care necessary, taking into consideration the amount asked and the necessity for the same, would beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Wm Peters, M N Falls,
F H B Boyd, } First Branch. C G Griffith, } Second Branch.
Saml Lepson,

Resolved by the Mayor and city Council of Baltimore, that the Register be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the President of the Independent Fire Company, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of completing their engine house, watch house, &c. &c.; said Independent Fire Company to execute to the city a deed in fee of said engine house.

Mr Boyd, chairman of the joint select committee on a new city hall, presented the following report and resolution, which were read, and laid on the table:

The joint committee, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Murdock, Esq., Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church, having had the subject thereof under consideration, ask leave respectfully to report, that in the selection of a suitable location for a City Hall, the committee has not deemed it any part of their duty to obtain a plan for the building, or to suggest one to the City Councils, inasmuch as their original instructions when appointed, was simply to select a site and report the same to the Councils. Hence, the committee will not at this time, unless required by the City Council, make any report whatever upon the merits of the very neat drawing which accompanies the communication of Mr Murdock.

In its opinion, the committee may be mistaken, but it has heretofore and will continue to act under the impression that the corporation of Baltimore is not now ready, nor is it likely will be, to embark in the expense of erecting a suitable building for its municipal purposes, until some of the works of internal improvement in which she has so heavily involved herself, shall begin to relieve her from some of her onerous liabilities. And the committee, in this connection, may flatter themselves and congratulate all friends to the interests of the city of Baltimore, upon the apparent near approach to a period when the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company will resume permanently the payment of cash dividends.

Therefore, in its former report and ordinance, the committee stated that a suitable square could be obtained, and

the payments commence whenever the corporation pleased within four years.

It is then, merely the location that the committee has to consider, and the best means of providing for its purchase, leaving all other matters to the action of future councils, only premising that now, while we may, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore should act decisively, and no longer procrastinate the obtention of a matter which the public voice, as well as the public convenience, and also the safety of the public property, requires to be secured as soon as practicable.

It is almost unnecessary for the committee to express a direct opinion upon the location suggested by Mr Murdoch. All of the members of the Council know its location, understand its precise situation as to its grade, and the immense amount of excavation that would be necessary (in the event of the city selecting it for the site of a City Hall,) to be done, to suitably fit it for the purposes of the corporation; and when graded, it appears that the foundation of the new building would, on its western end, be some ten or twelve feet below that of the club-house adjoining.

At best, should this location be selected, it could be but for a temporary purpose. A building thereon could be lighted but from two streets — very little circulation of air could be obtained, unless a part of the lot of ground was laid off for alleys on the west and north sides thereof, which, if done, would leave so little of improvable ground for the purposes designed, that it appears to the committee it needs to be considered only to be rejected. These alleys, together with the amount of ground which would be lost on the Fayette Street front for entrance room, &c. &c. would actually consume more than one-third of the whole lot, which contains in all, 18056 superficial feet; allow twenty feet off on the west and north ends for alley way, and sixteen feet on Fayette Street, which for some cause has from time immemorial been observed at the N.E. corner of Calvert and Fayette Streets, running eastwardly we believe to the church line — amounting to 6632 superficial feet — leaves but an area of 11424 superficial feet for building purposes.

The price of this lot is $50,000 city stock 6 per cent, redeemable in twenty years, so that in four years — the time which it is supposed the corporation may reasonably be expected to commence this building — the cost of it will have amounted to