Resolved, that the joint committee on highways, enquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across the east end of Eisler Street, at Fremont; also across Fremont Street, at the south side of Eisler Street.

On motion of Mr Weathers, the resolutions of the joint select committee on the subject of a house of Refuge, were taken up, read by special order a second time, adopted, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in".

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

Resolved by the Mayor and city Council, that the clerk of the Bel-air market be, and is hereby instructed to grant to Wm. E Hargest, George Harker, William Hoover, William McKay, John Lewis, Henry Sapp, C J Johnson and F M Johnson, the eave stalls in the new market house, corresponding with the ones they held on the plat of the old market before its removal.

The resolution in favor of B. Marriott and T. Dempsey, was returned by the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendments":

Amendments proposed:

Strike out the words "Mayor and" in 1st line.

Strike out the words "Mayor of the city", in 2d line, and insert "city counsellor".

Strike out all from the word "such", in third line, to the word "advisable", in 5th line, both inclusive, and insert the words "a report to the council as to what action may be necessary to be taken by them".

Mr Hintze moved to lay the amendments on the table, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Spicer:

Yeas.—Messrs. Hunt, Grimm, Hintze, Magram, Cox, Roche, Barry, Reese, Lepson, Zimmerman—10.

Nays.—Messrs. President, France, Weathers, Boyd, Spicer, Rogers, Simms, Norwood—8.

Mr Hintze, chairman of the joint committee on health, presented the following report, and a supplementary ordinance, which were laid on the table:

The joint Standing committee on health, to whom the petition of George Slater and others, praying the removal of the Starch, chalk, putty, drug and Sumac mill of J L Gray & Bro.,

located on the south side of King Street, (formerly known as Carpenter's alley,) between Eutaw and Paca streets, was referred, have carefully examined the premises, and heard the evidence of the property holders and residents in the immediate neighborhood of said mill.

As far as they have been able to ascertain, said property holders and residents are unanimous in their declarations, that the aforesaid mill constitutes a grievous nuisance, which should, as speedily as possible, be abated. They represent, that during the process of grinding chalk, in consequence of the frequent presence of flint and other hard substances, such violent agitation of their abodes is caused, that they are deprived of their necessary repose, and frequently cannot keep their furniture and cooking utensils in the position they desire. Add to this the smoke and cinders at times, driven into their premises by the wind, and most of all, the dust arising from a certain acid, pungent and astringent shrub, called sumac, which during the process of grinding it into powder, has a most suffocating influence, producing a sensation similar to that caused by chewing unripe persimmons.

Some persons avoid passing the streets contiguous to this mill, from dread of the unpleasant sensations caused by inhaling the dust arising from said mill. Your committee further learn, that many families will be compelled to vacate the neighboring houses if no redress be obtained, whilst others are deterred from adding valuable improvements, thus impairing the value of real estate, and lessening the amount of its assessment.

It is, moreover, ascertained that said mill after having been destroyed by fire during the past year, has been rebuilt in defiance of the remonstrances of all the neighboring property holders, and without authority of the Mayor and City Council.

Your committee are of opinion that no establishment used for such purposes, should be tolerated in a location closely surrounded by dwellings, not only on account of the annoyance caused by its operations, and the detrimental influence of its emissions upon health, but likewise by reason of the dangers to be apprehended from explosions to which boilers of steam engines are liable, and of which we have had a recent melancholy instance in our own city.