great difficulty encountered by the Commissioners of Health in procuring suitable means of conveyance for the removal of small pox patients, and also the danger of subjecting persons who might chance to employ a carriage used for that purpose to the contagion of that loathsome disease; thereby propagating a malady to guard against which the City has expended large sums of money, and that the ordinances in vain, so long as this fearful scourge of denomination continues, all which respectfully submitted by the undersigned

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Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the Board of Health be and they are hereby authorized to procure a carriage or wagon suitable for the removal of small pox patients, and drawn by the regular or with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars or such portion thereof as may be necessary to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr. W. Cornell from the Joint Committee on Health, submitted the following report & resolution which was read & put thereon.

The Joint Committee on Health to whom was referred the memorial of the Committee of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Dispensary report that with reference to the latter part of the petition there is no necessity for any legislative action, as much as your committee have learned from the Collector that the property is exempt under the State law, with regard to the application for a continuance of the appropriation for the purpose enabling the authorities to carry out the benevolent object for which it was established. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution all which respectfully submitted

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Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized

with the approbation of the Mayor to the order of Thomas Kelso and A. T. Henderson for the use of the Eastern Dispensary the sum of three hundred dollars out of any money appropriated in the treasury.

The two Branches met in convention and after sitting a short time adjourned.

Mr. Weed from the Joint Committee on Fire Companies submitted the following report and a bill entitled "An ordinance to prevent the running members of the fire companies which were read & put time. The Joint Committee on Fire Companies to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's annual message to the Councils, recommending the reorganization of the fire department respectfully report, that after having given the subject that attention and consideration which they believe the importance of it demanded they have endeavored to frame an ordinance which they believe if carried into effect will be productive of much good to preserve the peace and order of the City hereafter and prevent the numerous disgraceful riots which have so frequently occurred heretofore by all orderly members of the Companies as well as the citizens generally who desire to see peace & good order maintained and the lives and property of the citizens protected from such commotions.

Pamphlet with the Committee have duly the great importance of the subject committed to their charge they have endeavored to frame the ordinance with all the restrictions that in their opinion could be thrown around it, and in presenting it to the Council for their consideration they feel it their duty to lay before them the reasons the Committee have thought it prudent to pursue & which have brought them to their conclusions

For these reasons they find it necessary to extend their report to a much greater length than they would otherwise desire, your Committee at their first meeting determined to call together the presidents of the different fire companies in the city for the purpose of obtaining from them such information as they might in their deliberations conclude upon before the Committee would