P Lawrenson, John Keene,
Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved. That the Committee on Police be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Reynolds.

The Joint Committee on Police to whom was referred the petition of William Harrison and others praying that the rounds of the night watch may be extended and that certain lamps may be erected as therein set forth, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that by the existing ordinance the Mayor has full power to extend the rounds of the watchmen as prayed by the petitioners within the limits of local taxation and that the City Commissioners have full power to erect lamps as prayed for by the petitioners upon proper application being made to them and they submit the following resolution,

J. C. Blackburn, Geo A Heuisler, Joseph Breck,
Committee of the First Branch.

P Lawrenson, John Keene,
Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved. That the Committee on Police be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Harrison and others and that the same be referred to the City Commissioners.

Which were severally read a first and by special order the second time and adopted,

The President presented a petition from Charles F Carroll, asking to be refunded taxes over paid. Referred to committee on claims.

Mr Wright presented a petition from Wm Hooper and others relative to the inspection of Butter and Lard. Referred to the Committee on Police,

Mr Breck submitted the following report,

The Joint Committee on Fire Companies have carefully considered the many applications made for special appropriations, and have ascertained that to meet the wants of the various companies applying for relief the City of Baltimore will have to appropriate the sum of $12.995 64, the general appropriations already passed for the Fire Companies amount to $8.500 and the two combined make the sum of $21.495 64 This large amount will not free all the companies from existing liabilities though, as it is believed it will be sufficient to extricate the most of them. The committee with

extreme reluctance in the present financial condition of the corporation, has concluded to recommend that the above mentioned special appropriations be allowed and distributed among the Fire Companies in the proportions mentioned in the accompanying ordinance, they have arrived at this conclusion under the belief that the companies will be willing to be subject to the conditions set forth in the accompanying ordinance, The system of appropriations heretofore practised, is liable to great abuses, and without such a change as is now proposed, it will be impossible for the corporation to check the increase of cost arising from the Fire Companies, now some of the companies have their repairs, purchases &c, paid for at just and reasonable prices. It will be seen by the accompanying ordinance that one great object is to prevent the occurrence of cases which have heretofore been to frequent Another object is to have all the Engine Houses in the city of Baltimore conveyed to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore so that in case of the destruction of any company, or its total inefficiency, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may have the control of its property By the adoption of the mode now recommended, and will be enabled at each successive session, to determine from the report of the officer appointed by them what aid ought to be extended to each of the companies. For the foregoing reasons, the Committee has concluded to recommend the adoption of the accompanying ordinance,

Joseph Breck, Joshua J Turner,
Committee of the First Branch.

Hugh Bolton, Geo W Gill,
Committee of the Second Branch,

And a bill entitled an ordinance making appropriations to Fire Companies in the city of Baltimore, which was read,

Bill No 80 was called up and passed by the following vote,

The yeas and nays being required by Mr Hudson

Yeas Messrs President, Greves, Hughes, Fields, Breck, Brown, French, Farquharson, Kemp, Browning, Wright, Norman, Ridgely, Blackburn, Miles 15,

Nays Messrs Hudson, Mitleford, Roberts, Turner, W R Kennedy, J H Kennedy, Lawrence, J J Brown, Russell, Miller, Snyder, Heuisler 12.

Mr Mitleford called up bill No 14