in his judgement may be proper, for the purpose of giving such necessary information to the public as will tend to insure the prompt collection of the taxes.

And he is likewise authorised with the approbation of the Mayor to draw on the Register for such amount as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the same to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

The second Branch returned the preamble and resolution on the death of the late President of the United States endorsed concurred in. The Committee appointed on their part were Messrs Brazier Hook & Lucas.

A Report and resolution from the Joint Committee on fire Companies on the petition of David Carter was received from the second Branch read a first & second time & concurred in.

Mr Gorsuch from the Joint Committee on police submitted the following report & resolution which was read a first and second time concurred in & sent to the second Branch.

The Joint Committee on police to whom was referred the petition of James Duhamel praying permission to leave the posts attached to his buildings in Pratt Street, remain as at present constructed beg leave to report that however much they may feel disposed to favor the application of Mr Duhamel, they find that the law regulating the distance that steps or porches may extend in the footways is an act of the Legislature of Maryland & any ordinance or resolution which the Councils might pass upon the subject would be nugatory and void if they conflicted with the act of the Legislature, they therefore feel constrained for the reasons advanced, to submit to the consideration of the Councils the accompanying resolution. P. Gorsuch J. Pleasy W. Slaughter Geo. Branch F. Lucas J. W. Barnet J. E. Slaughter 2 a

Resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A Communication was received from the City Agent with a bill relating to the City proportion of building expenses for the new record office which on

motion of Mr Callum was sent to the second branch proposing to refer the same to the joint Committee on Claims.

Mr Gorsuch presented a petition from Thos Lennard and Isaac Infinger, asking to be relieved from the tax on exhibitions at the Cyorama which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on police.

The Resolution directing the joint Committee on health to report an ordinance relating to butchers was read a second time.

Mr Bender moved to strike out all after the word Resolved & insert the following which was agreed.

By the mayor & City Council of Baltimore that Benj Sutton be & he is hereby authorised to erect a brick slaughter house on a lot situated on Pennsylvania avenue adjoining the property of Mr Seltzer & lately leased by him from Jacob Smith, provided he does not build it nearer than one hundred & fifty feet to the avenue & files his petition together with the certified assent of the property holders adjoining in the Office of the City Commissioner, and also that he sinks a cistern of sufficient capacity to receive & contain all the blood & other offal that may be made in said slaughter house, under the penalty of twenty dollars for each & every offence in permitting any blood or offensive matter to flow therefrom.

Mr Dryden moved to refer the whole subject to the Joint Committee on health which was agreed to by the following vote.

Yeas Messrs Bendeler Tuby Ramsay Mills Gorsuch Hutton Hanson Bradshaw Callum Pentony Donovan Dryden Burns 13.

Nays Messrs Myers Blakeney Hotter Schaffer Eleg. Brown Bender Hack Pierson 9.

On motion of Mr Mills the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order
Henry W Gray
Clerk

Resp. fully
allowed