The joint committee on markets, to whom was referred the petition of Robert K. Crawford and others, praying a reduction of the license for selling salted or cured meats within the limits of any of the markets, beg leave to report the following ordinance:

William E. Beale, N. T. Dushane, } First Branch. Geo. A. Lovering, Hugh A. Cooper, } Second Branch.

Mr. Dukehart, chairman of the joint committee on police and jail, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on police and jail, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's annual communication as relates to a re-organization of the police and watch of the city, and the communication of A. H. Durocher, and other papers on the same subject, respectfully report, that, after having had the subject under their consideration for some time, they have come to the conclusion that in view of the police force having been largely increased within a short time past, they do not feel disposed to advise a further change, until experience shall have proved that order cannot be preserved with the present force. There are now three police officers for each ward, which number your committee think sufficient, if they are required faithfully and efficiently to discharge their duty. The watch department provided for by ordinance No 37, approved April 5th, 1850, your committee believe is as efficient as it can be made by law; the defect that existed and does exist at this time, is more to be attributed to the men than to the law; let strong, able-bodied men of good moral character and repute be selected as guardians of the night, and all cause for complaint will be removed. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

John Dukehart, William E. Beale, Isaac Miles } First Branch. F. Little Shaffer, Hugh A. Cooper, Chas. Tyson, } Second Branch.

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

Mr. Dushane, chairman of the joint committee on highways and bridges, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways and bridges, to whom has been referred the petition of Samuel Kirk, Noah Walker and others, praying for the condemnation of Bond Street, from Monument to McElderry Street, report, that Bond Street on the south, from the water to the present application is a public highway, and also for some distance on the north of said application, is also a highway, and requiring only this square to complete the connection. Your committee think that the petition should be granted, as the public convenience would be promoted thereby, and offer the accompanying ordinance to condemn said street.

N. T. Dushane, Jno. F. Davis, Wm. H. Shelley, } First Branch. Geo. A. Lovering, Geo. A. Davis, } Second Branch.

Mr. Dushane, chairman of the joint committee on highways and bridges, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways and bridges, to whom has been referred the petition of G. H. Keerl, for the opening of Amity Street, report that they have examined the subject, and find that the opening is prayed for under the act of Assembly, 1833, chap. 132, which provides that in the division of real estate among the heirs, and such division calls for any of the streets, lanes or alleys as laid down on the plat of the city; that upon application of any of the owners, the Mayor and City Council may declare such street, &c., a public highway; provided they are not enclosed. Your committee find that this application is based upon the above named act, and recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

N. T. Dushane, Wm. H. Shelley, Jno. F. Davis, } First Branch. Geo. A. Davis, Geo. A. Lovering } Second Branch.

Mr. Dushane, chairman of the joint committee on highways and bridges, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways and bridges, to whom has been referred the memorial of William J. Thomas, James Canby and Samuel Canby, relating to the