Resolved that the Committee be discharged.

Mr Gosnell from the minority of the same Committee submitted the following report and bill entitled an ordinance to appoint Superintendants of streets and pumps, and to enforce useful regulations which were read and laid on the table.

The undersigned in the minority on the Joint Committee on police, to whom was referred the resolution of the First Branch, directing said Committee to prepare an ordinance relative to the falling of ice and snow from buildings covered with slate zinc, roofing, begs leave to report; That he has in dissenting from the majority of the Committee been induced to do so from the phraseology of the resolution upon which the committee were called to act. The undersigned believes that either Branch possesses the right to instruct any Committee which it has created, entertaining this opinion he cannot do otherwise than report an ordinance agreeable to the instructions contained in the resolution referred to he therefore submits the accompanying ordinance.

Benjamin Gosnell.

Mr John S Brown offered the following preamble and resolution having obtained a suspension of the rules for that purpose which were read a first and second time, and laid on the table.

Whereas it is a notorious and well established fact, that intemperance is a blighting curse & enormous evil & carries in its train consequences fatal to individuals & highly deleterious to the community at large, and whereas it is believed that the law licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors presents an almost insurmountable barrier to the progress and final triumph of the temperance reform; and whereas it is believed that public opinion is favorable to this reform, and loudly calls for some decisive action in furtherance of the same, therefore be it by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore. Resolved that our Delegates to the General Assembly now in session be requested to use their influence in furthering the passage of an act to incorporate the Washington Temperance Society of this City, and furthermore that they

be requested to lend their aid in carrying out the design of a memorial to be presented to that Honorable Body, praying the enaction of a law prohibiting any license to be issued for retailing intoxicating drinks in any election district of any county, or any ward of any City of this State wherein a majority of the voters thereof at the polls at any general election after its passage, on their ballots express their opinions that no such license should thereafter be granted — and further prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors of any kind on the Lords day.

Resolved that a copy of the preamble and foregoing resolution signed by the Mayor and the presidents of both branches of the city Council be forwarded to the Senator and representatives from the City in the General Assembly of Maryland.

The second Branch returned the report and resolution of the joint Committee on the harbor relative to repairing the flat form at Commerce street wharf, and the report & resolution of the Joint Committee to examine the Commissioners & port wardens accounts severally endorsed "concurred in."

A resolution requesting the Mayor to send the representatives of the City in the Legislature a copy of the supplement to the act therein mentioned, and asked its passage was received from the second Branch read and laid on the table.

Mr Pentney offered the following resolution which was read a first and by special order a second time, concurred in (and sent to the second Branch) by the following vote, the yeas & nays being called for by Mr Cole. Yeas Messrs President Tenby, Myers Ramsay Fields, Gosnell Sutton Blakeney Keller DeSmythey Kennon Bradshaw Cole Sullam Pentney John S Brown Donovan McFadden Bender Burns Keyser Wark 22 Nays none.

Resolved that the joint Committee on streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of suspending for a limited time the penalties of an ordinance passed 7 February 1837 relative to repairing paved streets, lanes & alleys in the City of Baltimore, on motion of Mr Fields the Branch adjourned until tomorrow at 7 o'clock P.M.

By order J W Gray Clk pro tem