and Jail be requested to prepare suitable resolutions to be presented to Officer John Cook, for the faithful manner in which he discharged the precarious duties of his office, in the arrest of one Peter Corris, one of the supposed murderers of police officer Rigdon. The said resolutions to be signed by his Honor, the Mayor, and the President of each Branch of the City Council, as a testimonial of the high regard and esteem in which he is held as an officer and a man

Mr Colton moved that the substitute be adopted, which was determined in the affirmative, by the following vote: the yeas and nays being required by Mr Cook:

Yeas — Messrs President, Cathcart, Colton, Taylor, Ellicott, Musselman and Sewell — 7

Nays — Messrs — VanNostrand, Cook and McComas — 3

A report from the joint standing committee on Fire Companies, and a resolution granting permission to Thomas F Greenwell, to erect and use a steam engine on his premises No 192 Fagan's Wharf, was received from the First Branch and read

On motion of Mr Colton, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in

Mr McComas presented the petition of H. H. Glenn and others, requesting the Mayor and City Council to accept a deed for the bed of Pierce Street, between Republican and Schroeder Sts., which was read and referred to the joint standing committee on Highways

Mr Colton called up the resolution on page 40. of the Second Branch journal, which was read.

Mr Colton moved its adoption.

Pending the motion to adopt,

Mr Sewell moved to refer the resolution to the joint standing committee on Police and Jail, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Colton called up the following Preamble and resolution, which were read

Whereas, it is a lamentable fact that lawlessness and crime has most deplorably increased in our midst, and we are afflicted with, and therefore suffering in consequence of a more than usual proportion of evil disposed persons in our community.

And Whereas, His Honor, the Mayor, in his message to this

council, represents that our present system is insufficient to enable the executive to have brought to prompt punishment those who continue to outrage and violate the law, and therefore this career of lawlessness is only permitted because of the inadequacy of the power with which he is invested to put a stop thereto.

And Whereas, his Honor expresses his conviction that the creation of a Mayor's Court, or other officer so constituted, with adequate authority for the immediate punishment of those characters committing offences against the public peace, would be attended with immediate beneficial results, and at the same time be a saving of a large anual expense to the city of Baltimore

And Whereas, One object of the Executive, in convening the Council at this early day, is to invoke the co-operation of the legislative department of the City government in accomplishing an object so essential to the safety and protection of all good Citizens: Therefore be it

Resolved, That a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint special committee, to whom shall be referred that part of the Mayor's message which has special reference to a Mayor's Court.

Mr Sewell offered the following substitute for the preceding, which was read:

Whereas, at the present time there exists in most of our sister Cities a great proportion of disorderly elements of society, and

Whereas, Baltimore is not entirely exempt, it is the duty of the municipal authorities, as far as possible, to correct, control and suppress the same,

And Whereas, notwithstanding the vigorous efforts of the City government to preserve inviolate the public peace, the acts of lawlessness have been attributed by the partyan press to the inefficiency of the city authorities, and by others to the inadequacy of our system of criminal law to bring to prompt punishment those who commit acts of outrage and violence

And Whereas the Mayor in his message to the city council, enumerates, among other causes of these evils, "The defective organization of our criminal system in the prompt application of suitable punishment in cases of arrest, coupled with the total absence of power in the executive arm to deal with notorious disturbers of the public peace", and states as one of the causes of aggravation of these evils, that "a warfare, much, to be regretted,