inconvenience of abandoning their homes, and their usual means of livelihood, from attending the trial; and the guilty thus secure an acquittal.

And your Memorialists would further represent, that the present system instead of securing a fair and impartial administration of criminal justice, affords a license to the commission of the most frightful injuries, and is looked to in most cases as a means only of escape from deserved punishment; and is the occasion of an onerous expense to the City of Baltimore. That the costs of cases removed from Balto City Court to the adjoining Counties, has in the last three years amounted to nearly Ten Thousand dollars, exclusive of the sums expended by the City for the removal of prisoners.

Your Memorialists, therefore whose duty it is to watch over the interests of the City, and to guard her citizens against the wrongs of the transgressor, would respectfully pray, that the said Laws may be revised and amended.

And they will ever pray, &c.

Mr. Alricks from the Committee, submitted the following report, and a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for the appointment of Bailiffs and for other purposes," which were read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Police to whom were referred the several resolutions instructing them to report an Ordinance for establishing a new system of Police Report=

That the system of Police is, in the opinion of this Committee so intimately connected with the other executive Departments of the City, that it would be extremely different, perhaps impracticable, to conduct it efficiently, while the rest are defective.

We believe that great defects exists in most of our Executive Departments. The proposition, however, of the Joint Committee on the revised Ordinances to make a general change, having been rejected, this Committee are not prepared to present any report which is satisfactory to themselves. An Ordinance on this subject having, however, been referred to them by the Second Branch they report the same with some modifications.

C. P. Alricks, }
Wm H. Gatchell, } Committee of the
Jos. Brown, } First Branch.

James Carroll, } Committee of the
L. Stuart, } Second Branch.

Baltimore, 20th March, 1838.

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order,
S. H. Moore, Clerk.

Wednesday, March 21st, 1838.
First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — Present John B. Leidenstricker, Esq. President, and all the Members except Messrs. Metzger, Legrand and Tensfield.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution relative to the removal of cases from Baltimore City Court to the adjoining Counties, endorsed, "Concurred in."

The following message from the Mayor was received, and on motion of Mr. A. G. Cole, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer the same to the Joint Committee of ways and means.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, March 21st 1838.

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council:

I have the honour to present you that information had been given to me by a highly respectable citizen, that one of his dogs had the Hydrophobia, and had bitten several dogs in the neighbourhood. I have in consequence ordered a proclamation to be issued conformably to the Ordinance. It is proper for me to apprise you, that the appropriation for the carrying it into execution has been expended.

I therefore recommend that another appropriation be made.

And have the honour to be,
Respectfully,
Your obedt. Servant.
S. Smith, Mayor.

The Second Branch assented thereto by message.

The following message was also received from the Mayor.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, March 21st 1838.