A Bill entitled An Ordinance to restrain the
cart franchises of Bell Barting within the limits
of the city of Baltimore was secured from the
first branch read a first and by special order a
second time endorsed well pass with the proposed
amendments and returned to the first branch

Amendment proposed –
Insert after the word "Lawful" in the 2d line of
the first section of the Bill the words "from and
after the passage of this ordinance"

A Message was sent to the first branch proposing
that when the City Council adjourn this evening
it adjourn till Monday afternoon next at 3 o'clock
to which proposal the first branch assented and
so informed us by message

Mr Weber from the committee on the subject of
recommitting the report of the committee on the
subject of the accounts of the city Commissioners &c
reports the following message which was read and
sent to the first Branch –

Gentlemen of the First Branch
We have received your second message on the subject
of recommitting the Report on the accounts of the City
Commissioners in which you request us to reconsider our
message to you on that subject, & adhering to the opinion
expressed in your first message. In answer this

Branch takes pleasure in reciprocating the good feeling
expressed in your message and in assuring you of
the high estimation in which this Branch holds
your Honorable body as a coordinate branch of the
Corporation" On a reconsideration however of our
message, and a review of the subject this Branch
is fully impressed with the belief that the proceedings
on our part have been conformable to the usage between
the two branches, which usage we must be governed by
in the absence of authority upon the subject.

We apprehend if the duties proposed to
be imposed upon the committee by your first
message, was strictly speaking new business, business
not necessarily growing out of the examination required
of the Committee, then as a Joint committee your
honorable body would not have moved without the
concurrence of this Branch, which concurrence
would on all cases have been readily given or good
reasons assigned for not doing so; but in the present
case the duty required now of the Committee is one
which they were virtually required to perform on their
constitution and if so authorizes your body to refuse
the report until it shall be performed –

Our refusal to concur in your request
proceeded rather from a wish to avoid an officious
intermeddling with privileges which belong exclusively
to your Body according to our views –

This Branch being still of the opinion that
they have acted in conformity with the usage upon