obliged to be placed in juxtaposition with hoary criminals, the convicts of a dozen courts, and graduates in crime.

Your committee would bring before the consideration of the Council an instance of peculiar hardship that came to their knowledge during the process of their examination, in the person of a female incarcerated in the same room with the most debased of her sex, whose imprisonment was caused by the law of the State holding her in the absence of bail for her appearance, to testify to an outrage committed on her own person. This is one, doubtless not the only one of the evils which the circumscribed accommodations of this jail causes, and which are beyond the control of the warden.

The committee will not dilate on the evils of these associations, calculated as they are to subdue and destroy all virtuous energy in parties exposed to them — they destroy all stimulus to those that might be ambitious; all hope from the unfortunate, adding despair to degradation by engendering a feeling that there is no recovery from such disgrace.

For these reasons, as well as on account of the inefficiency of the jail of Baltimore city, as it now is, — your committee would urge upon the Council the prompt and immediate carrying out of the enactments and provisions of resolution No. 214, approved July 16, 1854, as a preliminary step towards a better state of things; and offer the following resolution:

John A Roche,
Chas H Norwood,
Edw Rogers,
} First Branch.

John Stewart,
Henry Webster,
M Richardson,
} Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged.

Mr Rogers, chairman of the joint committee on water, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint standing committee on water, to whom was referred the petition of Benj. M Dennis and others, praying the erection of a fire plug at the corner of Lexington and Rock streets, beg leave to report that they have examined the premises, and find it expedient and necessary that a fire plug should be placed as is by the petitioners prayed, and do therefore offer the following resolution:

E Law Rogers,
Jas. Weathers,
E G Reese,
} First Branch.

Jno Stewart,
Henry Webster,
Jno T Farlow,
} Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to have a fire plug erected on the north west corner of Lexington and Rock streets, and that the sum of seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of the same, be and the said sum is hereby appropriated out of the annual appropriation for fire-plugs.

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

The joint committee on highways to whom was referred the petition of Henry Patterson, in relation to ceding two alleys, beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance.

F H B Boyd,
Saml Lepson,
Alex. J Bouldin
} First Branch.

Jno T Farlow,
Chas G Griffith,
} Second Branch.

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

The committee on highways, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph S Colliday and others, praying for the opening of Vine street, beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance.

F H B Boyd,
Saml Lepson,
Alex. J Bouldin
} First Branch.

Jno T Farlow,
Chas G Griffith,
} Second Branch.

Mr Simms, chairman of the joint committee on the Commissioners of Finance accounts, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements by the Commissioners of Finance, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1853.

1853. To cash paid interest on city stock debt,		$310,906 18
To cash paid interest on Court House stock,		4,466 51
To cash paid auctioneer, surveyor and advertising,		47 27
To balance in Marine Bank of Baltimore,	$ 177 12	
To balance in Farmers & Planters Bank of Baltimore,	118,127 64	118,304 76
		$433,724 72