with a substitute proposed, which was read & first by special order a second time & concurred in.

A Communication was received from the mayor, accompanied by a memorial from the Baltimore & Chesapeake Steam Towing company, which on motion of Mr Roberts was sent to the second branch proposing to refer the same to the Joint Committee on the harbor, the second Branch assented.

Mr Roberts from the Joint Committee on fire companies submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first & by special order a second time.

The Joint Committee on fire Companies to whom was referred the petition of the representatives of the several fire companies asking the repeal of ordinance relating to the fire companies of the city of Baltimore approved March 29. 1842 have had the same under consideration & believe the prayer for the reason set forth ought to be granted. The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following ordinance

M Roberts & Gilmore Joint Branch
M Kenny D Gillmore 2nd "

Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that ordinance No 36 entitled an ordinance relating to the fire companies of the City of Baltimore, approved March 29th 1842 and ordinance No 44 entitled an ordinance to prevent riots among members of the fire companies & all fires approved February 23rd 1842 be and the same are hereby repealed. Mr Roberts moved to amend it by striking out the word repealed & inserting "Be amended & ordained which was agreed to. The bill as amended was concurred in by the following vote Yeas 17 nays 3. The bill was further amended by adding the following as the caption.

"An ordinance to repeal certain ordinances therein named as relating to fire Companies.

Mr Tagart offered the following resolution which was unanimously concurred in.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council that the thanks of the members of this branch are due to Henry Snyder Esq President for the able impartial & dignified manner with which he has presided over its deliberations.

Mr Cushane offered the following resolution which was also unanimously concurred in

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council that the members of this branch duly appreciate the gentlemanly deport-

ment and ability with which James Cormick Esq. presided during the absence of the president.

The report and resolution of the Joint Committee on education was read a second time & indefinitely postponed.

The report and resolution of the Joint Committee on fire relating to the Watch House was returned from the second branch concurred & dissented from.

Bill No 244 was returned from the second branch concurred with & pass.

Mr Cole from the Joint select Committee appointed to wait on the mayor reported verbally that they had performed the duty assigned them & the Mayor informed them he had no further communication to make.

The second branch returned the bill entitled an ordinance to exempt the stock debt of the City from taxation which was read & will not pass.

Mr Pendergast from the Joint Committee on the harbor submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first & by special order a second time.

The Joint Committee on the harbor to whom was referred the communication from the president and Directors of the Baltimore & Chesapeake Steam Towing Company have had the same under consideration & respectfully offer the following resolution

Chas Pendergast J A Kennedy L Taylor 1 Branch
Francis L Boyd W Bennet 2nd "

Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the Register be and he is hereby authorized by and with the approbation of the mayor to pay to the president & directors of the Steam Towing Company the sum of $16,000 $4000 to be paid on the 1st of November 1842 & the same amount annually thereafter for three years & the same amount annually thereafter for three years to be taken out of the harbor appropriation with interest provided said company convey a clear title in said property to the mayor & City Council of Baltimore.

Mr Cole moved to amend it by inserting the following at the end of the resolution which was read & concurred in.

Provided said five boats be employed during the summer season in towing canal boats with merchandise from the Tidewater Canal to the city of Baltimore & by so doing they will be able to meet their current expenses

Mr Tagart moved to amend by striking out all after the