could not be so repaired and altered, and provided with the necessary safes for the protection and preservation of the public papers as to answer every purpose contemplated in the erection of a new City Hall and at a small expense

Mr Hickman called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on water, on the petition of S. W. Rountree.

On motion of Mr Watkins the resolution was recommitted to the joint committee on water.

Mr Turner was appointed on the joint committee on commerce in place of Mr Prindell, resigned

Mr Watkins called up bill No 40. entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance regulating the compensation of the police officers of the City of Baltimore".

Mr Soran moved that the first of the proposed amendments be "concurred in", which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Walsh.

Yeas – Messrs Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Hickman, Turner, Soran, Collins, Buchanan, Harper, Starr, Brown, Hack, Gross – 14.

Nays. – Messrs President, Watkins, Davis & McCauley – 4.

Mr Starr moved to amend the proposed fourth section by inserting after the word "officers" in the second line, the words "to be employed" which was adopted.

Mr Collins moved to amend the proposed section by inserting after the word "amusement" the words "by the proprietor or proprietors thereof" – which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Collins moved to amend the proposed fourth section by striking out all from the word "unless" to the end of the section which was adopted.

The proposed amendment as amended was concurred in.

On motion of Mr Hack, the third proposed amendment was "concurred in"

Mr Collins presented a petition from Ashton Alexander asking to be refunded certain money paid by him for repairing a part of a street, afterwards given by him to the city, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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

The joint committee on police, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire into the propriety of appointing weighers

weighers of coal for the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report; that they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that legislation on the subject is unnecessary, as the General Assembly of Maryland, at its session of 1844. Chapter 74. in "An act supplementary to an act entitled an act for the weighing of anthracite coal, and for the measuring of bituminous coal" – passed at December Session 1837. Chap. 316. provided that no coal shall be sold without being weighed or measured by a weigher or measurer, duly sworn, under penalty.

They therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

Wm M. Starr — B. H. Richardson
William A. Hack — Henry Myers
John Dutton — Isaac M. Denson
Com. First Branch — Com. Second Branch.

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

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

The joint committee on police, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Richmond and others, watchmen on rounds embracing the various market houses, praying an increased compensation, in view of their services in such localities beg leave to report; that they have taken the subject into consideration and while they acknowledge that the wages of the City Watchmen generally might be increased, they cannot with justice recommend the increase of any particular portion of them, singling them out from the rest.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Wm M. Starr — B. H. Richardson
John Dutton — Isaac M. Denson
William A. Hack — Henry Myers
Committee of the Second Branch. — Committee of the Second Branch.

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

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

Resolved That the joint committee on police be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law regulating the inspection of weights and measures, so as to require the inspector to test the accuracy of plated balances by a greater weight than has been heretofore used, in making an examination of their correctness.

Mr. Watkins called up bill No 46. entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to appoint superintendents