in which the said company is now located, has five engine or hose companies located within a few hundred yards of each other, viz: the United, Washington, Liberty, First Baltimore and Union companies, which the committee conceive are improper locations, for that number; and the section of the city which the Washington company proposes and desires for its location is very far removed from either one of the above companies, leaving a large territory entirely unprotected, and subjected to the delay, in case of fire, caused by the late arrival of companies so far removed. The committee are of opinion that the removal of the above Company and the adoption of the location suggested in the said petition for the company are recommended strongly to the favorable consideration of the council, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

J. J. Tamer,
Wm. M Starr,
Felix M'Cauley,
Com. First Branch.
Hugh Bolton,
Elias Ware, Jr.,
John Green, Jr.,
Com. Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to sell the lot and improvements occupied by the Washington Hose company, on the north side of Lombard street, between Sharp and Liberty streets, and that he execute or cause to be executed a good and sufficient deed to the purchaser of the same: the proceeds of the aforesaid lot and improvements to be applied to the purchase or leasing of a lot in the south-west section of the city and the erection thereon of an engine house for the said company: provided, if a lot be leased for the above purpose, that the title of the lot when leased shall be in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and the Mayor and City Council shall not be chargeable with the annual ground rent on the same, but should the said company fail or refuse at any time to pay the said annual ground rent, then the amount of the said annual ground rent to be taken out of the annual appropriation to the said company; and the said company, previous to being paid the amount of their annual appropriation shall produce to the Mayor a sufficient voucher of the payment of the same, before receiving the said ap-

appropriation: and further provided, that in case the lot and improvements now occupied by the said company, shall not sell for a sufficiency to carry out the above resolution, then this resolution shall be of no effect, unless the amount of difference be raised by the said company.

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

Resolved, That the committee on the harbor be, and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of purchasing property on the south side of the basin, for the deposit of sediment taken from the harbor, and report on Monday next if practicable.

Mr Brown called up bill No 82, entitled "An ordinance for the general valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore."

Mr. Brown moved to amend the first section by striking out in the eleventh line, the word "act" and insert the word "ordinance", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the second section by striking out in the fifteenth line, the word "he," and insert the word "they", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the second section by adding at the end thereof, the words

"And it shall be the duty of the Mayor, in making the appointment of said assessors, to designate one of said assessors in each district, to act as clerk to the assessors in each district, who shall receive, in addition to the compensation allowed to each, the sum of dollars."

Mr Walsh moved to fill the blank with "two", which was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr Walsh the first section was reconsidered.

Mr Walsh moved to amend the first section by inserting in the tenth line, after the word "due," the words "on open account", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Walsh moved to insert in the sixteenth line, after the word "due", the words "on open account" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the third section by striking out the word "six" and insert "five", which was determined in affirmative.

Mr Brown moved to insert after the word "persons", the words "one to be taken from each district," which was determined in