sustained by them in constructing the tunnel in Centre street, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

The President presented the annual report of the Patapsco Fire Company, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

The following message was received from the Mayor, and read, and on motion of Mr. Davis, the accompanying documents relating to health, were referred to the joint committee on health, and the communication of the city counsellor was referred to the joint committee on ways and means:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore January 28th, 1850.

To the members of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith transmit the annual report of the City Counsellor, and an interesting pamphlet, prepared by the sanitary committee of Philadelphia, containing statistics of cholera, &c.

I also submit herewith, a communication from John McTavish Esq., British Consul, with an accompanying document, being a report on quarantine, drawn up by the general board of health of the kingdom of Great Britain.

Respectfully,
Elijah Fansbury, Mayor.

Resolutions were received from the Second Branch, in relation to memorializing the General Assembly on the subject of exempting state stock from city taxation which were read, and laid on the table.

The resolutions granting permission to Samuel Wilson to extend his wharf on Fells Point, were received from the Seconds Branch endorsed concurred in.

A message was received from the Second Branch, declining to concur in the request of this branch to appoint a joint select committee on the resolution in relation to repairs in the City Hall, and asking the assent of this branch to the resolution, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Leloup, the resolution referred to was taken up, for consideration.

Mr. Grafton moved to refer the subject to the joint committee on internal improvements, which was lost.

On motion of Mr. Dobler, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "carpet and."

On motion of Mr. Leloup, the resolution was further amended by striking out the word "seventy", and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty".

The resolution, as amended was concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the message from the Second Branch, in relation to appointing a committee to inquire into the practicability of converting the Assembly Rooms into a City Hall, was taken up, and concurred in, and Messrs. Davis, Carpenter and Lovering, appointed as the committee on the part of this branch and the Second Branch informed thereof by message.

The President announced the following joint select committees, and the Second Branch was informed thereof by message:

Joint select Committees on the part of the First Branch:
On the House of Refuge.— Messrs. Glass, Suter, Hoge.
On a Public Square or Park— Messrs. Quinlin, Green, Horney.
On Revised Ordinances— Messrs. Leloup, Dushane, Grafton.

The following communication was received from the city commissioner, read, and referred to the joint committee on the harbor:

City Commissioner's Office
Baltimore, January 26th 1850.

To the President and members of the
First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

The City Commissioner respectfully submits the following estimate, in answer to the resolution adopted by your branch on the 23rd inst.:

For cleaning and deepening Jones Falls, from Gay Gay street bridge to the back basin, $15.969.52.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Reeder,
City Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Dobler, the resolution in relation to placing stepping stones across Ann Street, at its intersection with Baltimore street was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the preamble to the resolution was stricken out.