The joint committee on highways, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Turner and others, in relation to the planting of trees in the square on Broadway, north of Baltimore street, have had the subject under consideration, and would beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Joseph H. Boyd, William E. Beale,
F. H. B. Boyd, William O. Welsh,
Daniel Lepson, William Houlton,
First Branch. Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have trees planted in the centre of the square of Broadway commencing at East Baltimore street, extending north to Bel Air avenue and draw on the Register for the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the same to be taken out of the levy of 1856.

Mr. Suter presented the following communication, which was read and referred to the joint committee on way and means:

Health Office,
Baltimore, Sept 3d, 1855.

To the Honorable the Mayor and
City Council of Baltimore:

The Board of Health very respectfully submit to your honorable body a statement of the present condition of the finances at their disposal for the maintenance of the operations pertaining to their department, and solicit the additional appropriations which, in their judgment, are necessary for the successful prosecution of their duties.

The annexed table will exhibit the matter more fully:

Object of appropriation.	Amount of appropriation	Paid by our predecessors for 1854, out of appropriation for 1855.	Spent by our predecessors in Jany & Feby, 1855	Total spent by predecessors out of appropriation.	Average per month for Jany and February	Balance left for us for ten months' operations	Spent by us in 6 months.	Average per month for six months.	Balance remaining to meet four months service
Street acct	$40,000.00	$2,875.50	$7,081.37	$9,956.77	$3,540.63½	$30,043.23	$28,109.06	$3,684.84½	$1,934.17
Sewer	2,694.50	967.00	488.37	1,455.37	244.18½	1,239.13	1,239.13	309.85½	512.14
Nuisance	1,290.00	320.63	57.74	380.37	29.87	909.63	567.49	94.24½	217.96
Health	2,240.00	381.00	422.66	803.66	211.33	1,436.34	1,218.58	203.09⅔	40.76
Incidentals	100.00	32.50	8.05	40.55	4.02½	59.45	12.50	2.08⅓	46.95

The sewer account, you will perceive, is entirely exhausted.

If, on the street account, from the appropriation of $40,000.00 you deduct $2,875.50, which you perceive was paid on account of 1854, it will appear that $37,124.50 was the actual amount available for 1855.

If, on the health account, from the appropriation of $2,240.00 you deduct $381.00, it will leave only $1,859.00 as the available amount for 1855.

We would respectfully ask an additional appropriation of five hundred dollars on the sewer account.

On the street account, there must of necessity be a large expenditure, beyond the amount of last year perhaps, growing out of the increased number of miles of streets to be served, and the increased distance to which the substances must be hauled in their removal. We respectfully ask for six thousand dollars additional appropriation, which will then make the amount only $43,124.50 available for the year 1855. We respectfully submit, that if $2,875.50 (which was taken out of appropriation for 1855, to pay debts due on street account for 1854) be added to the amount paid within 1854, as per report Jany 1, 1855, the whole cost of the year 1854 will be represented by $41,950.48 — and we deem it not extravagant to estimate the additional amount of labor to be performed during 1855 over 1854, to require an increase of the amount as asked for.

There remain yet two very heavy months, requiring great outlay in the street, garbage and sewer department, and after these months have passed, the removal of coal ashes will constitute a considerable item for the remainder of the year.

These estimates are designed to meet the ordinary department demands for street cleaning and garbage purposes, and we hope to carry the operations on to the close of the year with this amount, and not be compelled to leave unpaid amounts to be met by the appropriation for 1856.

On the health account there being but $1,859.00 available for 1855, we would respectfully ask an additional appropriation of three hundred dollars.

We would respectfully call attention to the efforts of the Board of Health to co-operate in the efforts made by our citizens for the promotion of the comfort and the protection of the health and lives of the population of