Jos. Hook Jr., Robt. Howard, } Committee of 2nd. Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to locate a Fire plug at the intersection of Green and Portland Streets, & they are hereby authorised to draw upon the Register of the City, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of Seventy five dollars, or so much thereof, as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect, payable out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Mr. Pinkney on leave offered the following resolution, which was also read a first time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised and directed, to issue his proclamation, offering a reward of such an amount, as he in his discretion may deem proper, for the arrest and conviction in any of the City Courts, of such person or persons, as may be charged with the crime of murder, manslaughter or of assaults with intent to kill.

Mr. Yeates from the Committee submitted the following report, which was read a first time.

The Joint Committee on health to whom was referred the consideration of a Supplement to an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to preserve the health of the City of Baltimore", beg leave to report, that inasmuch as the Carts now used for the cleaning of privies are of the kind proposed by the 1st. Section of said Supplement, and as no danger to the public health can be apprehended from the present regulations on the subject it is deemed inexpedient to legislate thereon. The Committee would ask leave to present the following resolution.

Jno. L. Yeates,
J. W. Randolph, } First Branch.
Alex. Russell.

William Reaney,
James Grieves, } Second Branch.
Jan. 25th. 1839. Wm. Barnet,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

Mr. Watkins on leave offered the following resolution, which was read a first time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That

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the Delegates from the City of Baltimore in the General Assembly of Maryland be and they are hereby respectfully requested, to procure the passage of a Law to prevent the carrying of deadly weapons in the City of Baltimore, and to make the carrying the same a penal offence, except on days of military parade.

A Communication from the Register in answer to a resolution of the 23rd. inst. was received, and on motion of Mr. Lindenstruth referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

Mr. F. Meyer from the Committee submitted the following report and resolution, which were read a first time.

The Joint Committee on Commerce to whom was referred the much of the Mayor's Annual message as relates to the construction of another Ice-Boat, and the memorial of the Board of Trade of Baltimore asking for an appropriation for the same purpose, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report – That they concur with the Mayor and Memorialists, and as they believe in common with their fellow-Citizens, in the opinion of the vast importance of keeping the harbour free from obstruction by ice – the practicability of which has been so fully demonstrated by the valuable services of the Ice-Boat Relief – but the means by which this desirable object is to be attained, and the legitimate sources from whence such means are to be derived, present some embarrassment to the Committee.

How far the Corporate Authorities of this City are warranted in extending her pecuniary aid, and to what limits they are probably restrained in making appropriations, when the benefits are not equally distributed among all Classes of our Citizens seem to claim due consideration.

Admitting as we do that an uninterrupted intercourse, and a free access to the wharves by vessels at all seasons of the year, produces all the advantages claimed, and diffuses its benefits to the whole community, yet we believe that those benefits are enjoyed to a much greater extent by the Commercial Class, than by any other portion of our Citizens – if this position be correct, then it certainly would be unjust to make an appropriation taxing all in an equal degree, when all do not in an equal degree receive the benefits arising therefrom – But inasmuch as the healthy influence of an uninterrupted trade gives an impulse to all branches of industry within its limits, all those interests should contribute their relative proportion to an

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