were returned by the second branch, severally indorsed "concurred in"

Mr Scott offered the following as an additional rule for the government of the branch, which was read and laid on the table.

No Bill or resolution in the form of a legislative enactment shall be introduced by any member, without leave be first had and obtained, and without one days notice of the application for the leave.

Mr Myers from the committee submitted the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the several memorials petitioning for fire plugs, have had the same under consideration, and are under the opinion the several plugs are needed. They therefore take leave to offer the following resolution

Henry Myers, Thos J. Hunt, Benedict Sounders } 1st Branch
S. W. Oliver, Jas. Frazier } 2d Branch

Baltimore March 5th 1835.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby instructed to cause a fire plug to be erected at or near the corner of Sharp and Lombard streets; one at or near the corner of South Charles and German streets; one at or near the South West corner of Salisbury and Lloyd streets O.T; one at or near the corner of Baltimore and Saint Paul streets; One at or near the corner of Gunns Lane and Gomery street; and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the same.

The enrolled resolutions relative to a further extension of the time limited for opening and widening of Light St &c. and for authorising the Mayor to unite with the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, in an application for a law to repair the Court house &c. were handed to the Mayor for his action thereon.

Mr Stewart from the committee submitted the following, which was read & laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution to consider the expediency of memorializing the General Assembly of Maryland, in relation to the condition and expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, respectfully report—

That having carefully examined the subject to which said resolution directs

directs their attention, they have arrived at the conclusion that the onerous and indispensable pecuniary burthens which rest upon the City, under it the peculiar provisions of the City authorities to control such expenses as they may deem unjust and improper. In the light they view the heavy tax of three thousand dollars annually paid to the Associate Judges of Baltimore City Court. This Court which by reference to the report of the intelligent Clerk thereof will be seen is especially and peculiarly devoted to enforcing the criminal laws of the State and that not more than once and seldom two days in each term, have hitherto been devoted to business arising out of the ordinances of the City of Baltimore. It will be found also, that the average annual expenditure of said Court, which is liquidated by the City, is upwards of thirteen thousand dollars — that at the same time it collects in fines forfeitures and licenses, which are paid into the State treasury annually about twenty six thousand dollars. Your Committee viewing furthermore the immense debt of $1.300.000 dollars which the City owes, and the necessary taxes essential to pay the interest thereof, and thereby sustain the credit of the City of Baltimore are brought irresistably to the conclusion that the payment by the City of the Salary of the Associate Judges, is burthensome and ought to be reduced. Or then now it has a partial influence, inasmuch as every Court in the State is paid out of the general treasury, except the City Court of Baltimore, when as it has been observed, its time is almost entirely appropriated, in transacting the business and enforcing the Laws and good government of the State at large. Your committee have examined the condition of said Court, and are of opinion that no alteration of its powers should be recommended at the present time, except so far as relates to the trial of trifling misdemeanors, and common assault and batteries. A great portion of the time of the Court and Jury are occupied in investigating those cases, which might as well be confided to the Justices of the peace, and thus considerably lessen the already heavy expense of said Court. The Committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

John M. Stewart, Robt. Dobkin Holland, Benedict J. Sanders.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Senators & Delegates of the City of Baltimore in the General Assembly of Maryland, be and they are hereby requested to endeavour to obtain a repeal of so much of the Laws of Maryland, as requires the City of Baltimore to pay the Salary of the Associate Judges of Baltimore City Court.

Resolved, that the said Senators and Delegates be and they are hereby requested to use their influence in transferring from said Court, the trial of petty misdemeanors and cases of common assault and battery.

Resolved that the foregoing report and resolutions be transmitted to our Senators and Delegates in the General Assembly of Maryland.