to which they in their report refer. In the first place that the ordinance approved March 9th 1805 which makes an appropriation of $720. for the use of the Town clock and alarm bells is limited to the term of seven years is to the understanding of the undersigned so plain that he flatters himself that if the majority will refer to the document, and read the same carefully they will come to the same conclusion. In the second place the ordinance approved March 13th 1806 takes in the shape of commissions from the trustees for the use of the city, the precise sum of money that the ordinance of 1805 hath granted, which in point of fact was giving nothing to the trustees of said church.

But it still indicates the estimated importance of the use of said clock and alarm bell to the city of Baltimore at that early day of its corporate existence and would argue from the fact of the councils having in the year 1805 before the clock & bells had been erected appropriated the sum above stated. That the utility of the same at this time was increased in proportion to the increase of the city and as a consequence had a right to a portion of the funds of the city, to keep the same in proper order & repair. We would beg to offer the following resolution.

Lewis Potter.

Resolved that the Joint Committee on fire be directed to enter into correspondence with the elders deacons & trustees of said Church with a view to ascertain from them upon what terms & conditions the authorities of the city may have free access & use of said clock & alarm bell.

On motion of Mr Potter the Branch resumed the consideration of the above resolution which was read a second time.

Mr Keyser offered the following as an amendment which was agreed to.

Resolved that the memorial of the Elders, deacons and trustees of the German Reformed Church be referred to the aforesaid Committee. The resolution as amended was then concurred in.

The report and resolution from the second Branch from the Joint Committee on fire Companies on the petition

of William Coles was read a first time & by special order a second time & concurred in. A message was received from the second Branch assenting to the proposition of this Branch to refer certain documents from the trustees of the alms House to the joint committee on the alms House.

Mr Bender presented a petition from Alfred H Rice relating to the closing part of Bloom street which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

On motion of Mr Pinkney the report and resolution of the Joint Committee on claims on the petition of the ministry of the German reformed reformed church was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr Pinkney from the joint committee on claims submitted the following report and resolution which was read a second time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Wells R Hall asking certain taxes to be refunded have had the subject under consideration and beg leave to report that the collector and commissioner have full power in the subject. they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Wm Pinkney Lewis Potter Wm C Steck First Branch.
T Lucas Jr. Second Branch.

Resolved that the petition of Wells R Hall be referred to the city Collector.

On motion of Mr Pitman the Branch resumed the consideration of the Joint Committee on streets relative to paving streets which was read a second time concurred in and sent to the second Branch.

The report and resolution of the Joint Committee on Commerce relative to the shipping of flaxseed was returned from the second Branch endorsed "concurred in"

On motion of Mr Pinkney the report & resolution of the Joint Committee on claims on the petition of Wells R Hall was read a second time, Mr Myers moved to refer the same again to the same committee which was agreed to. On motion of Mr Donovan a committee was appointed to wait on the second Branch & invite them into convention. Messrs Donovan & Dryden were appointed to wait on them as said Committee.

The two branches met in said Convention & after sitting some time adjourned. On motion of Mr Bender the Branch adjourned until To-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock By order. Henry W Gray
Clerk pro tem