Respectfully submitted
By order
C M Cole
Clerk City Commissioners

Mr Spedden presented a petition from William Wharton and others, relative to the lot adjoining the Eastern Spring, which was read.

Mr Spedden moved to refer the petition to a joint select committee.

Mr Hack moved as a substitute to refer it to the joint committee on water.

The substitute was adopted.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Poor of Baltimore City and County, inviting the Council to visit the Alms House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr Collins a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to accept the invitation.

The Second Branch by message assented.

The following communication was received from the City Counsellor, read and laid on the table.

To the President of the
First Branch of the City Council.

Sir.

An ordinance entitled An ordinance to provide for the offset of damages against benefits in certain cases, in the extension of Fayette Street" having been referred to me for my opinion, under a resolution of the First Branch of the City Council, on the 1st of February, with the view of ascertaining as I have been subsequently informed, whether any greater liability would be incurred by the city, for the payment of damages, in the opening of said street, by its becoming a law, than now exists. I have to reply, that the construction which I have always given, and which the Collector acts under, of the 5th section of ordinance No 59. approved May 5th 1846. obtains the object which doubtless the framer of the ordinance in question had in view. There can be no necessity, therefore, for the adoption of provisions contained in the proposed ordinance, if I properly understand them.

I may be allowed to say, that the difficulty which originated with the Collector on this subject was upon a state of facts not reached by the provisions of the proposed ordinance; or of the ordinance, of the city.

Respectfully submitted
R. C. Postman, Counsellor for the City

Mr Creamer offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on police, be, and they are hereby directed to enquire whether the laws of the State of Maryland, and the ordinances of the City of Baltimore, are sufficient to prevent the citizens from following their avocations or business on the Sabbath — and if so, why are groceries, oyster cellars, confectionaries, segar shops &c. permitted to keep their respective places open upon that day, in violation of such laws.

Mr Spurrier offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the joint committee on police be, and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of imposing a fine upon the owners of all vehicles which may be found interrupting, by crossing the passage through the streets of a funeral procession — and also of imposing a fine upon the drivers of hacks, who may be detected in cracking whips upon the public stands.

Mr Soran presented the annual report of the Friendship Fire Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

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

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor, in relation to the bridge over Madison street, and covering an estimate from the City Commissioners for constructing sewers, repaving streets &c. at said bridge, beg leave to report the following resolution.

George A. Davis.
Edward Speddent
William Colton.
First Branch.

John Green Jr
Wm Lineberger
John McPherson
Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to have four sewers, constructed at the Madison Street bridge, and raise the grade and repave the street, so as to conform to the floor of said bridge, and draw on the Register of the City, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars ($570) or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the same, to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint select committee, on the Registers Accounts; and

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