The minority of the joint standing committee on health, to which were re-committed a report and resolution appropriating $8,000 to defray certain expenses anticipated from a quarantine and sanitary convention invited, on motion of Mr. William H. Delaney and others to meet in Baltimore during the current month, begs leave to report that during the past year a board of health of Philadelphia (which he learns has since been disbanded) at the suggestion of a Dr. Wilson Jewel, an aspiring member of that (late) board, initiated a similar meeting in the city of Philadelphia, at which but nine States were (nominally) represented and that $700 were appropriated by the City Council of Baltimore to defray the expenses incurred by the quarantine physician, the Health Commissioner, Assistant Health Commissioner and City Physician (all salaried officers) in attending said convention. That after three days session it adjourned, and that with the exception of convivalities nothing definite or beneficial resulted, (as will be seen by reference to the published proceedings,) and he ventures to predict that no more important or decisive results will emanate from the approaching meeting.

He holds that if gentlemen holding lucrative offices (measurably sinecure in their duties) desire to reciprocate hospitalities with their friends and acquaintances, it behooves them to provide for their entertainment by personal contribution and private subscription.

This is annually done by the members of the American Medical Association, the great national medical congress (whose generally from twenty to twenty-eight States are represented) which convened in Baltimore in 1848, will assemble in Washington city on the first Tuesday in next month, and may possibly select Baltimore for its place of meeting in 1859. The delegates of this association have truly no individual interests to promote, and being in no way interested in maintaining the present absurd and detrimental quarantine and sanitary regulations, are the proper body to whom this matter should be submitted and whose influence would enable them effectually to remedy its evils without implicating pecuniary aid from any legislative source.

The undersigned could not recognize the legitimacy of any appropriation of the public funds for feasting and junketing any association, even if the corporate treasury were in a state of repletion; but, regarded as this corporation has become by a reckless, extravagant and unconscrupulous legislature, together with the careless, incompetent and unfaithful course of some of its appointees he would regard the unnecessary expenditure of a single mill criminal.

It is needless to remind the councils of the immense and hourly increasing indebtedness and accumulating responsibilities of this city, and its utter inability to pay even the current interest on the same, without compounding this indebtedness by resorting to usurious loans. These facts, taken in connection with the unwillingness of the most prodigal legislators to impose an adequate tax, render it doubly imperative upon those who have regard for the credit of the corporation to resist every attempted display of extravagant liberality; besides, which, let us take into consideration the fact that the expenses attendant upon the pageant enacted last year for the entertainment of the Western Guests have not yet been paid, and that a promissory note of the corporation of four thousand five hundred dollars issued for the same still remains unliquidated.

The requisite amount had better be obtained by individual donations, as the voting of this appropriation will only tend to mislead: the present levy being wholly inadequate to the wants of the city government the Register will be under the unpleasant necessity of issuing another promissory note for the amount.

Impressed with these convictions, and aware of these facts he must, in conformity to his obligation and a sense of duty, differ from the majority of the committee, and submit the following resolution.

F. E. B. Heintze.

Minority of the Joint Standing Committee on Health.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make any appropriation of the corporate funds for the entertainment of the quarantine and sanitary or any other convention or association.