Mr Lepson presented the petition of Jesse Hay and others, asking the removal of the glue factory on Washington avenue, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Mr Norwood presented the petition of James Kelley and others, employed in cleaning the streets, asking an increase of pay, which was read and referred to the joint committee on ways and means.

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

The joint standing committee on water, to whom was referred the resolution of enquiry into the expediency of placing two fire-plugs in Eutaw Street, near Franklin – one on the east and the other on the west side of said Street, having examined the places referred to, find that there is already a fire-plug on the north-east corner of Eutaw and Franklin Streets, and another fire-plug on the corner of Mulberry and Eutaw Streets, and they do therefore report that it is not expedient to place the fire-plugs, in the resolution of enquiry mentioned, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

E Law Rogers, E G Reese, Joseph Weathers, } First Branch. Henry Webster, John T Farlow } Second Branch.

Resolved, that the joint Standing Committee on water, be discharged from the further consideration of the matters in the resolution in relation to two fire-plugs, offered and referred to them on March 18, 1854.

On motion of Mr Cox, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and re-committed to the joint committee on water.

Mr Weathers 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 to have placed on Eden, between Baltimore and Pratt streets, six gas lamps, the expense to be taken from the annual appropriation for watching and lighting the city.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to have flag stones placed across Pine street, on the

south side of Pierce Street.

The following communication was received, read and laid on the table:

Baltimore, April 5, 1854.

To the President of the
First Branch City Council, Baltimore:

Sir:-

I have received the following resolution of enquiry:

"Resolved, that the City Counsellor inform this Branch what progress has been made in the suit instituted against Charles Loney, for a violation of ordinance in building a slaughter house at the corner of South Paca and Sterrett Streets, without obtaining permission of the city council; and whether said suit is likely to be brought to trial at an early day."

In reply to this enquiry I beg leave to state, that having received information from an officer of the police that Mr Chas. Loney had violated the 24th section of ordinance No. 30, by slaughtering cattle in a building not authorised by law for that purpose, instituted a suit in Baltimore City Court, at the last May term of that Court, to recover the penalty of two hundred dollars, as prescribed by the ordinance. After the writ had been served upon him, Mr Loney appeared at my office, and gave me the assurance that the violation of the ordinance was unintentional, and that in future there should be no cause of complaint, as he would not continue the business.

As the fine was very heavy, upon consultation with the Mayor, it was understood that if no further violation occurred, the case would not be prosecuted, but that the case should continue on the docket.

I have not been informed of any violation by Mr Loney, of the ordinance in question, by any person, until the receipt of the resolution of the council, since which time I have heard from one of the neighbors, that Mr Loney has repeatedly violated the ordinance. I shall therefore be obliged to give Mr Loney notice, that his case must be tried at the May term of the City Court.

Very respectfully,
Benj. C Presstman,
City Counsellor.