poor," and a joint select committee "on accounts of the visitors of the jail," be added to the list of the joint select committees annually appointed by the City Council. The Council annually appoints standing committees on education, health, harbor, &c, and also appoints joint select committees on the accounts of those departments. And we see no reason why the accounts of the Alms House and jail should not be also annually referred to joint select committees. The practical operation of this omission has been, that prior to 1846, as far as we are informed, no report had been made to the council on the accounts of the trustees of the poor. The joint standing committee of the alms house for that year, as appears from page 184, of the First Branch journal for 1846, made a report on those accounts, although it was not their duty to do so. As it may hereafter occur that the alms house and jail accounts will not be annually examined, for the want of the appointment of the joint select committees, we are induced to request your concurrence on this subject.

The joint standing committee on the jail have, during this session, examined and reported on the accounts of the jail, and therefore no joint select committee on those accounts need be appointed for this session. The joint standing committee on the alms house have also, this session, as we are informed, examined the accounts of the trustees of the poor; but as they have not yet made their report, their appointment as a joint select committee, will only make this difference, viz: that they will report as a select instead of as a standing committee. We have appointed, as a joint select committee "on Accounts of Trustees of the Poor," on the part of this branch, Messrs. Collins, Wells and Poles.

By order Geo. P. Woodward Clerk

Mr. Soran moved to lay the message on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The message was then adopted.

Mr. Collins offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time and adopted:

Resolved, That the Register be requested to inform this branch, as to the amount of the several items making up the estimate for the levy for the city poor, required for the current year.

Mr. Davis gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to offer a resolution authorising the commissioners of finance to rent the public wharves at Camden, Conway and Barre streets.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution; which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the joint committee on ways and means be instructed to enquire into the provisions of the arrangement made by John B. Seidenstricker, late collector for the purchase of city taxes, prior to the year 1844, – and ascertain whether any deviation was made in said contract, from the understanding and spirit of the action of the council; also, whether the said collector realized any further sum over the amount specified for his commission, – and report to this branch as soon as practicable.

The President pro. tem. resumed his seat.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and adopted:

Resolved, That the counsellor of the City, be and he is hereby requested to ascertain, and report to the City Council as soon as practicable, by what tenure the persons now occupying butchers stalls in the different markets hold them – and in what markets, if any, the said stalls belong to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Mr. Hack called up the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on ways and means relative to disposing of the bonds of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cotton, on leave, offered a bill entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance, entitled an Ordinance for the appointment of a high constable, city bailiffs, and for other purposes," which was read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the second Branch proposing to refer a communication from the Mayor enclosing the petition of Geo. A. Kennedy to a joint select committee, and naming Messrs. Walsh, Sineberger and Ninde as the committee on their part.

This branch assented and appointed Messrs. Soran, Lackey and Cotton as the committee.

Mr. Spurrier from the committee, submitted the following report and a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance entitled an Ordinance to regulate the riding and driving of carriages, and to regulate boats and scows in the city –