at the same time not adequately protected from an attack by the river"

The subject was again renewed in 1843, from the Bureau of Engineers — and plans and estimates submitted, and the immediate commencement of the work recommended.

And again, in 1844, he states, "that the defensive works at Sollers' Point Flats, is indispensible to the safety of Baltimore harbor, invokes the aid of the war department in procuring authority for its commencement, — and in accordance with this suggestion, the Secretary of War, Mr Wilkins, states in his annual communication, "that the defence and safety of Baltimore will, it is believed, be found in the erection of permanent works on Soller's Point Flats, about ten miles below the city."

"Let the proposed fort upon these flats be completed, and the inhabitants of that city will no longer have occasion to apprehend a second battle of North Point."

Your committee, concur in believing that, after an examination of this corroborative testimony, "as to the necessity and feasibility of erecting these defensive works, there can be no doubt. — and they are at a loss to conjecture why the action of Congress on the subject has been so long delayed, particularly as the progress of the work when begun, must of necessity be slow — occupying time to settle, which would probably take four or five years.

Your committee, however, indulge the hope that if properly brought before Congress, and respectfully urged by this corporation, that Congress in the exercise of their judgement will no longer disregard the claims, for the means of defence, to the third city in the Union; but by speedy action will take measures for the commencement of a work so manifestly needed

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

D W Hudson
Wm S Browning
Hugh A Cooper
First Branch

Henry R Sauderman
Samuel S Barnes
Samuel Boyd
Second Branch

Resolved, That the Counsellor for the City be, and he is hereby requested to prepare a memorial to Congress, asking an appropriation and other necessary action, for the erection of defensive works at Soller's Point Flats; and that said memorial by signed by the Mayor and the Presidents of both branches of the City Council; and that a joint committee be appointed to have it presented to Congress, and respectfully urge immediate action on the subject.

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

Mr Brown, on leave, submitted an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to change the name of Sugar alley to that of Little Church Street." which was read a first and by special order the second time.

The bill being on its passage, was passed.

On motion of Mr Brick, the reference of S. B. Cully and others, for the change of the name of Sugar Alley, was reconsidered, or ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Harker gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask permission to introduce a bill, entitled "A supplement to an ordinance to provide for the prompt collection of taxes by the sale of real estate."

Mr Hudson, from the committee submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on the harbour, to whom was referred "so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to the city commissioners' report, in reference to an extra appropriation," to meet the individual loan made by Jesse Hunt to the City Commissioners, which was used by them for deepening the harbour, have given the subject due consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution

D W Hudson
Wm S Browning
Hugh A Cooper
First Branch