Hampstead Hill were received from the Second Branch, read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Grafton, the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on police and jail on the subject of the jail was taken up, read and adopted, and sent to the Second Branch, which returned the same endorsed concurred in.

Mr. Grafton presented a memorial from Christian Keener, in relation to damages sustained by his property on the York road, by the falling of the wall opposite Greenmount Cemetery, which was read and refered to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

Mr. Davis presented the annual report of the United fire company, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on fire companies

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on highways and bridges, submitted the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways and bridges to whom was referred a resolution of the First Branch, directing inquiry into the necessity of erecting stone piers on each side of Jones falls at Charles street, beg leave to report that Charles street is now under contract to be paved from the terminus of the present pavement near Madison street to the northern limits of the city, and when completed will, in the opinion of your committee, be one of the most beautiful highways of the city; but this desirable improvement cannot be completed until piers shall be erected and a bridge constructed over the falls. Desirous as your committee are for this thoroughfare to be opened, still they are not prepared at this time to recommend an appropriation from the direct tax, but would ask that as much may be taken from the tax on highways and bridges as the act of the legislature will permit towards the erection of the aforesaid piers; and respectfully ask the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

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Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for commencing the construction of stone piers on each side of Jones' falls at Charles street, and draw on the register for the sum of six hundred dollars, or as much thereof as he may deem necessary to be expended thereon; to be taken from the tax collected for highways and bridges; two hundred dollars of said amount to be taken from the levy for the year 1849; two hundred dollars from the levy for the year 1850; and two hundred dollars from the levy for the year 1851.



Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on highways and bridges, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways and bridges to whom was referred the petition of Edward Hinkley and others, for the widening of Morton alley, from to beg leave to report that they have given the subject their earnest consideration, and are of opinion that the Mayor and City Council have not the power to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The act of the legislature under which they ask that Morton alley may be widened to the width of about forty feet, and declared a public highway, was passed, at December session, 1833, chap. 182, &c. and is a supplement to the act of 1817, chap. 148, which act by the 12th. section thereof, provides for the appointment of a board of commissioners to extend the limits of the city and to lay off the same into squares, &c, and make returns thereof by plat to be filed in the register's office, which plat, so filed is known by the name of Poppleton's plat. The said supplementary act provides that where the owners of property in the city of Baltimore shall divide the same among heirs or legatees, and such division shall call for the streets, lanes and alleys as laid down on the said plat, the Mayor and City Council, upon application made to them, may declare the same to be public highways. Now your committee find that Morton alley, as laid down on the aforesaid plat, is of the width of twenty feet; and the only way for the petitioners to have the aforesaid alley widened, is by an application for a condemnation by the board of commissioners. Your committee respectfully ask for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

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