to prepare Rules for conducting business between the two branches delivered a Report which was read a first time & ordered to lie on the table –

A Communication was received from the City Commissioners relative to South Calvert Street which was laid on the table –

A communication was received from John Scott Esquire Sheriff from the City through the Mayor read & laid on the Table –

A Bill Entitled A further supplement to An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to regulate auctions &c was received from the first branch read a first time & ordered to lie on the table –

The following Report of the Committee on that part of the Mayor's Communication relative to the Regulations of the different Markets was read a second time and concurred in –

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's communication relating to the regulations of the several Markets in the City and also the petition of Sundry respectable farmers of Baltimore County and the petition of John McKim Jr and others ask leave to report that they have taken the subject referred to them into serious consideration, and are of opinion, that, the complaint of the Petitioners, they have reason to believe is generally true, and that it is matter of serious regret, that, considering the time that has been spent by our predecessors in legislating on the Markets, that so much complaint should still exist. In turning to the numerous Ordinances on the subject, it would seem as if almost every provision which was necessary for regulating the Markets has already been made. As however there appears to be some defects though not exactly of the description alluded to, by the Petitioners, the committee deem it proper to recommend some modifications and

amendments to the present system. It is impossible however that any system can be devised that will give satisfaction to all, unless the Ordinances are generally and strictly enforced; as it must be obvious to the Council, that no matter how well defined and harmonious the provisions of our laws may be; so long as they are enforced by one officer and neglected by another, discontent and dissatisfaction will be the consequence. It is the mistaken indulgence which is granted to offenders, that has led to so many infractions of our Ordinances. And if the regulations of our Markets, and we might say our laws generally, had been carried into effect from the commencement that which appears now as a serious grievance to many would have been cheerfully submitted to. We may legislate session after session until legislation becomes a serious evil. If the officers of the Corporation continue to exercise their discretion and take upon themselves the prerogative of deciding on the propriety of the laws instead of enforcing them, on this subject the committee speak generally. By the 7th section of an ordinance approved March 25th 1805 no Wares or Merchandise except the manufacture of the United States were permitted to be sold in the limits of the several Markets. In making this exception in favour of our own manufactures the Council at that time acted from a desire to promote the interests of the Country and aid our infant Manufactures; But there was no moral obligation for them to continue this provision any longer than the interests of the Corporation permitted it. The resemblance which some of the European Manufactures bear to ours is so great that it requires an excellent judge to distinguish this circumstance and the fact that the increase of the dealers in wares and Merchandise in our Markets has been so great within a year or two as to lead to the adoption of the preamble to the ordinance of last session. And the opposition which certain dealers and now manifesting to some of the provisions of said ordinance induces your Committee to believe that the time is near at hand, when the corporation will have to assert her right to the control of the Markets or prepare to erect