the guilty ambitions of a Master, with a savage ferocity in the contemplation of his prey. View it as we may, all modern history may be challenged to produce a subject more finely adapted to the most elevated efforts of the painter: for it is not the conflict merely that we are to consider, important as it is, but the great example, the admirable lesson, the fine trait of history conveyed to future times, standing on equality with the noblest of antiquity. It is by such traits, that the history & character of nations are formed. It is these occurrencies, which bestow upon them an independent & distinctive existence. The brave defence of Baltimore, will no doubt be recorded in History with all the Honor which it merits; but as a Community, we ought to do something to shew that we are not insensible to the glory of the achievement. What Baltimorean, what American will not feel a generous glow of exultation and pride of Country, when he beholds these monumental testimonials of the valor & virtue of his countrymen? Nothing contributed so much in the bright days of Greece & Rome, to keep alive their patriotic feelings & public spirit, as their national monuments.

The American Republic, but just in its infancy - but just beginning to acquire a character & a name, (for this can only be the result of a series of noble actions,) demands, that every exploit of her sons, should be carefully monumented. It is important even with a view to the permanent union of the States. The Day will come, when our Orators, our Painters & Poets, will find ample matter for the exercise of their respective talents, in the national achievements of our Country.

It is due then to that Country, to this City, to the brave men who fought, to the living & the dead, to our children who may be called on some future day to emulate the example, that some suitable measure be adopted to commemorate & mark these events, so highly interesting to the City of Baltimore & to the american people.

On the part of the 1st Branch { James Mosher, Wm. Raly, J. Shepherd, A. B. Maguder, John Berry

On the part of the 2d Branch { James Biays, Cumb. Dugan, Chas. Bohn

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the Mayor and the Presidents of the said branches for the time being, be and they are hereby authorised and requested, to employ on behalf of the City of Baltimore, on such terms as they may deem proper, any Artist in the United States, to execute two superb paintings - one of the battle at North Point near Baltimore on the 12th of September 1814; the other of the bombardment of Fort McHenry on the 13th of September 1814. The said paintings to be as nearly as may be of the following dimensions, viz. fifteen feet long by ten feet high, and to be finished under the direction of the Mayor & Presidents abovementioned. And that the expence thereof be paid out of any money in the treasury, at such periods as the same may be called for by the Mayor and Presidents aforesaid.

A Bill entitled "an Ordinance more effectually to prevent the spreading of fires in the City of Baltimore", was received from the 1st branch, read a first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A Message was received from the 1st branch, proposing, that when the City Council adjourned, it adjourn untile Wednesday next, at 3 O'clock in the afternoon, which being read was disagreed to; and the first branch informed by message, that this branch proposed with their concurrence, that when the City Council adjourned, it adjourn untile Monday next at 3 O'clock in the afternoon, which the first by message intimated their concurrence in.

This Branch then adjourned untile Monday next at 3 O'clock P.M.

By Order

Saml. Young Clk pro tem.