advice and direction. The most important of those petitions the one from the Vendue Masters has been detained by Mr. Kell, and I take the liberty of laying before you his communication to me on the subject.

Edw.d Johnson

Balt.o 27. Dec.r 1814.

To the Members composing the 2.d Branch of the City Comm.rs

A Message was received from the first branch proposing to refer so much of the Mayor's Communication as relates to Vendue Masters to the consideration of a joint Committee, and nominating on their part Messrs Jenkins, Sheppard and Jamison, to which this branch agreed and appointed on its part Messrs White and Payson.

Mr. White from the joint Committee delivered the following report, which was read and non-concurred in.

The joint committee to whom was referred the petition of the Auctioneers, report as their opinion that the present sum required for a licence should be reduced to fifty Dollars for the ensuing year - Which is respectfully submitted

Dec.r 27.th 1814.

Thos. C. Jenkins
T. Sheppard
Jos. Jamison
} 1.st Branch

John C. White
Payson
} 2.d Branch.

Messrs Bohn and Biays were appointed a committee to examine the returns and enquire into the qualification of the members of the second branch.

A petition was received from Charles F. Mercer praying permission to extend his Wharf at the lower end of M.cElderry's Wharf; Which was read and referred to Messrs Biays, Bohn & Herring to consider and report thereon.

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

By Order, Thos. Rogers Cl.k

In 2.d Branch December 28.th 1814.

Branch met agreeably to adjournment.

Present the same Members as on yesterday.

A Communication was received from the Mayor, stating the death of William Kerr, Superintendant of Chimney Sweeps for the second District.

Which was read.

A Bill, Entitled, A Supplement to the Ordinance, Entitled, an Ordinance for licensing and regulating auctions within the City of Baltimore and Precincts thereof, was read the first and by Special order a second time, passed and sent to the first branch, by that branch passed and returned to this

This Branch then adjourned sine Die.

By Order

Thos. Rogers Cl.k