erecting two old wooden frame houses, and which are calculated to disfigure the appearance of the public improvements adjacent may be bought for a reasonable compensation. I would recommend its purchase

In my last annual message the attention of the Council was called to the comparatively unprotected state of our city for the want of proper military defences. This suggestion led to the immediate and zealous effort, on the part of your predecessors that nothing should be left unsown on their part to obtain an appropriation by the Congress of the United States, for the purpose of erecting permanent fortifications on "Sollers Point Flats"

I am truly gratified in saying that the reasonable expectations of our people for a long time indulged in, without realizing their hopes, are about to be answered. The military committee of the House of Representatives of the United States have by a report, advised an appropriation to be made for that purpose, of $30,000. and I believe from all the information I can gather on the subject, this recommendation only requires the action of Congress to become a law.

All of which is most respectfully submitted

Jacob G. Davis

Mayor

The communication was read

A message was received from the First Branch proposing, to refer the communication from the Mayor and the accompanying documents, to a joint select committee and naming Messrs Brown, Walsh and McCurley, as the committee

The message was read, and on motion of Mr Lendermann, concurred in and the First Branch informed by message

Messrs Lendermann, Baker and Denson were appointed the committee

The following message was received

In First Branch

Baltimore January 19, 1846

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully propose with your concurrence, that the two

Branches meet in convention, on Monday afternoon next for the purpose of appointing a City Register, and, on Wednesday afternoon 28 inst., for the purpose of appointing School Commissioners, Commissioners of Finance, and Rail Road Directors

By order

Geo. P. Woodward Clerk

The message was read and agreed to and the First Branch informed by message

Mr Richardson on leave, submitted the following, resolution

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the police officers be, and they are hereby charged, with the duty of enforcing the law of the State, which prohibits the transaction of secular business upon the Sabbath, and that the penalties of the said law be strictly enforced against the proprietor or proprietors of any and every house found in the violation of said law

The resolution was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the First Branch

The following message was received from the First Branch

In First Branch

Baltimore January 19, 1846

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully inform your Branch of the appointment of the following, joint standing, and joint select committees

By order

Geo. P. Woodward Clerk

Joint Standing Committees

On Ways and means — Messrs Brown, Walsh and Starr
On Claims — Messrs Stack, Nickman and McCurley
On Police — Messrs Pindell Stack and Dutton
On the Harbour — Messrs Dutton, Hooper and Doran
On Markets — Messrs Colton, Watkins and Nickman
On Fire Department — Messrs Turner, Starr and McCurley
On Streets — Messrs Watkins, Davis and Colton
On Education — Messrs Nickman, Doran and Collins
On Commerce — Messrs Hooper, Pindell and Stack