to the making a canal from the said line of intersection to the channel, of 60 feet wide, with wharves and a Street on each side of said Canal of 45 feet wide, but with this express declaration, that the privilege of filling up said Canal and of the whole space of 150 feet wide be fully reserved to the said Commissioners and their successors for the use of the said Town as granted by the act of Assembly of Novemr Session 1784 Chap. 62, intitled an Act for establishing New Markets &c. And also on this express condition that the said Canal, wharves and streets on each side of the said Canal be a common highway and free for the public use and subject to such regulations as the Commissioners and their successors shall from time to time establish, and on this further express condition that the said Mr Eldery and Dugan extend Pratt Street thro their two Lotts of ground on each side of the said Market Space, and leave Pratt Street for the use of the public."

From all which it appears in the opinion of the Committee that the centre Market space is not the property of the public, by which they understand the Community or State at Large, but is the property of the Citizens of Baltimore: that their right and title thereto is complete and exclusive, and that the Mayor and City Council are the legal successors of the Commissioners of Baltimore Town, and as such are entitled to hold the said Market Space for the purposes for which it was granted by the Law of 1784, and that the rights appertaining thereto, have not been impaired or alienated by the Commissioners of Baltimore Town, in the permission given by them to Thomas McElderry and Cumberland Dugan to fill up said Space, and therefore the Law

Hanover Market, that being the second exception therefor.

Resolved that the aforesaid Engine house shall be appropriated to the use of the Union fire Company and the room over it for their meetings, and other public purposes, so long as the Company may associate and keep an efficient Engine and Hose for the extinction of fire, however subject always to any future regulations of the Mayor and City Council.

This Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon 3 o'clock.

By Order Thos Rogers Clk

In 2d Branch March 2d 1814

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present Jas Calhoun Esqr Pres. and all the Members.

Mr Finlay from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Company called "Property Guards" delivers the following Report, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Company called "Property Guards" beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted.

They therefore submit the following resolution.

Baltimore March 2. 1814.

John Finlay
Ludwig Herring

Resolved by both branches of the City Council that a sum not exceeding Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Company called "Property Guards" to