Charles Geo Ridgely, Horatio Miller, N R Kennedy,
Committee of the First Branch.

John Keene, James Peregoy
Committee of the Second Branch.

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

Which was read a first and by special order the second time and adopted.

Communications were received from the mayors of Philadelphia and Boston, relative to the inspection of Beef and Pork. also from the commissioners of Public Schools. which were referred to the committee on Police,

The following were received and read,

Mayors Office
Baltimore March 28. 1844

To the First and Second Branches
of the City Council

Gentlemen

In answer to your resolution, which has only been placed in my hands to-day, requesting me to inform the Councils of the number of additional watchmen and patroles employed since the 1st day of January to the present time, and the compensation allowed to each individual so employed. I have the honor to state, that from the 1st of January to the 29th February there was no increase of the watch, that on the 1st of March inst. owing to the numerous and daring burglaries which had been committed for nearly a year without detection, and considering it my duty to afford to our fellow citizens all the protection for their persons and property I could consistently with a proper regard to the interests of the City, I organized and put on duty fourteen additional Watchmen or Patroles, viz Six in the Western, five in the Middle, and three in the Eastern Watch Districts. These watchmen have no fixed Wards but constantly patrole the districts to which they are respectively assigned. The compensation allowed them is the same as that of the regular watch, - one dollar per night. The good effects of this arrangement have been already manifested in the increased vigilance of the regular night watch, the cessation of burglaries and the arrest of some of these nightly depredators. I regard the system as

far more effective and economical than if the same number of men were placed upon regular wards, for if this number was distributed throughout the city, it is so small, that very little benefit would result from it, and to produce the same good as has already been done, a much larger force would be necessary.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Jas O Law. Mayor.

Mayors Office
Baltimore March 28. 1844

Gentlemen of the First Branch
of the City Council

I have approved and signed, an ordinance for opening Josephine street, from Pine street to Run alley, a supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the Harbor, &c a supplement to an ordinance, entitled an ordinance to regulate the riding and driving of horses and carriages &c. a resolution authorizing John Finley to use the waste water of Calvert street spring, resolution to pay John Mitchell and Jacob Cook. money, resolution to pay P. Roger Hoffman money, resolution authorizing Henry Riemann to alter the course of a tunnel over Chatsworth and Vine streets, resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to repair the Richmond market resolution to pay Robert A Dobbin money, and a preamble, and resolution in relation to an extra session of the Legislature &c. all of which originated in your Branch.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient servant
Jas O Law Mayor.

Wm Blackburn submitted the following reports and resolutions,

The joint Committee on Police to whom was referred the petition of John Reynolds asking permission to build fires in the street for the purpose of heating waggon tires, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not be granted. they submit the following resolution.

J. E. Blackburn, G. A. Heisler,
Committee of the First Branch,