under consideration and ask leave to report a general ordinance upon the subject, respectfully submitted

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Mr Pendergast asked & obtained leave to offer the following resolution which was read a first time & laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the Councillors of the city be and he is hereby requested to prepare a memorial to be forwarded to the senator & representatives from the city to the General Assembly of Maryland to procure the passage of a law authorising the harbor masters to collect port tonnage of two cents per ton on each and every vessel entering the port of Baltimore over ten tons.

Resolved that the said memorial be signed by the Mayor & presidents of the two branches of the City Council and that the same be forwarded to the city representatives in the senate and legislature of Maryland, requesting their early and prompt attention to the promoting of the passage of the same.

On motion of Mr Cole the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past three o'clock

By order
Henry W Gray, clerk

Monday January 31st 1842

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment
Present Henry Snyder Esquire President and all the members except Mr Zimmerman.

Mr Shayla presented a petition from George M Gill & others relating to Eden & other streets, which was read, Mr Blakeney moved to refer the same to the Joint Committee on streets. Mr Pendergast moved to amend the same by inserting "to the Joint Committee on bridges" which was concurred in.

Mr Cole presented a petition from Harvey W Brent asking the corporation to purchase a barometer instrument which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on commerce. Mr Cole presented the annual report of the Friendship fire company, which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on fire co.

Mr Cole offered the following resolution which was read and concurred in. Resolved that the Joint Committee on police be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the cause of the late disgraceful riots and to report such measures as in their opinion will prevent the recurrence of them either by increasing the city police or by withholding the usual annual appropriations from such companies as may have been engaged therein and by requesting the Mayor to close the doors of said engine houses.

Mr Sutlow presented a petition from Mr Alexander & Elizabeth Menzies relating to Richmond street which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

A communication was received from W. Wm Schley through the Mayor relative to a claim against the corporation, referred to the Joint Committee on claims.

Mr Taylor asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the archives of the corporation the petition of Francis Howell & others - Mr Taylor then presented a petition from Francis Howell and others asking for the erection of a market house in the southern part of the city which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on markets.

The annual report of the Independent fire company was received through the Mayor & referred to the Joint Committee on fire companies.

Mr Blakeney offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on police be requested to examine the ordinance relative to fire walls on the gable end of houses, fronting on any street lane or alley and if the ordinance is defective that he & they cause the laws to repeal one to the branch that will compel all future buildings to be made fire proof.

Mr Gorsuch moved to amend the same by striking out "Committee on police" and insert "committee on fire Comp's" which was agreed to. The resolution as amended was then concurred in.

On motion of Mr Ross the branch resumed the consideration of the resolution of the Joint Committee on streets on the petition of Jacob Stirling which was sent a second time, concurred in & sent to the second Branch.

Mr Tarr from the Joint Select Committee