committee on highways.

Mr Cox presented the petition of Dr E S Cox, asking payment for services rendered the city, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

A communication was received from the city Commissioner, in answer to a resolution of enquiry, relative to sewers at Baltimore and Schroeder Streets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

A communication was received from the city Commissioner, in answer to a resolution of enquiry, relative to the south wall of the Powder Magazine, which was read and referred to the joint committee on commerce.

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

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of P M Edelman, asking compensation for trimming trees in Franklin Square, and the communication of James Pegroy, the city Commissioner, in relation to the subject matter of said petition, having examined the matters aforesaid, beg leave to report, that they find that twenty dollars would be a fair and adequate consideration for the work performed by said Edelman, and do therefore submit the following resolution:

E Law Rogers, CC Norwood } First Branch. Henry Webster, Jno Stewart, Wm Richardson, } Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Register be, and he is hereby directed to pay to P M Edelman, the sum of twenty dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as compensation for trimming the trees in Franklin Square.

On motion of Mr Rogers, the resolution was read, by special order, a second time.

Mr Lepson moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "twenty", and inserting the words "twenty-five".

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Mr Weathers presented the petition of W. Abrams and others, asking the deepening of a well on Broadway, between Baltimore and Lombard Streets, which was read and referred to the City Commissioner.

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 resolution in relation to the rail road track on Canton avenue, beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance:

F H B Boyd, A J Bouldin, Paul Lepson, } First Branch. Jas S Suter, Wm T Farlow } Second Branch.

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

The joint committee on highways, to whom was referred the communication of the city Commissioner in relation to repairing the damages to the tunnel over Harford run, after a careful examination, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

F H B Boyd, A J Bouldin, Paul Lepson, } First Branch. Jas S Suter, Wm T Farlow } Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that one thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars, ($1.135) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the costs of rebuilding that portion of the tunnel over Harford run, between Stiles and Gough Streets, and that the Register be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to the order of the city Commissioner, the said sum, or so much thereof as may be required for the same.

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

Whereas, ordinance No. 82, approved July 16, 1853, authorising the Commissioners of Public Schools to lease a lot on West Franklin Street for the purpose of erecting thereon a Primary School, cannot be carried out inasmuch as the Commissioners cannot obtain a suitable lot as required; therefore

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Commissioners of Public Schools be, and they are hereby authorised to lease a lot of ground in the vicinity of West Franklin Street, instead of on said Street as authorised by ordinance No. 82, approved July 16, 1853, provided the rent of said lot shall not exceed the amount authorised