and naming Messrs. Collins, Wight and Richardson as the committee.

The message was read and laid on the table.

Mr Purviance, from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read the first, and special order the second time, and adopted:

The joint committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Anthony Flarity and others, asking to be paid for work done for the city in the digging and discharging machines on the 13th April 1844, are of opinion their claim is just, and report a resolution for its payment:

Robert Purviance,
Richard Marley,
Wm. T. Leonard,
Committee of the First Branch.
W. J. Wight,
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 Anthony Flarity two dollars, to Edward Calder two dollars, to Edward Shelley two dollars, to Duncan Macpherson two dollars, to George Whitter two dollars, to Robert McWilliams two dollars, and to Andrew Smith two dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being for work performed by them, in digging and discharging machines, on the 13th April 1844.

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

The joint committee on fire companies, to whom was referred the annual reports of the several fire companies, made agreeably to the second section of an ordinance approved the 22d May, 1838, beg leave respectfully to report: that they have examined the reports and herewith present a statement of the condition of the fire department.

There are seventeen fire companies in the city, all of which are members of the Baltimore United Fire Department, — the quantity and condition of the apparatus belonging to the fire department in the city, as stated in the several

reports

reports of the fire companies, is as follows, viz:

The Mechanical. — One first class Spouting engine, built in 1821, and in service for twenty-four years, in good order. One new Suction engine, purchased in 1844, entirely by the contributions of the active members, and of several of the insurance companies. One Suction engine in good order, rebuilt in 1838. One old Suction engine out of service, but in the possession of the company since 1803, in good order. Two single balance reel, hose carriages, in good order. 1250 feet hose, — 500 feet of which, procured by the company in 1844.

The expenses of the year 1844, per vouchers.	1135.01
Paid toward the house, (the property of the City)	500 "
	$1.635.01

The Union. — Two hose carriages in good order. One hose carriage used for repacking hose. Two large Suction engines in good order. 1300 feet of hose, — 1000 of which is in excellent order, together with all the necessary pipes, screws, wrenches, &c. The expenses of the company for the past year, have been $ 1,104.07, (independent of expenses incurred for building new engine house,) for new hose carriage, hose, &c.

The Friendship. — One Spouting engine. One Suction. Two hose carriages, with 1200 feet of riveted hose, with the Standard screw. The engine is in complete order. The suction has been in active service for several years past, and will require considerable repair. The reels are in good order. The hose, from long service, are in bad order, and will require to be partially replaced by new hose. The receipts by the company, past year, ending January 11th 1845, $576. Amount expended. $549.

The company has not received any income from their engine house.

The Deptford. — One Spouting engine which is undergoing repair. One Suction, which is in good working order. Two hose carriages and about 1000 feet of riveted hose, about half of which is much worn, as to be scarcely fit for use. The company have in use the Standard screw, and is a bona fide member of the Baltimore United Fire Department. The company expended during the past year. $800.

The Liberty. — One large Spouting and Suction engine, in good order. One Suction engine, in good order. Two hose carriages, in good order. 1000 feet of riveted hose, — 900 feet of which are in fair condition. The necessary pipes, screws, —

wrenches,