The joint committee on markets to whom was referred that portion of the Mayor's message, that relates to the erection of a new market house on Hells Point, beg leave to report, they have had the subject under consideration and submit the following statement and report.

Your committee find upon examination, that the amount appropriated by the former session of the Council was $28000. which amount was found insufficient to defray the expense of the new one. It was contemplated to lengthen it sufficient to add eight new stalls, but a very small addition to that contemplated, arranged as it was by the commissioners having charge of the building in such a manner was found of sufficient room to add ten stalls instead of eight, which on the day of sale, as will be seen by a reference to the auctioneers return of amount of sales, told very well in favour of the City. Another reason why the appropriation fell short, and not the least one either, was the building of the new one on iron pillars, which was attended with a much larger expense than was contemplated by those making the appropriation. It appears by reference to page 7. of the Mayor's communication, that the sum of $2,182.09 is necessary to complete the building and pay the outstanding debts, that sum added to the appropriation made by the Council at their last session, makes an amount of $4,962.09.

Your committee, in making this allusion to the whole amount used in the erection of the new market house, desire to show that after deducting the amount received by the corporation for the sale of the ten additional stalls, the balance to be met by an appropriation would be but $132.09 And in the place of an old house that stood there on the old arrangement of brick pillars, we now have a most commodious house, on the new and improved plan of building market houses - namely, on cast iron pillars.

Your committee feel that they would stop short of a full report, if they failed to express the entire satisfaction felt by the residents in that section of the city, believing that we have the handsomest and best finished market house, situate in the broadest way in the city.

Your committee feel called on to state, that there was but eighteen stalls in the old market house, each renting for $10. making a yearly income from rent alone of $180. Now the rent is for twenty eight stalls at $20 a piece $560.- making a neat increase to the City yearly for rent only, of $380; add to that of the additional sum of $5 a piece for license $50. making an annual increase to the revenue of the City from the market $430. besides an increase for cave stalls and stalls in the rear of butchers stalls.

Your committee have entered thus into detail, for the purposes of giving information to the Council, they thought but just and right, and also, to the community at large.

They would most respectfully close their report by offering the accompanying ordinance

Wm Colton	Isaac M Denson
N Hickman	John Green Jr
J. Wesley Watkins	John Green
First Branch.	Second Branch

Mr Turner 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 fire companies to whom was referred the petition of John T. Davis, asking the privilege to make an alteration on a frame house situated in Happy Alley near Gough Street, beg leave to report: that they visited the premises and ascertained what improvement is intended to be made, and think the prayer of the petitioner reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore offer the following resolution

J. T. Turner	Hugh Bolton
Felix McCauley	Elias Ware Jr
Com. First Branch	John Green Jr
	Com. Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That permission is hereby given to John T. Davis to make an alteration on a frame house he occupies, located in Happy Alley, near Gough Street, by raising on one side to give a pitch one way, provided he files in the office of the City Commissioner the consent of the adjoining property owners before said alteration is commenced.

Mr Hooper moved that bill No 42. entitled "An ordinance directing the inspection of butter and hogs lard", be recommitted to the joint committee on Commerce, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Hack.

Yeas.— Messrs President, Dutton, Walsh, Hickman, Turner, Collins, Davis, Hooper, Starr and Brown — 10.

Nays.— Messrs Colton, O'Leary, Foran, Watkins, Buchanan, McCauley, Hack and Gross — 8.

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

Resolved, That the City Commissioner be and they are hereby directed to examine and report of the present building occupied as the City Hall could