here your Committee was deeply impressed with the beautiful prospect of the shipping of the whole harbor presenting itself at one glance, gently moving as it were west beneath the feet. again the eye grasps at one view your Colleges, Towers, Domes, Steeples and Cathedrals, indeed the whole City, immediately beneath this most beautiful spot.— It is further believed by your Committee that this could be made the most delightful public place in the Country, not even excepting the Battery of New York. Many improvements might be suggested, but your Committee are satisfied to leave this subject to persons who may be hereafter appointed by the City, that will be better qualified. The lot fronts on Montgomery street, about 405 feet, on Johnson Street about 320 feet, on Warren 405 feet, on Henry 320 feet, a few feet more or less. Mr. B. C. Howard and Mr. Charles Howard, much to their liberality, have offered their lot very low; their terms on lease at $1.35 per foot on Montgomery Street, running back to Sugar Alley, including the front on Johnson Street, and $1. per foot on Warren Street, running back to Sugar Alley, including the fronts on Johnson and Henry Streets, which makes the entire fronts not more than about 80 cts. per foot on each front. The Citizens Retreat fronts on Montgomery Street 215 feet, and on Henry Street 163 feet, with a two story house on the same, and when the Observatory some day or other should be placed. Mr. C. T. Mayer asks a ground rent for the whole of this property of $420 per annum, which your Committee thinks is reasonable.

Your Committee have agreed with the above named Gentlemen to recommend a lease at the rates stated, the rents to be payable semi-annually, with the privilege of the City purchasing out at any time at 6 per cent. Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, by the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be & he is hereby authorized to lease in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the Lots of ground on Federal Hill owned by Mr. B. C. Howard, Charles Howard and Charles T. Mayer at the rates as stated in this Report.

(Mr. Meyers)

Mr. Mayer's Lot at	$420.00
B. C. Howard's do	405.00
Lots Dr. Wm. Howard's do	237.50
	$1062.50

Samuel Lucas
Joshua Dryden
Wm. H. Hanson } Committee.

Mr. Jackson presented a memorial from Benj. C. Howard and others, praying further removal of the tracks of the several Rail Road Companies from the paved streets of the City, which being read, Mr. Watkins moved to refer the same to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and to have the same printed in the Journal, which motion was dissented from. Mr. Walsh moved to refer the same to a Joint Select Committee. Mr. Meyer moved to amend the same motion by referring it to a next annual session, which amendment was negatived. Mr. Walsh's motion was also negatived. Mr. Watkins' motion was then concurred in.

Mr. Dallam presented a Memorial from Wm. McDonald and others, against the Memorial last mentioned, which was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Prindell moved to reconsider the vote on the bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for exercising certain powers vested in the Corporation in relation to Streets", which motion was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas — Messrs. Londeman, Monmonier, Stansbury, Prindell, Powell, Yeates, Pinkney, Donovan, Dryden, Benson, Watkins, J. Brown — 12.

Nays — Messrs. President, Hooper, Jackson, Walsh, Hanson, Meyer, Dallam, John T. Brown — 8.

Mr. Watkins then moved to take up the bill for consideration, which was determined in the negative by yeas & nays as follows:

Yeas — Messrs. Londeman, Monmonier, Stansbury, Prindell, Donovan, Dryden, Bruns, Watkins, Joseph Brown — 9.

Nays — Messrs. President, Hooper, Jackson, Walsh, Hanson, Yeates, Meyer, Dallam, Pinkney — 9.

The Second Branch returned the resolution reported by the Committee of Conference on the subject of altering the grade of Wright Street, endorsed "Dissented from."

(Mr. Prindell)