Fields, Hall, Haynes, Harker, Turner, Staylor, Kennedy, Dallam, Brown, Page, Browning, Addison, Ridgely, Green, Russell Jr, Gault, Suter, Barnet. — 22.

Mr Wash moved to strike out "200" and insert "300" - also strike out after the word "best" the words "and $100 for the second best", which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Ridgely.

Yeas — Messrs President, Cooper, Cromey, Hudson, Haynes, Walsh, Brack, Harker, Turner, Staylor, Kennedy, Dallam, Brown, Page, Browning, Addison, Russell Jr. Suter, Barnet. — 19

Nays — Messrs Fields, Hall, Ridgely, Green, and Gault — 5.

Mr Walsh moved to strike out the word "two" in the next to the last line and insert, "one", which was agreed to.

Mr Hudson moved to further amend the resolution, by inserting at the end thereof, the following, "And that the said Commissioners be requested to ascertain what sum the Baltimore Exchange can be purchased for". which was adopted by the following vote, - the yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Cooper.

Yeas — Messrs President, Cromey, Hudson, Fields, Haynes, Walsh, Brack, Harker, Turner, Staylor, Kennedy, Brown, Page, Browning, Addison, Ridgely, Green, Russell Jr. Gault, Suter and Barnet — 21.

Nays. — Messrs Cooper, Hall and Dallam — 3

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

The joint select committee, to whom was referred the report and accounts of the City Commissioners and port wardens, have had the same under investigation, and after a careful examination of the financial statements, and a due consideration of the suggestions claiming legislative action, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have found the general arrangements of their office well adapted to the proper and convenient discharge

of their multiplied and important duties. The books, papers and records in good order and condition. After a careful examination of every item of their receipts and disbursements, we find the whole sustained by the necessary vouchers.

Your committee take great pleasure in bearing this testimonial in behalf of this department of the city service, from the consideration that their multiplied labours have been greatly augmented by merging, during the past year, the entire duties discharged by the late board of health, as an additional and highly important service to be discharged by them. This arrangement, although complex, varied and laborious, particularly to the single clerk in this department, has been met and discharged with a zeal and ability highly honorable to the department.

As several suggestions, contained in their last report to the Councils, have not been brought (except in a general way,) to their consideration, and as some of them are of deep importance to the interests of the city, we have deemed it to be our duty to present them for the consideration and action of the Councils

The first of importance, which appears to your committee, is the suggestion, (and we may add, the necessity,) for the procurement of a suitable place of deposit for the sediment raised from the harbour: it appears from their report, that every receptacle belonging to the corporation for this purpose has been exhausted. When the great and important interests involved in maintaining a free and uninterrupted navigation of our harbour is considered, all circumstances connected with or affecting the same is of vital importance, and demands our serious attention. The port wardens, in their late report, allude to this subject in the following language "Great inconvenience and loss is experienced for want of a proper place for the deposit of the sediment raised from the harbour, and as the city owns ninety feet on the port wardens line, northwestwardly from the Fish House wharf, we would most respectfully recommend that an appropriation