The joint committee on Education, having been required to enquire, and report, whether the recent division of the city into twenty wards, calls for any modification of the first section of ordinance No 12. approved March 27th 1845. have had the subject under consideration, and

Report:

Your committee find, that when the Public Schools were organized in 1829. the number of school commissioners, was six, when there were only three male and two female schools. During successive years, and keeping pace with the increase of the schools, the number of commissioners became eight, nine, eleven; until, by ordinance No 1. Section 1. approved January 26th 1842, fourteen commissioners were required to be appointed, — one to be selected from each of the several wards of the city. This is the ordinance under which the appointment of the commissioners has since been made. It was evidently the design of the City Council, in making the number of commissioners to correspond with the number of wards, that they should be selected from all the sections of the city, thereby securing equal attention to the wants of all the citizens.

Your committee are not prepared to say that, if the number of wards of the city had not been increased, they would recommend any increase in the number of school commissioners But your committee do say, that they are not prepared to recommend any other mode of selecting that body, than by following the mode of representations, in the First or Second Branches of the City Council. Your committee are free to state, unhesitatingly that the mode of representation in the Second Branch; viz: the selection of one school commissioner from every two wards, contiguous to each other, which would give only ten commissioners, would not be desirable, as in the present expanded condition of the public schools, ten commissioners could not attend to the schools unless they could give a large portion of their time to this object.

Your committee, therefore, feel called upon to recommend the appointment of twenty school commissioners, viz: one from each of the several wards of the city — as this is the only mode by which they can diffuse the members of that body over the entire city. — and therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined supplemental ordinance.

N Hickman
Charles Doran
Stephen Collins
Committee of the First Branch

William

William Baker
B H Richardson
John Green Jr
Committee of the Second Branch.

Mr Pindell offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on police be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of making the Deputy Register, an appointment of the two branches of the City Council, in convention, and report by bill or otherwise.

The Second Branch returned the resolutions relative to the fortifications on Sollers's Point Flats, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendments":

Amendments proposed: Strike out "three" and insert "two"
Strike out the word "forthwith."

On motion of Mr Watkins, the proposed amendments were "concurred in"

Mr Hickman offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the joint committee on the harbor, be instructed to inquire upon what terms can be purchased, for the use of the city of Baltimore, the water right, south of Whetstone Point, extending to the line of Fort M'Henry, or any part thereof, and report accordingly.

Mr Doran offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the joint committee on health, be directed to inquire into the propriety of purchasing, by the corporation, the carriage used by the city in carrying Small pox cases to the Hospital, owned by Patrick Reilly, Senior, and report accordingly.

On motion of Mr Dutton, this branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3. o'Clock.

By order
Jno P Woodward Clerk

Wednesday January 21st 1846.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob H Cohen Jr. Esq President, and all the members except Mr Hooper.

Mr Colton presented a petition from Edward Kirby, assistant Clerk of the Fells Point Market, praying an increase of salary, which was read and referred to the joint committee on markets.

Mr Collins