tion for the protection of its rights and interests in said property.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening, it adjourn until Thursday afternoon next.

Mr Watkins moved that we non-concur, which was determined in the affirmative.

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

The joint committee on claims to whom was recommitted the subject of the claim of Charles Farquharson & Son, agents of George Douglas of New York, accompanied with the memorial of the President of the La Fayette Hose Company, respectfully report that they have again examined the subject, and have come to the same conclusion they had arrived at when they made their former report. They repeat again that there are several fire companies who have ceded their property to the City, as the La Fayette Fire Company did, that a certain amount of money would be advanced to them, and containing no stipulation that the City should pay the ground rent on their lots, and your committee cannot sanction the principle to pay the ground rent of any particular company, without believing that it would be manifestly unjust to other companies who are similarly situated, and who pay their own ground rent. Most of the grounds occupied by the different fire companies are under a yearly rent far in excess pay nearly ten times as much as this company, which they have always paid out of their annual appropriation, and as this is the first demand made upon the corporation of this kind, and as it would be dealing unfairly towards other companies to pay it in any other way than to withhold it from the annual appropriation to be made hereafter to this company, your committee still adhere to the principle laid down in their first report to do equal justice to all, by offering the following resolutions:

William A Hack
N Hickman
Felix McCurley
First Branch

Wm Parker
B H Richardson
John Green Jr
Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register of the City be, and he is hereby directed to pay, out of any money not otherwise appropriated in the treasury, to Charles Farquharson & Son agents of

of George Douglas, of New York, thirty six dollars, for two years ground rent of lot occupied by the La Fayette Fire Company, due the first day of April 1845.

And be it further resolved, That the Register of the City be directed to withhold the above amount of thirty six dollars from the next annual appropriation made to the La Fayette Fire Company, and annually thereafter the sum of eighteen dollars, unless proof be given to him that said company have paid their yearly ground rent as it may become due.

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

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Lewis C. Muller, agent for Mrs Ann Sandie, praying to be refunded money alleged to have been erroneously paid for taxes for the years 1839 and 1840, respectfully report, that after an examination of the subject, they cannot make a favorable report thereon. The grounds upon which the petitioner predicates her claim is, that the late Collector Jacob Deems, levied on the property of her tenants for taxes due on adjoining property, which was formerly owned by A Morrow, and now by P P Stroble, — that she collected a part of the money of Mr Stroble, being his proportion for the time he owned the property; and that she would make a demand on Morrow if he could be found. Your committee believe, that if the present owner was bound for any part, he was bound for all — having taken all the responsibility of Morrow in the purchase. As the city has only received the taxes once, and having sold them out for those years to the late Collector, J. Deems, if any responsibility rests to the petitioner, it is with him particularly, if he has improperly levied upon the tenants of the petitioner for taxes due by other parties.

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Resolved that the committee be discharged.

Mr Walkins presented a petition from G L Duloney and others asking that Courtland Street may be extended, which was received and referred to the joint committee on streets:

The following communication was received from the