public lands for the maintenance of these reform schools in every state in the Union:- and again, if the perpetuity of our free political institutions depends on the virtue and intelligence of the people, then too, it were most wise to provide those means of reform or prevention, which, the more extensively they are brought into practical operation, the more distantly will be removed the fearful contingency when ignorance and vice shall control the destinies of the republic. The Government that may indirectly, though such donations build league upon league of railroads may as constitutionally contribute by similar donations to ward off a contingency even most fervently to be deprecated.

With these views, the committee beg leave to recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Joseph Weathers, Ed Reese, Daniel Lepson, } First Branch. Jas S Slater, Jno Stewart, B A Vickers, } Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the representatives in Congress from this city, and Senators from Maryland, be requested to make an earnest exertion to have incorporated in any bill providing for the donation of the public lands, a clause securing a portion of the same to be held in trust for the establishment and perpetual support of Houses of Refuge for the reform of juvenile delinquents in the several States where such institutions shall be of a general character and regularly incorporated by such States.

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions, and of the foregoing report properly authenticated, be transmitted to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr Norwood, chairman of the joint committee on police and jail, presented the following report, and a supplementary ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on police and jail, to whom was re-committed the report and supplement relating to the suspension of signs, figures and devices over or into any of the streets, lanes or alleys of the city, beg leave to report the following supplement:

Chas L Norwood, John A Roche, } First Branch. Jno Stewart, J W Richardson, } Second Branch.

Mr Roche offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the city Counsellor be, and he is hereby requested to furnish this branch

with the condition of the title or titles to the property that it is in contemplation to condemn, for the purpose of extending the Richmond market,- how held, whether in fee simple or by leasehold,- how much of each, what are the present rents, and by whom the property is held or owned at present.

Mr Rogers moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "city Counsellor", in the 2d line, and inserting the words "Commissioner for opening streets".

The amendment was rejected.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

A communication was received from Milton A Taylor, M.D. of the board of health, in answer to a resolution of enquiry, in reference to the Steam Mill of Nagy & Bro, on Carpenter's alley, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

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

Resolved, that the harbor master of the First district be requested to inform this branch if the lumber pile on East Falls avenue, between Pratt and Wilk streets, be according to ordinance, and if not, why the ordinance is not enforced.

Mr Rogers offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed, in establishing the grade of Northern avenue, pursuant to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish the grade of North avenue, between Pennsylvania avenue and Jones' Falls", approved May 20, 1853, to so establish said grade, that the same may be sufficiently low throughout the entire length of said portion of said avenue, so to be graded, as to allow the passage of cars drawn by horses over a railway, should it at any time hereafter be found expedient to lay a railway along the center of said Northern avenue.

Mr Norwood offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police and jail:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to examine the condition of the Western District Watch House, and make or order such repairs as he may deem necessary.

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