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

The Joint Committee on Streets, to whom was referred a resolution of the First Branch of the City Council directing them to enquire into the expediency of erecting potable Bridges to be placed across the gutters at the intersection of Baltimore and Liberty Streets, have had the subject under consideration, and consider it inexpedient for the Council to appropriate funds at the present to erect the said Bridges, and would ask permission to submit the following resolution.

S. Wesley Watkins } Committee of the
R. F. Cross, } First Branch.
F. Lucas, Jr. } Committee
M. Klinefelter, } of the
Walter Ball, } Second Branch.

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

The resolution requesting the Mayor to procure a certified copy of the Registry Bill, was called up by Mr. Watkins, who asked for and obtained permission to withdraw the same. Mr. Watkins on leave then submitted the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Balto. That the Counsellor of the City be, and he is hereby required to obtain, as soon as practicable, for the use of the Corporation, a certified Copy of each and every act and resolution, passed by the Legislature of Maryland, at December Session, 1837, relating in any manner to the City of Baltimore, and more particularly "An act entitled An act to guard against fraud in the exercise of the elective franchise in the City of Baltimore, and to secure the right of voters, and to establish with greater certainty the rules of evidence to be observed at all Elections in said City" – and that the Mayor be required to enquire of the Secretary of State, if the Registers have been appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, to register the Voters of Baltimore, and if appointed, to report a list of the names so appointed.

Mr. A. G. Cole moved to strike out in the 7th line of said resolution the words "in any manner", which was assented

(to.)

to. Mr. Cross moved to insert after the word "relating", in the same line, the word "exclusively", which was also assented to. Mr. Cross moved to insert after the word "Baltimore," in the 8th line, the following: "which have not already been furnished", which was assented to. The resolution as amended was then concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

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

The Joint Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald McKeown, beg leave to report, that they have examined the subject referred to them, and have ascertained that the petitioner paid into the City Treasury, the sum of $63.97. for taxes upon certain property, valued by the assessors for the year 1836, at Nine Thousand six hundred Dollars ($9.600.) – that in the year 1837, the present Board of Assessors by virtue of their powers as Commissioners of tax, made an abatement upon said property to the amount of $4.600, and that the difference in the taxes paid by the petitioner upon the assessment of the assessors, in 1836 and the sum fixed upon by the present Assessors acting as Commissioners of tax is $30.64, as appears by the certificate of the City Collector appended to the petition. The Committee believing that the valuation of the present Assessors is just, are of opinion that the above sum of $30.64. should be refunded to the petitioner. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

W. H. Gatchell, } Committee
John Creagh, } of the
J. P. Ulricks, } First Branch.
William Reaney } Committee 2d. Branch.

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Archibald McKeown, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, the sum of Thirty dollars and Sixty four Cents ($30.64.)

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

By Order,
J. H. Moore, Clerk.