the same by striking out all after the word resolved and insert the following. That the Chairmen of the several Committees render reasons to this branch why they have neglected their duty in making an report on that part of the mayors annual message requesting the Council to pass an ordinance to prevent swine from running at large in the City of Baltimore not yet reported on the various subjects committed to them, and on which they have not yet seen fit to draw the light of report, such as in their wisdom might seem to them calculated to lead this Council to act for the best good of the City.

Mr Cole moved to lay the subject on the table which was agreed to.

Mr Connole called up the resolution relating to a sewer at the canal of Monument & Canal streets which was read a second time & concurred in.

Mr Dugan called for the resolution requesting the Joint Committee on ways and means to enquire into the expediency of modifying the ordinance providing for the collection of taxes which was read a second time, & he offered the following as an amendment.

Resolved by the Joint Branch of the City Council that the Joint Committee on ways & means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of modifying and modifying the resolution providing for the most speedy and economical mode in payment of taxes and all other city duties which was approved 9th of February 1841. Mr Tenney moved to amend the amendment by adding the following:

And the Committee is further requested to ascertain the lowest possible amount that will be required to levy for 1842 in current funds for current expenses to save the credit of the city. Mr J A Ramsay moved to lay the subject on the table which was agreed to by yeas 21. nays 5.

The report and resolution relating to a report & resolution of the Joint Committee on the petition of Mr McElhiney was received from the second branch & concurred in.

Mr Connole from the Joint Committee on police submitted the following report & resolution which was read & first by special order a second time and concurred in.

The Joint Committee on police to whom was referred the petition of John McElhiney and others asking the appointment of an additional watchman in the western part of the city beg leave to report, that upon examining the existing ordinances upon that subject they find that full power is vested in the mayor to appoint any number of watchmen he may think proper to appoint, and presuming upon your committee to that the reason the appointment was not made by the mayor was because there were no appropriations made to defray the expense which would be necessarily incurred in making that appointment and as your committee find there was an unexpended appropriation made for that purpose at the present session they prefer leaving the matter to the mayor, believing that if he shall find it necessary he will make the appointment without fear. The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

P Connole S W Dugan J Brando
J Lyons Jr J E Stanley W Brant J Brando

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

Mr Cole from the Joint Committee on market to whom was referred the petition of Wm Yeates setting forth that he had been improperly dispossessed of a stall which he had in the Lexington market house had the same under consideration and upon examination of the books of the clerk of the Lexington market house ascertained that said stall stands in the name of Wm Yeates and that he has been in the possession of the stall for the last five years taking out the license annually and paying for the same. They also find that the mayor and City Council by resolution now found at the annual session for the year 1838 gave permission to Wm Yeates to erect at his own expense a temporary refreshment stand at the West end of the extension of the Lexington market, thereby virtually admitting right to the same and in compliance of which authority he erected said stand at his own expense. The committee therefore are of opinion that Wm Yeates is entitled to a vacable stall in Lexington market. The Committee would also state in justice to Mr Jones the keeper the clerk of said market that they believe his action throughout has been in strict accordance with what he conceived to be strict justice and