fifty five dollars and twenty five cents, and to James S. Fisher, Sixteen dollars and Sixty cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being for overpaid taxes on the Stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

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

The joint committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of George G. Belt, asking to be remunerated for extra services rendered to the City, while acting as City Counsel, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it ought to be granted.

The committee do not mean by this recommendation to have it considered as a precedent, that all claims which may be made by any future counsel should be granted, because, in the present instance the claims now referred to have been granted.

The circumstances which gave rise to the necessity of those services, were of that magnitude which your committee think justifies them in recommending this claim to the favorable notice of the Council. They subjoin a resolution in favour of Mr Belt.

Robert Purviance
Wm T. Leonard
Richard Marley
Committee of the First Branch.
W J Wright
B H Richardson
Samuel Barnes
Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to George G. Belt, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, Seven hundred dollars. — being for extra services rendered by him, when acting as City Counsel.

Mr Breck presented a report from the Vigilant Fire Company, relative to the expenses and appropriations from 1840 to 1844, inclusive, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

The Second Branch returned the report of the joint committee on the harbour on the petition of J R Vickers and others endorsed "concurred in."

Mr Hudson offered the following resolution, which was read

read and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to offer a standing reward of three hundred dollars, for the apprehension and prosecution to conviction, in any court of justice, of any person or persons, engaged in any incendiary act, within the limits of the City of Baltimore.

Mr Reilly moved to adjourn, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Gault:

Yeas. — Messrs Cooper, Croney, Hudson, Hall, Haynes, Turner, Kennedy, Reilly, Dallam, Purviance, Browning, Ridgely, Marley, Suter. — 14. —

Nays. — Messrs. President, Fields, Walsh, Breck, Leonard, Brown, Green, Gault, and Barnet. — 9.

This Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 O'Clock.

By order
Geo Brown Clerk

Tuesday, March 11, 1845

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Samuel Harden Esq President and all the members.

Mr Purviance presented petitions from Robert Gilmor, M. F. Keyser, executor of Samuel Keyser, and M. F. Keyser, asking to be refunded taxes improperly paid, which were severally read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Browning presented a petition from N. O. Eichelberger asking that the west side of Canal Street, between Wilk and Flat streets may be filled up, — which was read.

Mr Browning moved to refer it to the joint committee on streets.

Mr Breck moved to amend the motion, by striking out "streets" and inserting "harbor," — which was determined in the negative.

The question being on referring the petitions to the joint committee on streets, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Russell presented a petition from A W Bond and others relative to Chatsworth run, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

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