to the report of the joint committee on streets, relative to changing the grade of Park and Monument Streets.

The resolution was concurred in.

Mr Watkins called up bill No 63. entitled "A supplement to an ordinance relative to awnings.

The bill being on its passage was passed.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Louis Muller.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Hack in the chair.

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

The joint committee on fire companies to whom was referred petitions from many of the fire companies, asking for special appropriations, report that they have had the subject under consideration at several meetings of the committee, and beg leave to state, that the amount asked for by the several companies is large; for rebuilding engine houses, repairing apparatus, discharging claims, new hoses.

The committee are aware, that the expenses of the fire department are large yearly, to have their apparatus kept in proper order, that when necessary, they may prove efficient in preserving the property of their fellow citizens

The committee after mature deliberation are constrained very reluctantly, to yield to the opinion that they cannot recommend any special appropriation to any company, for the year 1846. hoping by the exercise of proper economy, they may be able to get through the year with their annual appropriations. The committee deem it proper to state that in view of an increased levy to meet the demands upon the city treasury for the year, that they consider the inability of the corporation in carrying out many measures of importance before the Councils this session. The subject of special appropriations to the fire companies, claimed and received the respectful consideration of the committee, (as they conceive the fire department at all times entitled to,) in consideration of their valuable disinterested services rendered at all times and on all occasions when duty calls them

In conclusion, the committee have only to say, that they could not gratify their own feelings in making an unfavorable report, but for the reason given, it would have afforded them pleasure in reporting otherwise. The committee offer the following resolution

J. J. Turner
Wm. M. Starr
Felix McCauley
First Branch

Hugh Bolton
Elias Mace Jr
John Green Jr
Second Branch

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

Mr Hickman called up bill No 65. entitled "An ordinance providing for additional School houses"

Mr Collins moved to amend the first section by striking out in the ninth line the word "six" and inserting "nine" which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins

Yeas – Messrs Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Hickman, Collins & Grof – 6.

Nays – Messrs Walsh, Bishop, Turner, Foran, Watkins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Starr, McCauley and Hack – 11.

Mr Cohen offered the following substitute for the bill

An ordinance to provide an additional public School.

Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Commissioners of Public Schools be, and they are hereby authorised to lease for such period and upon such terms as they may deem most advantageous to the city, a lot of ground in the north eastern section of the city, suitable for the erection thereon of a building for the accommodation of an additional male and female public School.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted and ordained, that the Register of the City be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to place to the credit of the Commissioners of Public Schools, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars to enable said commissioners to erect the building as contemplated by the first section hereof.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Brown.

Yeas – Messrs President, Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Bishop, Watkins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Starr, McCauley, Hack and Grof – 14.

Nays – Messrs Hickman, Foran, Collins and Brown – 4.

The bill being put on its passage, was passed unanimously by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins

Yeas – Messrs President, Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Hickman, Bishop, Foran, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Starr, Brown, McCauley, Hack and Grof – 18.

Nays – 0.

On motion of Mr Colton the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 O'clock

By order
Geo Brevard Clerk.