to carry it into effect, that they cannot recommend to the Council its immediate adoption. They are still less inclined to advise the hasty rejection of a project which contains some ideas that they are of opinion, are capable of being rendered useful. They would therefore recommend an immediate publication of the report of Mr. Mills, and the adoption of a resolution requesting the early attention of the next Council to this important subject. This course of proceeding, which the approaching dissolution of the present City Council in some measure renders necessary, your committee are of opinion derives additional propriety from the circumstance of the increased number of representatives of which the next council will consist. While the delay by this means obtained will give room for a more calm and deliberate examination of the subject, the proposed publication will enable the gentlemen who may have become members of the Council, to consider the measure at their leisure before the meeting of that body, and may be the means of eliciting much information not otherwise accessible to the public authorities.

The subject of the bridges over Jones' Falls is so intimately connected with the projected improvement of Mr. Mills, that your Committee are of opinion it would be improper to come to a final decision concerning it, at present. But as Pratt Street bridge is situated at a spot where the Falls are of a considerable width, and consequently any obstruction to the passage of the water is of less consequence there than elsewhere, your committee are of opinion that it ought to be repaired immediately; more especially as some time must elapse before the proposed improvement can be sufficiently advanced to require the removal of this bridge. Gay Street bridge is from its situation and some other circumstances more immediately in the way of the execution of Mr. Mills' project, and whether that plan shall be adopted or not, your committee are of opinion that it must be ultimately taken down. The narrowness of the bed of the Falls at that place and the obstruction occasioned by the pier in the centre of the stream, afford, they think, conclusive

arguments in favor of erecting a bridge of one arch instead of the now existing. Your Committee think that the Council cannot but concur with them in this opinion, when it is recollected that all those whose opportunities of information have been such as to give weight to their opinions, have joined in declaring that the narrowness of the Falls and construction of this bridge, were the efficient causes of much of the distress and injury sustained by our citizens at the time of the late flood. For these reasons, your Committee are decidedly of opinion that Gay Street bridge ought not at this time to be repaired. In its present situation it affords facilities to the citizens nearly as great as if it was entire. Some helping sum your Committee are of opinion ought to be expended in securing persons from falling over the broken side of it, but they cannot recommend the incurring any considerable expense in repairing and thereby perpetuating a structure which to them appears imperiously to require removal. With respect to the bridges over Harford Run, your Committee have been unable to devise any better plan than the one already recommended by the City Commissioners: They therefore report a resolution for carrying it into immediate effect. Your Committee would beg leave to recommend the adoption of several resolutions in which they have endeavoured to embody the principles of this report, and which are herewith presented. All which is respectfully submitted.

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John Campbell White } on behalf of 2d Branch
Jas. Biays

John Reese
James Wilson
John S. Young } on behalf of 1st Branch.
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Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the report of Robert Mills upon the most eligible mode of improving Jones' Falls so as to prevent the recurrence of calamities similar to that of the 9th of August last, which was submitted to the City Council at their present session, be referred to the consideration of the next City Council, and that their early attention to the same be and is hereby requested.

Resolved that the said report and that of the joint committee on the subject thereof be forthwith published.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the bridge over Jones' Falls at Pratt Street, be immediately repaired, agreeably to the provisions of the ordinance for appointing City Commissioners and prescribing their duties.

Resolved that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised