Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

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

Resolved, that the joint committee on the jail, be requested to inquire into and report to the Council, as early as convenient, at whose instance the application was made to the Legislature, and a bill passed the House of Delegates, and is now before the Senate, providing for the payment of two dollars per day, as a compensation for each of the board of Visitors of the Jail.

Mr Davis presented a petition from Julia Jones asking compensation for services rendered by her deceased husband which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Collins presented a petition from Isaac Munro, asking compensation for advertising, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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 James Piper, asking to be refunded taxes alleged to have been erroneously paid as far back as 1836. respectfully report, that they cannot recommend any favourable action on the case:— the petitioner states that in consequence of the disastrous results of 1837. certain individuals who had leased of him part of the ground formerly known as the lot whereon the Baltimore House stood, did not comply with their contracts made with him for said grounds,— that they pulled down part of the building and commenced rearing new houses, and that finally, it passed back into his hands by Chancery proceedings, and as he has suffered by these parties not complying with their engagements, he believes he is entitled to redress of the City in refunding him the taxes paid on said property.— your committee believe the corporation has nothing to do with contracts made between individuals; and if the petitioner has sustained any damage by a non-compliance of contracts made with other parties, he must seek his redress from those who have injured him; but without entering into any explanation of the circumstances connected with the case, it is enough to know, that had the petitioner applied in proper time to the appeal tax court for redress of any existing grievance, it would no doubt have been made by that board; having neglected to avail himself of the only mode recognised by the corporation in cases of this kind, the fault is one of his own, and your committee, from an impartial investigation of the subject recommend the

the adoption of the following resolution.

William A. Hack	Wm J. Baxter
Felix McCauley	B. H. Richardson
N. Hickman	John Green Jr
Committee of the First Branch	Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read; and, together with the accompanying documents referred to the joint committee on Internal Improvements.

Mayor's Office
Baltimore February 20. 1846.

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council:

I herewith transmit for your consideration and action, a communication addressed to me by the President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, together with the copy of an act recently passed by the General Assembly, entitled An act to enable the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company to [illegible] locomotives and cars and for other purp[illegible] on the part of the State in said [illegible] Maryland.

[illegible] fully
[illegible] G. Davies Mayor

[illegible] following resolution which was [illegible]

Res[illegible] cil of Baltimore, That the Reg[illegible] to pay, under the direction of the [illegible] tion of the Mayor, the sum of [illegible] much thereof as is necessary to repair the Hanover Market, including the pillars, butchers and vegetable stalls, spouting and removing the Clerk's house from the centre of the square to some more suitable situation to be chosen by the commissioners,— and the commissioners are directed to have these repairs done, after the opening and widening of Dover Street from Sharp Street to Camden Lane, to the width of forty six six inches, shall have been accomplished, at the expense of the property holders, and Dover Street widened from Camden Lane to Hanover Street, to the width of sixty two feet, at the expense of the Mayor and City Council,— that then, and not until then, shall these improvements be made.

Mr Watkins, from the committee, submitted the following report,

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