on the petition of Richard F Long. The report and resolution of the same Committee on the petition of Wm D Wallace.

The report and resolution of the same Committee on the petition of John Hunt. The report and resolution of the Joint Committee on Fire Companies on the petition of John Richter.

Bill No 21 relating to filling Centre of Water at the Fells point received read and passed the second branch and sent up.

Mr Gerrish from the Joint Committee on public buildings submitted the following report and resolution.

The Joint Committee on Public buildings to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor covering an act of the General assembly of Maryland relative to licensing cart drivers in the City of Baltimore which passed at the present session by leave to report that having had the subject under consideration find that a resolution has passed the Joint Branch instructing the Joint Committee on the harbor to prepare an ordinance regulating the sale of wood at the public wharves of the city in conformity with the above named act by leave to offer the following resolution

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Resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject whereupon and a first and second time by unanimous consent Mr Gerrish the resolution was amended by adding at the end of the following "And that the act of the Legislature of Maryland respecting the subject relating to licensing cartmen passed be referred to the Joint Committee on the harbor. The report and resolution as amended were then concurred in

Mr John T Brown from the Joint Committee on bridges submitted the following report resolution which was read a first time and laid on the table

The Joint Committee on bridges to whom was referred the following resolution of Enquiry, First, To enquire into the effect which will be produced on the property fronting on Gay Street near Gay Street bridge by the removal of the said bridge & the erection of a wooden bridge on the same site

Second Also to enquire whether contracts have

been made for the removal of the stone bridge and the erection of a wooden bridge and if such contracts can be withstood.

Also to enquire what progress has been made in preparing timber for said bridge and if said timber has been purchased and prepared whether the same cannot be sold without loss to the Corporation or hauled carefully away and preserved for some other purpose of building

Also to enquire into the expediency of repealing the ordinance authorizing the removal of the stone bridge at Gay Street by leave to report. That to the first enquiry there can be no material effect and it is intended to alter the grade of the street. To the second and third enquiry your Committee report a reference to the report of the City Commissioners except the terms on which the said contracts can be withstood and whether the timber cannot be sold without loss to the Corporation or hauled carefully away & preserved for some other purposes of building. It appears to your Committee from a Mr Caldwell the contractor $7500 with which sum he purchased the timber for Gay street bridge in his own name and it is now in his possession. He is anxious to go on and comply with his contract, however if the corporation desire it he would be willing to annul the contract by being allowed the timber delivered and now in his possession as a compensation for what he would probably make by the Job. And to the last enquiry Your Committee deem it proper to state that the subject matter relating to Gay street was fully & ably discussed at the extra session of the City Council June 13 1837 and unanimously acted on by a unanimous Committee from both branches of the council as may be seen by reference to the report of the Joint Committee on bridges Second branch Journal 28 June 1837 which is stated to be the opinion of that Committee that to prevent the recurrence of a similar calamity the banks must be raised & strengthened the stone bridge removed and then piles inserted by others which will leave an unobstructed space sufficient to vent the water

And furthermore in consideration that about thirty human beings lost their lives by the freshet of 1837 and the supposed probability of a similar occurrence until the stone bridge at Gay street removed your Committee