Resolved, That the joint committee on Police be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making one or more additional districts to those already provided by law for superintendents of Chimney Sweeps, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims, on the petition of S. Herr.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of J. Walsh.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of J. Nelson.

Mr. Hooper moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "two" in the fifth line, and inserting the word "one", which was lost.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of D. Kane and Thomas Dilloway.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Colton called for the second reading of the resolution providing for the pay of Watchmen injured in the discharge of their duty.

Mr Colton offered as a substitute, a bill, entitled "A supplement to an ordinance to provide for the appointment of Watchmen."

On motion of Mr Dutton, the resolution and substitute, were laid on the table - and the substitute ordered to be printed in bill form.

The following communication was received from the City Commissioners, read and laid on the table.

City Commissioners' Office
Baltimore January 29. 1846

To the President and Members
of the First Branch of the City Council.

Gentlemen.

In answer to the resolution of your Branch, "directing the City Commissioners to examine into and report the probable cost of tunnelling Howard Street from Pratt Street to its terminus." they have the honor respectfully to report that they have examined the said Street, and that the tunnel would be required to be about 4480 feet in length. The cost of a suitable tunnel six

six feet in height and five feet in width including the necessary excavation would be $4.75 per running foot; making 4480 running feet at $4.75 per foot $21.280. the entire cost of constructing said tunnel.

Respectfully submitted
By order
C. M. Cole, Clerk

The following communication was received from the Commissioners for dividing the City into twenty wards - read and referred to the joint committee on ways and means.

Statement of Expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the act passed at the General Assembly of Maryland, December Session 1844. Chapter 22, - entitled "an act to divide the City of Baltimore into twenty wards"

Due the Commissioners for time employed by them, according to the 5th section of said act	$250.00
Allowance made by the Commissioners to Messrs Josiah R. Bonwell and Robert M'Pond, for services rendered by them as Clerks	100.00
Stationery, plans of Baltimore, for the use of the Commissioners	7.88
Paid Magistrate for affidavits	.63
	$358.51

Baltimore June 28th 1845

Commissioners:

Osmond C. Tiffany — Alex S. Boulden
Samuel Jones Jr — Robert P. J. Stewart.
Edward Chassaing

The Register of the City, in handing in his report to the City Council, has returned the gross amount to be provided for, for all the expenses incurred in carrying out the act referred to above, a gross amount of $761.51

The Commissioners wish it to be explained to the Council, that the amount of expenses actually incurred by them as per bill returned to the Register, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, was $358.51
And that this sum is the amount charged by the Argus and the Patriot for publishing the returns of the Commissioners according to the provisions of the law. $403.00

Mr Collins, on leave, offered the following resolutions, which were read and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That hereafter, whenever the Mayor or City Counsellor shall deem it necessary for the interests of the corporation to employ assistant counsel, the Mayor and City Counsellor shall make a contract with said assistant Counsel for the