Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed a "Resolution exempting the collection of natural Curiosities, &c. in the Baltimore Museum, owned by Charles Le Selding from taxation", which originated in your Branch.

Respectfully

Your obedt. Servant,

S. Smith, Mayor.

The Act reported by the Joint Committee on Streets, to be submitted to the Legislature of Maryland, entitled "An Act relating to the names of Streets in the City of Baltimore", was returned by the Second Branch, endorsed, "Will pass".

A Bill entitled "A further supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain Rail-ways in the City of Baltimore", was received from the Second Branch, read, and laid on the table.

A resolution relating to the removal of the dirt from the Bridge over Jones' Falls at Baltimore Street Bridge, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The resolution making special appropriations to certain Fire Companies, was read the second time. Mr. Smith moved to strike out in the appropriation to the United Fire Co. the sum of "Three Hundred" and insert "Five Hundred", which motion was assented to, and the resolution as amended, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution on the petition of John Durham, was read the second time. Mr. Dryden moved the following as a substitute therefor, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Watkins, laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That John Durham be and he is hereby authorized to remove his frame building now standing on the South side of Fayette Street, between Paca and Green Streets, to a lot of grounds at the South East corner of Cove and Columbia Streets, as prayed for in his petition to the City Council and that his petition together with the assent of the property holders adjoining said lot, be filed in the Office of the City Commissioners.

The two Branches met in Convention, and after a short session separated.

The resolution from the Second Branch on the petition of (Martha)

The substitute offered by Mr. Cross to the resolution, submitted by the Joint Committee on the Alms House, was taken up for consideration and read the second time. Mr. Cross moved to strike out the words "Three days", and insert "One day", which was dissented from. Mr. Cross then, on leave thereof, withdrew his said substitute and offered one in lieu thereof, which he also subsequently withdrew. Mr. A. G. Cole offered the following substitute, which was read, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Commissioners of Health, be and they are hereby directed to sell the manure from Franklin Street west of Howard and Pennsylvania Avenue, to the Trustees of the Poor for Baltimore City and County, provided they will pay as much for the manure as others, and provided also they remove the same within two days from receiving notice from the Superintendent of the Streets.

Mr. Gettings from the Committee delivered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The Committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred, the resolution proposing to amend the 23rd. Section of the 19th. recent Ordinance so as to relieve Hackney Coaches from the specific tax of $3.33, have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that this Section should not be changed.

The Committee believe that there is no tax levied by the Corporation which is less onerous, or which can with more propriety be exacted. Private Carriages are subject to the same tax as Public Hacks. Public Carriages or Hacks. The reason for imposing upon the owner of a Carriage the specific tax of $4, is solely justified by the injury done to the pavements of the City, which are kept in repair at a heavy expense. If then $4, is considered a small tax upon Private Carriages, it appears to the Committee that $7.33, would be a much less tax upon Public Carriages or Hacks. It is contended that these Public Carriages pay an additional tax under the head of personal property, assessed by the assessors. In answer to this the Committee say, that this tax of $7.33, is only considered as a partial indemnity to the City for the injury done the pavements.

John S. Gettings, } Committee of the
Wm. P. Ulrich, } First Branch.