report and a bill, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the closing of a part of Scott Street, and for the opening a part of the same Street in the City of Baltimore" – which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the petitions for and against the opening of Scott street, report that after examining the premises they have come to the conclusion to report a bill in favour of opening Scott Street to Lombard Street, and to close the same from Lombard to Hollins Street. Believing the publick convenience does not require the opening of this street further north than Lombard Street, it being but one square short of the original intention of the Commissioners who first laid down said street on the plat of the city; and the closing of this makes the square no longer than a number of other squares in the city. They, therefore, consider it would be improper for the Council to tax the property holders to the amount of several thousand dollars against their will and desire and without any advantage to the public. The committee beg leave to submit the accompanying bill:

P. Wesley Watkins
George A. Davis
Wm Colton
Committee of the First Branch.

Henry Myers
Isaac M. Denson
John Green Jr
Committee of the Second Branch.

A communication was received from the Mayor, addressed "to the members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council in Convention assembled"

On motion of Mr Walsh, a message was sent to the Second Branch, inviting them to meet this Branch in convention assembled".

Messrs Walsh and Hooper were appointed the committee.

Mr M'Curley from the committee submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on water, to which was recommitted the report of the joint committee, on the petition of the Hon. Solomon Hillen and others, praying for the purchase and improvement of a lot of ground adjoining the Gilbert Street Spring, have had the subject under consideration, and report; that they have applied to the owner of the lot above designated, asking if she would take less than 8000$ for the property; but having been informed by her, that she would not take less than that sum; and your committee deeming this sum to be entirely too much for the lot, recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Stephen Collins
Felix M'Curley
First Branch

Elias Ware Jr
Hugh S. Colton
John Green Jr
Second Branch.

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

The two Branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time therein adjourned.

Mr Watkins called up bill No 20. entitled "An ordinance to license wood hucksters on the wharves belonging to the City of Baltimore".

The question being on the adoption of the amendments proposed by Mr Hooper.

Mr Turner moved to amend the amendment by striking out in the 7th line the words "twenty five" – and insert "twenty" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Starr moved to amend the second section by striking out the words "two persons" in the eighth line, and insert the words "one person" strike out all from the word "license" in the ninth line, to the word "and" in the tenth line – at the end of the section, add the words, "and that said license shall not be transferable, but may be held by the administrator or widow of the party" – which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Walsh moved to reconsider the fourth section, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Pindell.

Yeas. – Messrs President, Colton, Walsh, Hickman, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Hooper and Brown – 9.

Nays. – Messrs Dutton, O'Leary, Pindell, Soran, Davis, Starr and M'Curley – 7.

Mr Walsh moved to strike out the fourth section, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Pindell.

Yeas. – Messrs President, Colton, Walsh, Hickman, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Hooper and Brown – 9.

Nays. – Messrs Dutton, O'Leary, Pindell, Soran, Davis and Starr – 6.

Mr Hooper moved to strike out the enacting clause, which was determined in the negative.

The Bill being on its passage was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Hooper:

Yeas. – Messrs President, Colton, Dutton, Hickman, Pindell, Turner, Soran, Collins, Watkins, Davis and Starr – 11.

Nays – Messrs O'Leary, Walsh, Hooper and Brown – 4.

Mr Collins, from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on water, to which was referred sundry inquiries