on the whole amount of the purchase money, it becomes exceedingly unjust and hard on the person failing to meet the taxes when due, – therefore the committee offer the accompanying ordinance.

James S. Suter, Wm. E. Bartlett, jr.,
John S. Wright, Edward C. Thomas,
Jno. A. Thompson, Second Branch.
First Branch.

Mr. Suter, chairman of the joint committee on ways and means, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the resolution making inquiry of the City Counsellor in reference to the judgment obtained by Wm. B. Norman against the city, for certain stocks transferred by Jesse Hunt, while acting as city Register, report that they have given the subject their careful attention, and beg leave to report the following resolution:

James S. Suter, Wm. E. Bartlett, jr.,
James S. Suter, Edward, C. Thomas,
Jno. A. Thompson, Second Branch.
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Counsellor be and he is hereby directed to commence suit against Jesse Hunt, and his securities, for the whole amount of the judgment with cost and interest obtained against the city in the case of the city vs. Daniel Spigg, guardian of Wm. B. Norman.

The following communication was received, read and referred to the joint committee on water:

Office of the Water Board,
Baltimore, May 23, 1855.

To the Honorable
the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore;

Gentlemen: – This Board begs leave to report to your honorable body, that the master wheel in the Salisbury mill has broken down, and will have to be renewed without delay, otherwise the rent of the mill will cease, – one of the water wheels will also require some repair, – and as well as can be ascertained, the probable expense of the whole will be about eight hundred dollars.

The commissioners beg leave respectfully to call the attention of your honorable body to their communication of the 17th of February last, in which they state the amounts required to carry on the operations of this department during the year, for which, there has as yet, been no appropriation made, and without which, much embarrassment, if not an entire stoppage of their of their operations, must necessarily follow, and they take the liberty at the same time, most respectfully to state further, that it has been a subject of regret to this board, that so little confidence has been extended to its discretion, that a trifling extension of pipe cannot be made without its first being submitted to a protracted discussion and legislation, when such trifling matters could be promptly acted upon by this Board, under the restriction that such extensions should pay a certain per centage upon the cost, such per centage to be fixed by your honorable body, as suggested in the communication of the 17th February, before referred to, particularly as there will no doubt, be many profitable applications of the kind, during the recess of the councils.

By order,
Geo. Neilson, Pres. Com.

Mr. Nox called up the resolution providing for the appointment of a joint standing committee on the estate of John McDonogh, late of the City of New Orleans, deceased, which was read and concurred in.

A communication and accompanying documents, from the agents appointed to represent the city of Baltimore in the management of the estate of the late John McDonogh, were received from the Mayor and read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the documents were referred to the joint committee on the McDonogh estate, when they shall have been appointed; and five hundred copies of the same were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

The resolution granting permission to Henry Nash to use his slaughtering establishment on Walsh street, until the first day of September, 1855, was returned by the Second Branch endorsed "Concurred in with proposed amendments"