That by resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved April 3rd. 1848, the city counsellor was instructed to foreclose the mortgages held by the city on the boats of the Steam Towing Company aforesaid, as far as the remains of the steam tow boat Patapsco were concerned, the proceeds of the sale of said boat to be applied to the payment of claims for materials furnished and work done on the repairs of the same.

That in pursuance of said resolution, said steam tow boat Patapsco was sold, and the net proceeds of the sale thereof, amounting to four thousand, two hundred and six dollars and twenty five cents ($4.206.25) after ascertaining the list of the creditors upon a statement presented, under oath to the counsellor of the city by the president of the steam-towing company aforesaid, were distributed by the said counsellor to the several creditors by dividend, according to the mode prescribed in the above mentioned resolution.

That deducting said net proceeds of sale from the amount of the city's claim against the boats of the company aforesaid, there remains due to the city a balance of eight thousand eight hundred and ninety nine dollars and seventy five cents ($8.899.75) which is secured by the mortgages on the steam tow boat Relief, herein before recited.

That the memorialists for themselves and others, subsequently became the purchasers, at public sale, of the said steam towing company's interest in said tow boat Relief, and having since bought out the several interests of their co-proprietors, have now become the sole owners of said boat, subject however, to the city's mortgages thereon, which nothing has occurred to invalidate or impair.

With these facts before them, the committee do not deem it advisable that either of the propositions submitted by the memorialists should be acceded to. It is evident, however from the action of former councils, in relation to said steam towing company, that the principal, if not the only, object which they had in view, was to give aid to an enterprise which was calculated to be of much service to the commercial interests of Baltimore; and the committee are convinced that the present council would cheerfully act towards the owners of the Relief with the same spirit of indulgent liberality, provided they had sufficient security that said owners would put it in an efficient state

of repair, and continue to use it for the purposes of public usefulness for which it was originally constructed. They, therefore in accordance with these views, respectfully submit the accompanying ordinance:

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Mr. Leloup, chairman of the committee of conference on the subject, submitted the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The joint committee of conference on the disagreement between the two branches of the city council in relation to revised ordinance No. 40, entitled "An ordinance for the appointment of a high constable, city bailiffs and for other purposes" beg leave to report that in examining said ordinance as it stood when referred to them, they have ascertained that all the amendments thereto, respectively proposed by each of said branches had been mutually concurred in, except the one which relates to the appointment, duties and compensation of forty extra city bailiffs.

That every citizen is entitled to protection, both in person and property, that it is the duty of the city authorities to afford that protection, and that in consequence of the rapid growth of our city, the present police force has become insufficient, are facts with the truth of which your committee are deeply impressed: they therefore feel it to be their duty to recommend some action in the matter, and among the several means which were suggested to them for effecting an object of such vital importance, that which is proposed by the amendment last above mentioned, appearing to them to be the least expensive, is respectfully recommended to the council for adoption.

Taking in consideration the time when, under the present ordinance, the city watchmen are relieved from duty in the morning, the early hour at which they must commence to trim their lamps in the afternoon, and the short interval thus left to them for rest, the committee beg leave to recommend as a further amendment that portion of section 9, which follows the words "market duty" in the 11th. line of said section.

The reprinted ordinance which is herewith respectfully submitted conforms in every other particular with the action already mutually agreed upon by both