Spring Gardens, praying that a resident police and watch be furnished them at the cost of the city, and not subject to the order of the mayor, in case of fire or riot in other parts of the city, have carefully examined the subject, and respectfully report, that the petitioners in view of the sparse population, are now supplied with a fair proportion of police and watch in common with their fellow citizens. Your committee are also of opinion that it would be highly improper to exempt said police and watch from the usual duty in case of fire or riot - that however is discretionary with the mayor and his officers.

We therefore offer the following resolution:

M. Grafton,	First Branch	A. E. Warner,	Second Branch
Jas. S. Suter		John Dukehart	
N. T. Dushane		Jos. S. Stewart	

Resolved that the petition of Samuel Mass and others, relative to police and watch be referred to the Mayor.

The following message was received from the Mayor, and read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore February 18. 1850.

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

Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed a resolution in favor of Jacob Kreider, and a resolution in favor of John Fitts, all of which originated in your branch.

Respectfully, Elijah Stansbury
Mayor.

A message was received from the Mayor enclosing a petition from the city watchmen, asking an advance in their wages, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on ways and means.

A message was received from the Second Branch asking the return of the message sent to this branch on the 22nd January, on the subject of the revised ordinances, which was read.

Mr. Hoge moved that the message be referred to a select committee of three members of this branch, which was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hoge:

Yeas. - Messrs. Dobler. Hoge - 2.

Nays. - Messrs. President, Horney, Cooper. Glass. Suter, Green, Gilmore, Lovering. Woodward, Shaffner, Quinlin, Davis, Carpenter, Disney, Leloup, Shipley, Dushane - 17.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the following message was sent to the Second Branch in reply:

In First Branch
Baltimore February 18th 1850.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

This branch acknowledges the receipt of your message of this date. In reply we have to state that the purport of your message of 22nd January, having been superseded by your own action, as will be seen by reference to your Journal of January 24, page 32, the message remained on the table of First Branch, not from any want of courtesy, but necessarily from the circumstances of the case. Agreeably, however, to your desire, the message of the 22nd January, is now returned.

By order, Wm. A. Stewart, Clerk.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on highways and bridges in relation to placing flag stones across Hanover street, between Baltimore and German streets, were received from the Second Branch, read, and laid on the table.

A resolution authorising the purchase of a carpet and chair for the Register's office, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Davis called up the resolution in relation to piers at Charles street, where it crosses Jones' falls, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Leloup, the resolution was amended by inserting the words "the arrearages of", after the word "from" in the 8th. line.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Davis offered the following additional resolution, as an amendment, which was read, and adopted:

Resolved that the city commissioner be further authorised to advertise for proposals for commencing the construction of a stone pier on the west side of Jones' Falls at Eager street, and draw on the Register for the sum of four hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the same, to be taken out of the tax collected for highways and bridges; two hundred dollars of said sum to be taken from the levy of 1850; and the remaining two hundred dollars from the levy of 1851.

On motion of Mr. Dushane the petition of Christian Keener in relation to damages sustained by his property on the York road, referred to the joint committee on high-