the rail road companies to have the inner parts of their respective tracks levelled up with the streets, have had the same under consideration and report the annexed resolution:

Charles Soran,
Stephen Collins
Geo. A. Davis.
First Branch,
B. H. Richardson.
H. R Louderman.
John Green, Jr.
Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the presidents of the several rail road companies having tracks laid down in the streets of Baltimore be, and they are hereby directed and required to take the necessary steps to remedy as early as practicable, the evils complained of, in the inequalities of the present tracks, and to have the said tracks within the city limits so graded as to allow of the passage of all ordinary vehicles with as little obstruction as possible — and it is further directed, that if said company shall neglect to commence said improvements for the space of ninety days after the passage of this resolution, that then the Mayor be authorised to have such improvements made under the direction of the city commissioners, at the proper charge and expense of the said several rail road companies.

Mr. Watkins presented a communication from Hugh Gelston and James Canby, proposing to cede to the city the beds of certain streets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

Mr. Hack, from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read:

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. A. C. Robinson, asking the council to make an appropriation to pay him for professional services in attending a negro man, afflicted with the small pox, respectfully report, that they believe the petitioner ought to be paid. In all cases where individuals are unable to provide for themselves, it certainly becomes the duty of the city authorities to take care of them, and particularly those who may have unfortunately become afflicted with

with this dreadful disease. Your committee believe that in this case, had the patient been removed by the city, to the Hospital, at an expense of one dollar per day, it would have cost the city more than the amount of the appropriation recommended. Your committee regret that there has been some misunderstanding in regard to this claim, between the board of health and the petitioner, and from what they have learnt, it has grown out of the remarks of one of the board of health, who had spoken to Dr. Robinson about the case, and who intended them, as he informs the committee, as speaking in his individual capacity, but was understood by Dr. Robinson, as having spoken to him officially. All of which is respectfully submitted with the accompanying resolution:

Wm. A. Hack,
N. Hickman,
Felix McCurley.
First Branch.
Wm Baker,
Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the city be, and he is hereby authorised, to pay to Dr. A. C. Robinson, twenty dollars, for board, attendance, and professional services for negro man, confined with the small pox, at the house of Mr. W. J. Cole, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr. Hack moved the suspension of the rules in order to proceed to a second reading of the resolution, which was determined in the negative.

Mr. Watkins called up the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on the harbor, relative to deepening the harbor.

Mr. Brown moved to add the following to the second resolution.

"And a further sum of three thousand dollars ($3000) is hereby appropriated — to be taken out of the harbor appropriation; to be expended during the present year in deepening the harbor west of Patterson's wharf, to the head of the basin."

The amendment was adopted

The resolutions, as amended were adopted.

Mr. Soran, from the minority of the committee, sub-