Mr Young presented the petition of E J Church and others, asking that the side walks of Ashland Square may be paved, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

Mr Dushane presented the petition of Chas Myers, asking to be refunded taxes paid for paving a portion of the bed of Walsh Street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

Mr Brooks offered the following resolution, which was read a first, by special order a second time, 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 flag stones placed across Lombard Street, between Penn and Fremont Streets, — the expense thereof to be taken out of the annual appropriation for flag and stepping stones.

Mr Lucas presented the following communication from the City Counsellor, which was read:

To the Hon President and Members of the
First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have had submitted for my opinion, a resolution of your branch, to be found upon page 237 of the journal, with respect to the conditions of the deed under which the city holds the bed of Liffey Street and the adjoining wharf.

The petition of J J Taylor and others, accompanying the resolution, has reference alone to the paving of the Street, and it is presumed, therefore, that the condition referred to, is that connected with this subject.

It appears that by indenture made the 13th day of August, 1818, Samuel Chase and Thomas Chase conveyed to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, all that piece or parcel of ground lying in the west side of Jones' falls, known by the name of Liffey Street, with the exclusive right given to the city to charge and receive any wharfage, tonnage, or other duties in the said Street.

This conveyance was made to the city for a merely nominal consideration, containing only the condition that neither the grantors, nor those claiming under them,

should in any event, or under any regulation whatever, be bound to contribute towards defraying the expenses that might be incurred in filling up, paving or otherwise improving the said Street.

The city accepted the deed with its condition, and since that period has been in possession of the property. It is unquestionable, therefore, that the corporation is obliged to comply with this condition as part and parcel of its tenure.

No definite period was named in the deed, at which the improvements should be made; it is consequently supposed to be left to the corporation to determine when it shall be most conducive to the interest of the citizens to comply with the condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Archer Ropes,
City Counsellor.

On motion of Mr Lucas, the communication and memorial were referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

Mr Bowie offered the following resolution, which was read a first, by special order a second time, 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 flag stones placed across French St, at the northern terminus of East Street, — the same to be paid for out of the annual appropriation for flag and stepping stones.

Mr Griffith offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

Whereas, by ordinance No 22, approved 7th of April, 1847, it is made the duty of the Mayor, in conjunction with the City Commissioner, to lay off, improve and embellish Union Square, within a period of time which is now elapsed, — therefore,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the sum of $500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, — to be expended under the direction of the City Commissioner.