examined and destroyed, for which purpose, I respectfully ask that a committee be appointed from your honorable bodies. There remained outstanding on first January, of the current year, seven Thousand Six Hundred and sixty two dollars and nineteen cents, of the same issue.

Very Respectfully

John S. Graves Register.

On motion of Mr Collow, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer the communication to a joint select committee and naming Messrs Collow, Sorau and Creamer as the committee

On motion of Mr Davis the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3. O'Clock

By order

Geo P. Woodward, Clerk.

Wednesday, February 3. 1847.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present Jacob P. Cohen Junr Esq President and all the members except Messrs Wells and Abrahams.

Mr Collins presented a petition from Alexander Brown & Sons and sixty others, in relation to Bowling Alleys, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Connolly from the committee, submitted the following report and a bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance to provide for the appointment of Watchmen" which were read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on police to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire into the expediency of reducing the number of the officers of the night watch, have bestowed that careful consideration upon the subject which its importance deserves. They appends as a part of this report, a supplementary ordinance, and beg leave to refer to the reasons which have influenced them in their recommendation.

Your committee would first respectfully refer to the difference between the expense of the present system and that proposed by the supplementary ordinance annexed to their report.

There are at present eight Captains of the Night Watch, whose pay each is 30$ per month, making	$2,880.00
Sixteen Lieutenants, whose pay each is 20$ per month, making	3,840.00
In all	$6,720.00
The supplementary ordinance herewith submitted provides for four Captains, whose pay each shall be $500 per annum, making	$2,000.00

Eight

Eight Lieutenants, whose pay shall be each $400 per annum, making	3,200.00
In all	5,200.00
Thus showing a saving of	$1,520.00

per annum by the system proposed.

But your committee would respectfully urge, that independent of this saving, which should of course, be regarded, in the present condition of the city treasury, they are confidently of the opinion that a more strict discipline and greater efficiency in the night watch department would be experienced by the change, - from the fact, that those jealousies which are well known to exist among the officers of the night watch, on account of the constant disturbances and disorganization of rules, produced by two sets of officers would cease. It frequently happens, as your committee are informed, that a strict discipline is enforced by one set of officers, one night, while the other set act wholly at variance with such discipline the next night. It may be thought that the proper persons could not be procured for the amounts respectively mentioned to be paid to them by the annexed supplementary ordinance, for their services as Captains and Lieutenants of the night watch; but in this your committee do not concur. But even if this opinion should be entertained by the Council, it must be obvious, that with the same expenditure as is at present required for that department, the diminution of the number of the officers would far more greatly subserve the interests of the city than the present system.

In this opinion, your committee believe that they are supported, not only by the community at large, but by the Officers of the night watch themselves, and by the watchmen who are governed by the orders and directions received in the discharge of their duties, from those officers.

For these reasons, your committee recommend the enactment of the subjoined ordinance

John P. Connolly,
Wyndham Spurrier
Joshua Creamer
First Branch

Yates Walsh
Wm Lineberger
Second Branch

Mr Reynolds from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read a first and by special order the second time adopted and sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "concurred in"

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred the bill of John Singenfelter, for services rendered in putting in order the Chamber of the First Branch of the City Council, beg leave to

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