lieutenants of the Watch, and thirty additional watchmen, have made the examination which the subject demanded.

We find that by ordinance No 33. of revised ordinances of 1838. it is provided that the appointment of lieutenants of the watch is restricted to two for the Eastern District, four for the middle district, and four for the Western district; but under the provisions of the same ordinance, the Mayor is authorised to appoint such number of Watchmen as he may think proper. Thus it appears that with regard to the appointment of additional Watchmen, no legislation is necessary. With regard to additional lieutenants of the Watch, in accordance with the suggestion of the Mayor, we think that they should be appointed, and with the view of carrying that suggestion into effect, we recommend the adoption of the accompanying bill.

Samuel Harker
Joseph Breck
James Fields
First Branch
Samuel Barnes.
William Baker
James Essender.
Second Branch.

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

The joint committee on police, to whom was referred the subject of enquiring into the expediency of memorialising the General Assembly of the State, to remodel the City Court, in order to a more economical administration of justice in that Court, have attended to the duty assigned them; and considering the enormous amount of expense to which the City is exposed by the City Court as now constituted, and believe that a court, to perform the duties which are now committed to that Court, could be organised, in which the duties would be as well performed, and at a very considerable reduction of expense, conceive it to be their imperative duty of the City authorities to employ their best endeavours to procure a change so important, and



and so generally desirable; therefore we recommend the passage of the following resolutions.

Samuel Harker
James Fields
Committee of the First Branch
Samuel Barnes
William Baker
James Essender
Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore That the City Counsellor be requested to prepare a memorial to the General Assembly of Maryland, requesting the passage of an act to provide for such a reorganization of the City Court of this City, as will produce a more economical administration of justice in that court.

Resolved, that copies of said memorial, when prepared, shall be signed by the Mayor and Presidents of both branches of the Council and forwarded to our senator and delegates in the House of Delegates, requesting them to employ their best endeavours to procure the adoption of the measure proposed.

Mr Harker from the committee submitted the following report which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on police to whom was referred the bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance to provide for the prompt collection of taxes, by the sale of real estate" — for the purpose of providing a restraint upon the collector of the city in the advertisement and sale of lots for the payment of taxes, by requiring him in all cases where there may be more than one lot lying contiguous to each other, to sell but one lot — provided, it will bring a price sufficient to cover the amount of taxes due, and the expenses incurred in the advertisement and sale, and in all cases of the kind to restrain him from selling more ground than may be, as nearly as practicable, barely sufficient to pay the taxes and costs, have given to the subject the consideration which its importance deserved; and from an investigation of the matter, we find that in some cases the restraint proposed would be proper. The cases to which