Mr Timms presented the petition of Wm A Bennington and others, adverse to the renting of the East ends of Hughes and Montgomery Streets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Zimmerman presented the following communication, which was read and laid on the table:

Baltimore, April 7, 1854.

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and City Council of Baltimore:

The treasurer and finance committee of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, charged by the board with power to negotiate for the means necessary for the completion of the buildings under construction, beg leave respectfully to represent to your honorable body, that they find it impossible to make available in its present form your resolution approved March 22d, 1854, and therefore respectfully ask such modification of the same as to make the time of payment on or before the 1st of August, 1855, and on or before the 1st of August, 1856; this modification will fix the time of payment and extend the same one month longer than provided for in the resolution to be amended. Your early and favorable consideration of this application will assure to the Refuge the necessary means on the most favorable terms.

Yours respectfully,
Chas M Keyser,
On behalf of the Treasurer and Finance Committee
of the House of Refuge.

Mr Zimmerman offered the following resolution, which was read a first and second time, and adopted:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that so much of resolution No. 35, approved 22d March, 1854, as makes the appropriation therein provided for, payable "on or after" the first days of July, 1855 and 1856, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the Register be authorized and directed to make said payments out of the levy on or before the first days of August of said years.

A message was received from the Second Branch, proposing that when the Council adjourned this evening it stand adjourned till Monday afternoon next, which was read, and on motion of Mr France, concurred in.

Mr France presented the petition of Lewis & Foos, asking additional compensation for building the Fells Point market house, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Rogers, from the joint committee on claims, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom were referred the petition of Dr M N Taylor, city physician, asking for remuneration for performance of quarantine duties in the absence of Dr Grafton, physician to the Marine Hospital, beg leave to report that they have examined the said petition, and believing the statements therein contained to be correct, do therefore submit the following resolution:

Saml S Spicer,
C Law Rogers, } First Branch. J W Richardson } Second Branch.
Chas C Norwood,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Register be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three hundred dollars to Dr Milton N Taylor, city physician, as compensation to him for quarantine services performed and risk incurred out of the sphere of his usual regular duties, in the absence of Dr Grafton, the physician to the Marine Hospital.

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 were referred the petition of Henry C Sultzer and others, praying the erection of a fire-plug under the Hall of the Maryland Institute, and to whom were also recommitted the report and resolution heretofore made and adopted, in relation to the subject of the aforesaid petition, beg leave to report, that they have carefully considered the matters so referred to them, and that serious injury might be done to the premises of the Maryland Institute if a fire-plug should be placed in the middle of the Center market under the "hall", as proposed in the resolution recommitted to them, they do therefore, as a substitute for the same, recom-