Lamps, and a resolution making an appropriation for a copper boiler.

Respectfully yrs

Jacob Small. Mayor