they are hereby instructed, to report, (if practicable) a plan for the division of the city into districts, so as to ensure as far as possible an equal division of labor, as to the duties with the execution of which, the said commissioners are now charged.

On motion of Mr. Watkins the branch resumed the consideration of the resolution of the joint committee to whom was referred the Mayor's annual message, which was read a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Hack, from the joint committee on fire companies, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table:

The joint committee on fire companies to whom was referred the petition of the Deptford Fire Company, praying to have their apparatus removed from its present location, to the neighborhood of Caroline and Gough streets, respectfully report: That they have had the same under consideration, and although the committee believe with the petitioners that it would be beneficial to that section of the city to remove the apparatus of the company to the place contemplated, they are nevertheless obliged, from a strict sense of duty, to make an unfavorable report thereon, believing it improper to make any appropriations at this time, but such as cannot be avoided. Your committee would therefore recommend that the subject be deferred until a more favorable time, when the corporation may be better prepared for an increase of the heavy burdens its citizens are now laboring under – they therefore recommend the following resolution:

William A. Hack
Joel Wright
William D. Roberts
Committee First Branch
Hugh Bolton
Daniel Bender
George M. Gill
Committee Second Branch

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Ringrose offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That the joint select committee on retrenchment, be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Commissioners of Health, and appending their present duties to that of Superintendents of Streets – and also to abolish the office of Consulting Physician.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on the Mayor's message was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed concurred in.

The president appointed Messrs. Purviance, Roberts and Lightner as the joint select committee to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to the Tide Water Canal – the Second Branch was informed by message, and they accordingly appointed on their part Messrs. Lauderman, Gill and Bolton.

Mr. Myers asked and obtained leave to offer the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the superintendents of Streets be, and they are hereby authorised, to deliver at the several city springs, such quantity of good street manure as the city commissioners may direct, for the purpose of top-dressing the grass-plats.

On motion of Mr. Ringrose, seconded by Mr. Purviance, they having voted in the majority, the branch re-considered the resolution offered by him.

On motion of Mr. Ringrose, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "Superintendents of Streets" and inserting "City Commissioners" – the resolution as amended was concurred in.

Mr. Walsh, from the joint committee on police, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read a first and by special order a second time.

The joint committee on police, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Communication as relates to the will of the late Henry Peters Esqr.,