apartments will be well adapted to the confinement of vagrants, who are daily removed from the watch-house to the almshouse, and elope from the latter when they have sufficiently recovered from delirium tremens to scale the walls. The labor of their hands, if put in requisition is almost worthless; and as the male cells are dry and suited to the accommodation of one or two persons each, confinement in such would be the punishment most likely to render, in their estimation, the almshouse an undesirable habitation, or would have a tendency to reform their habits. This expedient, under the circumstances of a connexion of the city and county in equal ownership of the improvements and grounds of the almshouse, and the reluctance of the latter to incur much expense, is the most feasible one that can be devised by the undersigned.

7. Under the act of 1822 chap. 168. the trustees are invested with authority to sell any parts, or all of the Calverton farm lying east of Irwin's run for the purpose of constructing the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the inmates of the institution. It is expedient to sell a portion of such land, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the erection of buildings at present required, but the price which the county trustees - who have a knowledge of the value of such property - have indicated as the minimum at which they would consent to a sale, (forming such opinion of valuation, probably, in the prospective,) has thus far closed the door against purchasers. It is true that, if the city trustees differed from those of the county in regard to the subject of making a sale, the former, because of superior numbers could effect their purpose without the consent of the latter; but the county being an equal owner with the city in all the properties, there has existed, at no time, the disposition to perform any act calculated to disturb the harmony which has always characterized their joint labors.

I have endeavored to reply, categorically, to the questions propounded. If the powers now vested in the chief executive officer of the corporation of Baltimore, shall be rigorously enforced, in relation to arrests and commitments to the Alms House, and the trustees of the poor should not be defeated in their expectations in the construction of the building referred to in

the reply to the sixth query, the city will in the future, be divested of many disgusting spectacles; the vicious young may be reclaimed, and degradations and infamy may be averted from that childhood, which is now without proper guardians and instructors.

Very respectfully,
Your obt serv't
Joshua Vansant, Prest.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on high ways and bridges, on the petition of William G. Shipley, were received from the Second Branch, read, and laid on the table.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on highways and bridges, in relation to placing stepping stones across Fremont, Baltimore and Fessier streets were received from the Second Branch, read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the communication of the city commissioner in relation to a pier on the west side of Jones' falls at Eager street was taken up, and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

The following communication was received from the city commissioner, read, and laid on the table:

City Commissioner's Office,
Baltimore February 4th 1850.

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

Gentlemen:

The City Commissioner acknowledges the receipt of the resolution adopted by your branch on the 29th. ult., relative to continuing the tunnel in Chatsworth street, and in obedience thereto, has the honor, respectfully to submit the following estimates, viz:

For tunneling Chatsworth street, from the north side of George street, to the north side of Green Willow st. $1.100.00

For tunneling Chatsworth street, from the north side of Green Willow street, to the north side of Preston street, 960.00

$2.060.00

Making the entire cost from George street to the north side of Preston street, $2.060.00. From Preston street to Hoffman street, it would be impracticable to tunnel at this time. Respectfully submitted, Charles Reeder.
City Commissioner.