In Convention City Hall
Wednesday January 21st 1852

The First and Second Branches of the City Council assembled in convention this day. Present - Hugh Bolton, Esqr. President, and all the members, except Mr Page of the Second, and Mr Horney of the First Branch.

The President laid before the Convention the following communication which was read:

Baltimore January 19th 1852

To the members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council in Convention assembled:

Gentlemen.

Your Committee appointed by joint resolution, to investigate and audit the accounts of the late City Collector, and to ascertain the deficiency in said accounts, if any, beg leave to report, that C. M. Cole and Wm H. Hayward Esqrs. were appointed and duly qualified to examine into and audit said accounts, and after a careful, full and impartial investigation of the whole matter, have ascertained and report that there is a clear deficiency of $13,186/100 in the late Collectors accounts.

We recommend to your careful consideration the very able and full report, as made by these Gentlemen, which is herewith submitted. Your committee beg leave to further state that the late Collector refuses to make any settlement through the advice of his counsel. Your committee also as directed by resolution, proposed a settlement to the late Collectors bondsmen, which those gentlemen declined in consequence of their position, and the determination of the late Collector, through his counsel, to contest the right