of our city, see a goal so desirable, in prospect, and we shall not long deplore that there are not who are fit to receive them. To sum up the matter in one word, – it is asked that when a pupil of our public high school shall have so acquitted himself as to be entitled to a certificate of proficiency, that there may be power vested in the board of commissioners of our public schools to give him such a certificate. Is the boon too enormous to be considered? Believing that the Council will not so regard it, we respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, as a substitute for the substitute proposed by the Second Branch for the original resolution appended to the report of the committee on education.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Wm. T. Leonard
Wm. S. Browning
Hugh A. Cooper
Committee of the First Branch.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Schools be directed to prepare a memorial to the General Assembly of Maryland, praying the passage of an Act granting to the male public high school of this city, the powers enumerated in the above report. – And when such memorial shall have been prepared, that it be signed by said Commissioners, and by the Mayor and Presidents of the two branches of the City Council, and transmitted to our representatives in the General Assembly, to be by them presented to that body.

Mr Hudson presented the annual report of the Franklin Fire Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Fire Companies.

Mr Hudson, from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read a first and by special order a second time and adopted.

The joint committee on the Harbor, to whom was referred the petition of George R. Vickers and others, in relation to an increase on the rates of wharfage, on pig iron and other articles, have had the subject under consideration, and from all the information in their possession, they think that the present rate of wharfage is about a fair charge, and if enhanced, the probable effect would be to drive such articles from the public wharves, and thereby decrease the amount of revenue to the city. – They therefore submit the following resolution

D W Hudson
Wm S Browning
Committee of the First Branch
Henry R Landeman
Samuel Barnes
Samuel Boyd
Committee of the Second Branch.

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

Mr Walsh called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims, on the petition of James A. McKnight.

Mr Walsh offered the following as a substitute, which was read and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby directed to pay to James A. McKnight the sum of ..... Dollars, the same being a compensation to him for the performance of police duty in rescuing two female orphans from the keeper of a bawdy house, the said amount to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Browning offered the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolved, that the joint committee on markets be, and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of extending the limits of the Hanover Market; and also of the necessity of erecting a clerk's office for said market, and report by bill or otherwise

Mr Purviance called up bill No 17. entitled "An ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Collector for the City of Baltimore, and prescribing his duties"

Mr Walsh withdrew the amendment to the amendment offered by him

Mr Purviance withdrew the amendment offered by him

Mr Brown in the chair

Mr Purviance moved to strike out the second section which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Leonard:

Yeas.