Mr. Metzger from the Committee submitted the following report, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the second Branch.

The Joint Committee on Markets to whom was referred a resolution of the second Branch, directing them to enquire into the expediency of lathing and plastering the Richmond Market House, have had said Market House, and consider it inexpedient to do the work at the present time; they offer the following resolution.

Daniel Metzger, Joseph Brown, Robt. Howard, } Committee of the First Branch.
Walter Ball, M. Hlinefelter, } Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Smith from the Committee, submitted the following, which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Fire Companies, to whom was referred the annual reports of the different Fire Companies, giving the state of their apparatus, &c. have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion, that the Fire Department is a valuable safeguard to the property of our citizens, and that when well conducted, and under proper management, they deserve and should receive the support of the Corporation – The Committee therefore ask leave to offer the following resolution.

Alexander Smith, Joshua Atkinson, } Committee of the First Branch.
S. Stuart, Walter Ball, } Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the sum of seven thousand, five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for keeping in repair the apparatus belonging to the Mechanical, Union, Friendship, Depend-ants, Liberty, Independent, Vigilant, Columbian, New-Market, First Baltimore Hose, Franklin Hose, Washington Hose, Patapsco, United, and Howard Fire Companies, to be distributed among the said Fire Companies (respectively)

respectively, as follows: to each Company having one spouting Engine, two hundred dollars for said Engine, to each Company having one suction Engine, One hundred and Fifty dollars; or Three hundred dollars if two suction Engines; to each Company having One Thousand feet of Hose, with the necessary canage, One hundred and fifty dollars, and in proportion for any greater or less number of feet, provided the same shall not be less than seven Hundred and Fifty feet, and provided also, that no One Company shall receive in all, more than five hundred dollars, the same to be drawn for by the Presidents of the respective Companies, and paid by the Register on the order of the Mayor.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor to direct the payment of the said sums, as soon as he shall be satisfied from the returns made by the respective Companies from their vouchers, &c. that the apparatus for which the appropriation is asked is in good and effective condition, that the amount asked has been properly expended for said apparatus, that the Company asking the same is a bona fide member of the Baltimore United Fire Department, and that their Hose has the standard screw.

Resolved, That the Mayor has discretionary power not to pay the foregoing appropriations to any Fire Company whose members shall hereafter be engaged in fighting a riot at Fires, or while out as a Company going to, or returning from a Fire, or alarms of Fire.

The resolution relative to a water course across North Street, was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the second Branch.

The resolution on the subject of opening the mouth of Jones Falls, direct to the Basin, was read the second time. Mr. Cross moved the following as a substitute therefor, which was read, and dissented from.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Port Wardens be directed and are hereby required to have so much of the City Block as is opposite the mouth of Jones' Falls removed.

And be it further resolved, That the said Port Wardens be directed to fill up the west end of the City Dock to the width of one hundred feet from the east line of "Jones' Falls," and the sum of dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated (ated)