report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Hesped H. Reip; the resolution in favor of the United fire company; and the resolution refunding money paid as a tax on alien passengers to the persons therein named, severally endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on highways and bridges, on the petition of John W. Garrett, in relation to closing a part of Lexington street was taken up, concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Disney offered the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have stepping stones placed across Eutaw street at the junction of Wayne street.

Mr. Dobler presented a petition from the heirs of John Diffenderffer and others, against granting permission for the erection of slaughter houses, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on health.

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

Resolved that the joint standing committee on highways and bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of placing stepping stones across Hawk street, at its intersection with Concord street.

Mr. Shaffner, chairman of the committee on fire companies, submitted the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The joint committee on fire companies to which was referred the several applications of the several fire companies for special appropriations, beg leave to report, that under the circumstances they do not think the present depressed condition of the city treasury would justify any appropriation beyond that allotted as an annual appropriation, viz: the sum of five hundred dollars. The whole amount of special appropriations asked for is twelve thousand and seventy dollars, which, if the committee could find any means in their power, without disadvantage to the community to grant, they would cheerfully do. We therefore offer the following resolution:

[Signed

Signed—

Geo. W. Shaffner, Isaac Glass, L. G. Quinlin } First Branch

Jno. T. Farlow, John W. Willson } Second Branch.

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

Mr. Horney, on leave, offered the following resolution, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on markets:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have the two market houses at the Fells Point market, thoroughly cleansed and whitewashed, and draw on the Register for one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the same, to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the resolution providing for the erection of a bridge over Chatsworth run at Eiselin street, was taken up for consideration.

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

On motion of Mr. Davis, the resolution was further amended by adding at the end thereof, the words "or the abutment walls carried up at the same time, and done in accordance with the work on said Columbia street tunnel."

The resolution, as amended, was adopted, and sent to the Second Branch.

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

City Commissioner's Office
Baltimore March 18th 1850.

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

Gentlemen—

In answer to the resolution adopted by your branch on the 15th. instant, relative to Baltimore street bridge, the city commissioner respectfully reports that he has examined Baltimore street bridge as directed, and is of the opinion that it will not be safe for