bella Morris, respectfully report that they have examined the claim of the petitioners, and are of opinion that the sums claimed should not be refunded:

S. S. Shipley, Wm. C. Carpenter, Edward Horney } First Branch. Jno. T. Farlow, John R. Kelso } Second Branch.

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Horney, chairman of the committee on the almshouse, submitted the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The joint committee on the almshouse most respectfully report that in the discharge of their duty they visited that establishment, and made a minute examination of its condition and management, in which duty, they were greatly assisted by the kind and polite attention of the trustees and overseer, who conducted them through the various apartments, which they examined with particular care, and they are gratified to express themselves highly pleased with the judicious management, order and cleanliness of the whole building. Mr. Jackson, the gentlemanly overseer, deserves the highest praise for the attentive and faithful manner in which he discharges his duty; and the matron, Mrs. Branson, by her attention and motherly care of those under her charge, has won the esteem of all with whom she has been connected. Under the supervision of the present trustees, the management of the institution appears to have been conducted with ability, humanity, and the strictest economy, - and your committee award to them that praise which they are justly entitled to, for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in them. The accounts of the institution, as kept by the agent, Col. Hickman, have been examined and found perfectly correct, and attested by proper vouchers. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Edward Horney, Geo. A. Lovering } First Branch. Jno. T. Farlow, A. E. Warner, Elias Ware Jr } Second Branch.

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Grafton offered the following resolution, which

was read, and adopted:

Resolved that the joint committee on health be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting deposits of excrement and filth from privies, being conveyed into Jones' falls and Harford run, by sewers or otherwise, and whether any further legislation is necessary, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Carpenter offered the following resolution, which was read, and adopted:

Resolved that the city counsellor be requested to report to this branch the decision, if any has been given by the U. S. District Court, in the case of the United States vs. the steam boat Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dushane, the bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to open and condemn French alley, from Charles street to Short alley," was taken up for consideration read and passed, and sent to the Second Branch, which returned the same endorsed will pass.

The resolution attached to the report of the joint special committee on the accounts of the commissioners of finance, was taken up, read, adopted and sent to the Second Branch, which returned the same endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Dushane, the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on highways and bridges, on the petition of William G. Shipley, was taken up, concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the resolution providing for the erection of a lamp at the corner of Washington and Pratt streets, was taken up, concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on highways and bridges in relation to widening Morton alley was taken up, adopted and sent to the Second Branch, which returned the same endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Grafton, the report and ordinance of the joint committee on police and jail, in relation to the manufacture of rockets and fire works, were taken up and referred to the joint committee on the revised ordinances.

Mr. Woodward offered the following resolution, which was