The Second Branch by message assented to the message of this Branch proposing to refer the communication from the City Commissioners relative to a new City Hall, to a joint select committee and naming Messrs Myers, Richardson and Green as the committee on their part.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint committee on claims, on the petition of James Piper, endorsed "concurred in"

A resolution authorising the sale of eave stalls on Cross Street Market; and

Bill No 44. entitled "An ordinance relating to Chimney Sweeps" were received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on the harbor on the petition of B. Crawford, were received from the Second Branch, read the first and by special order, the second time and concurred in.

Mr Walsh presented a petition from William C. Spindler, praying compensation for services rendered the City, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Watkins called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets, relative to tunnelling Run Alley.

Mr Watkins offered the following as an additional resolution, which was adopted.

And be it further resolved, That a resolution approved May 2, 1845 which appropriates two thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of tunnelling Run Alley, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mr Collins offered the following preamble and resolution which were read and laid on the table.

Whereas, The ground rent on the lot of ground on which primary school No 2. is built, is paid from the public school fund at $4.22 cents per foot, on two hundred feet, amounting to $244.00;

And Whereas, the City authorities have taken sixty feet on the rear of said lot, on which a watch house has been erected, thus causing the School fund to pay $73.20 cents, in property not used by the public schools; therefore

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register of the City be, and he is hereby directed to pay annually out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of Seventy three dollars and twenty cents, as ground rent on that portion of said lot on which primary School No 2. is erected, which

which is used and occupied by a watch house.

Mr Brown presented a petition from John W Richmond and others, watchmen in the neighbourhood of the several markets, praying an increase of compensation, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

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 markets to whom was referred a resolution adopted by the First Branch on the 9th. instant, in reference to the time for which stalls in Lexington and Belle Air markets were leased or sold, and when such time expires, respectfully Report, That upon examination, no record of any kind can be found in the Registers Office prior to the year 1835. from which they can derive the least information on the subject. Under these circumstances, no other mode of compliance with the resolution was left but to examine the ordinances of the Councils from the time of the first establishment of said market houses to the present date.

In regard to the Lexington Market they find that it was originally established by the Western precincts commissioners, from whose control, it passed under ordinance 21. of 1818. to the care of the City Council. Resolution 22 of 1827. provides for the erection of new stalls in the west end of the market house, but no terms as to time are mentioned upon which the sales of stalls were to be made. Resolution 29 of 1835 provides for the erection of an additional market house to the eastward of the old one, and directs that the stalls, when completed, shall be sold to the highest bidder "for the term of three years". And your committee find in the Register's Office, the auctioneer's return of sales of twenty four stalls on the terms provided by resolution.

The erection of the Belle Air Market House was first provided for by the ordinance 122 of 1818 and ordinance 6 of 1819. By resolution 48 of 1823. The Mayor was authorised to sell at auction the stalls and benches for the term "of not less than two nor more than three years" the annual rent to be suspended during the time for which they were sold. By resolution 14. of 1829. the Mayor is again authorised to sell the stalls in said market "for one year" to the highest bidder. By resolution 8 of 1835 the erection of an additional house, at the south end of said market was provided for, and the Register was directed to sell the same, when finished, at public sale "for three years". Your committee find by the auctioneers return