The President presented the petition of the Watchman fire company, asking power to sell their engine house, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

The President presented the petition of Alfred Duvall, in reference to the introduction of water into the city, which was read and referred to the joint committee on water.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner, in reply to a resolution of enquiry, relative to the falling in of a portion of the tunnel at Harford run, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr Rogers, from 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 were referred the petition of the lieutenants of the night watch, praying an increase of their salaries from three hundred to four hundred dollars each, having carefully considered the subject of said petition, respectfully report, that they cannot at this time, in view of the large amount of taxes to be levied, and from a belief that efficient officers can be secured at the present rates, recommend the increase in their salaries prayed for by the petitioners, and the committee do therefore submit the following resolution:

E Law Rogers, Jno A Roche, } First Branch. John Stewart, J W Richardson, } Second Branch.

Resolved, that the joint standing committee on police and jail, to whom were referred the petition of the Lieutenants of the Night Watch, praying an increase of their salaries, be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Mr Hunt presented a supplement to ordinance No. 11, entitled "an ordinance for collecting taxes, appointing a city collector, &c.", which was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in bill form.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the city Register be, and he is hereby requested to furnish this branch with a statement showing the number of fire-plugs annually and now erected in the city of Baltimore, together with the sum total of the cost of the same, and specifying the number of fire-plugs and where placed in each ward, to state the annual

appropriations for the same from the date of the introduction of water into the city by the present water company.

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

Resolved, that the committee on highways be requested to inquire into the expediency of placing flag stones across Washington street, at its intersection with Eastern avenue.

Mr Reese offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read and adopted:

Whereas, the First Branch of the City Council, by resolution, requested "the directors on the part of the city in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, to inform the Branch what dividends, if any, it is calculated or supposed will be declared in October next, on the Stock held by the city";

And Whereas, the said city directors constitute only a part of the board of directors in said company, and as such are not competent to decide the question, and have so stated in the reply to the Council, and it being deeply important that the information sought should be obtained for the guidance of the Council in reference to taxation; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company, be respectfully requested to furnish at their earliest convenience, the information above sought; embodying an exhibit of the net earnings of the road for the last six months; and also stating what, in their judgment, are the probable prospects of the company for the coming six months.

Mr Boulden offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Directors on the part of the city of Baltimore, in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, inform this Branch the gross amount of the earnings of said road for the six months ending on the 31st of March last past; the amount of floating debt of said company paid off since the 31st of September last, out of the earnings of said road for the six months ending on the 31st of March; and also the cost and expense of working said road for the aforesaid six months; and also, how many miles of second track have been laid, and between what points, since the first day of February, 1854?