The Joint Committee on Streets to whom was referred a communication from Samuel Canby together with petitions from Wm. Lamen and others, requesting the City Council to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Public Square a Walk, have given the subject their deliberate attention, and would say that although it appears to some at the first view of the subject to be inexpedient for the City to enter into any very expensive improvement at this time which might have a tendency to increase taxation, yet there can be but one opinion with regard to the propriety of reserving (as the extent of the City increases) grounds on which the Citizens and visiting may recreate themselves on summer evenings, after the toils of the day are ended — and thereby secure to the Citizens of Baltimore like privileges enjoyed by our neighborhood B in which Public Squares are numerous, presenting a healthful promenade for her Citizens, and holding out very great inducements to the inhabitants to build beautiful dwelling houses around those Public Squares. Your Committee are of opinion that such would be the case in our City, and in this way would bring back in the form of taxation much more than the interest on the outlay; to prove this position it is only necessary to refer to the Communication of Mr. Canby, which is, that he does not desire of the City one single Dollar, until sixteen large brick Houses are erected immediately opposite the said Square which will at once increase the revenue of the City more than the amount, which will be required to pay for the said Square, and at the same time the said Canby binds himself to lay out the money which he may receive from the City in paving Streets leading to and from said Square, which will also have a tendency so to improve the property in the Neighborhood as to induce other persons to build contiguous thereto. Your Committee earnestly recommends this subject to the favorable consideration of the Council, believing as they do that if this opportunity is not improved that one so favorable may not be presented again. Your Committee are aware that the financial condition of the City is such at this time as to require great caution in making appropriations, yet when we consider that this improvement does not propose to take money out of the coffers of the City until it is first placed therein, which in the absence of this

(improvement)

improvement would not be placed therein, it is not necessary for the Committee to enter into a labored argument to prove to the Council the advantage the Corporation will receive from pursuing a liberal course toward improvements of this kind, because they believe that every Member will at once see the necessity of acting prompt in this matter. They therefore ask permission to submit the following Ordinance.

J. Wesley Watkins. } Committee of the
Henry Snyder. } First Branch.
W. J. Wright. } Committee
Joseph Hook, Jr. } of the
Samuel Boyd. } Second Branch.

The resolution relating to the tunnelling of Chatsworth Rowe was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Bill Supplementary to an Ordinance to preserve the health of the City &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch.

The resolution making an appropriation for the opening of Max to reach the reservoir, &c. was read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Bill Supplementary to the Ordinance to appoint Superintendant of Streets and Pumps, &c. was taken up for consideration and read. Mr. Barnard moved a reconsideration of the 2d. and 3d. Sections, which was assented to — Mr. Brown then moved the following amendments: after the words "same" 8th. line, section 2d., insert "before sunset"; strike out all between the words "City" in the 3d. and the word "than" in the 5th. line of the 3d. Section and insert "any barrell, hogshead, box, crate or other package" — also strike out all between the words "than" in the 6th. line, and the words "every" 7th. line 3d. Section, insert "twelve hours, or in any instance after sunset" — Mr. Brown moved the following amendment — at the end of the 3d. Section, add "and in no case shall any person be permitted to use more space than one half the foot pavement, by placing the above named articles thereon." The above amendments were concurred in. Mr. McDonald moved to amend as follows — strike out "sunset" in the 3d. Section as amended, and insert "nine o'clock P. M." which motion was concurred in, and the Bill thus amended was passed, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Bill to extend Madison Street and change its location in a certain part thereof, was returned by the Second Branch, endorsed

("Will pass")