were read and referred to the joint committee on Fire Companies.

A bill entitled "An ordinance for the better preserving the city from fire" — was received from the Second Branch read and laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Harbor Master of the Second District, read and referred to the joint committee on the Harbor:

Baltimore February 9th 1846.

To the President & Members
of the First Branch of the City Council
Gentlemen,

In reply to the resolution of your Branch, requesting the harbor master of the second district to report as early as practicable what amount of income the city received during 1845 for wharfage from vessels laying at the head of Gay street dock, I have the honor to report that the amount received from the first day of March 1845 to the first day of January 1846 was twenty five dollars.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
N B. Pitchard

A communication was received from William Wilson, asking that his name may be erased from the petition in relation to granting Collegiate power to the Male Public High School.

On motion of Mr Collins, the leave prayed for was granted.

Mr Starr offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on health be instructed to report, with as little delay as possible, a bill providing for the immediate general vaccination of the City of Baltimore.

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

The joint committee on the Alms House have given a careful attention to the discharge of their duties, and will in a few days present a full report. But your committee desire at this time to offer a memorial to the General Assembly of Maryland on the subject of paupers in the Alms House, who have no legal residence in Baltimore City and County. Your committee recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

Stephen Collins, Wm. A Hack, Chas. Doran } Committee of the First Branch

Isaac M. Denson, John Keene, Wm. Baker } Committee of the Second Branch

Resolved

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That a copy of the memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, praying for the enactment of a law in relation to pauper in the Almshouse, not legal residents of Baltimore City or of Baltimore County, be signed by the Mayor and the Presidents of each Branch and forwarded immediately to the Senators and Delegates from Baltimore City and Baltimore County in the General Assembly; and that they be, and hereby are respectfully requested to present the same, and to use their most zealous efforts to procure the speedy passage of such enactment.

Memorial

Of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to the General Assembly of Maryland.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland:

Your memorialists most respectfully represent to your honorable body that Baltimore City and County have established and annually sustain, at a very large cost, an Almshouse for the support of such of their poor citizens as are unable, by reason of age, infirmity or disease, to procure their own maintenance. Their fellow citizens bear, with the utmost cheerfulness, the imposition of a tax for the accomplishment of this humane object. But they do consider that the dispensation of this charity should be limited to those who by birth or legal residence, are justly entitled to its reception. But your memorialists regret to be compelled to state that the burden of their fellow citizens is annually increased, to a very oppressive extent, by impositions practised upon them by having forced on them lunatics and other paupers, sent to this city from other counties of the State and from other States. The City of Baltimore, as the commercial emporium of the State, has facilities of access, which are annually increasing; and thus afford the means of perpetrating this most unjust imposition.

In order to show, in part, to your honorable body the extent of this imposition, your memorialists will state that the whole number of inmates now in the Almshouse is six hundred and twenty five. Seventy three of these are lunatics and idiots, and are supported at an annual cost of Sixty five dollars each. Besides these, the city has eighteen pauper lunatics in the Maryland Hospital, each supported at an annual cost of $100; and your memorialists do not doubt that of these eighteen some are not, and never were, legal residents of Baltimore, and therefore should not be cast on her treasury for support. Of the seventy three lunatics now in the Almshouse, seven are from other sections of the State. If out of seventy three lunatics, seven are from other counties of the State and therefore should not be cast for support upon the city and County, how

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