The following communication was received from Lewis Hewell captain city night watch middle district and read

Baltimore February 5th 1849

To the honorable the President and members
of the Second Branch of the City Council:
Gentlemen

In reply to the resolution which were adopted for enquiring as to the number of watchmen in the middle district, and also to what duty they perform in addition to their respective duty, — no other than that of watching from nine o'clock until six the next morning, and through the day they sleep and trim their lamps for the coming night, and at dark, light and prepare themselves for their duty that night. We have in the middle district forty two watchmen, forty one on beats, and one in the house to act as turnkey to take charge of the prisoners, make fires, and keep the house clean and to measure oil for the forty one that is out, and also to open the house at six and a half o'clock in the evening, so that the watchmen can get their wood for the night.

We have also twelve substitutes, who by order of the Mayor to act as constables during day, and on Sundays in particular.

Lewis Hewell
Captain of the Middle District

The following communication was received from William Costigan captain city night watch, eastern district.

Baltimore February 5th 1849

To the honorable President and members
of the Second Branch of the City Council
Gentlemen

In reply to the resolution which were adopted inquiring as to the number of watchmen in the eastern district, and also to what duty they perform in addition to their respective duty, no other than that of watching from nine o'clock, until six and a half the next morning, and through the day they sleep and trim and clean their lamps for the coming night, and at dark, light and prepare themselves for their duty that night. We have in the eastern district twenty five watchmen on beats and one in the house to act as turnkey and take charge of prisoners, make fires and keep the house clean, and measure out oil for the twenty five that is out, and also to open the house at seven and a half o'clock in the evening, so that the men can get the wood for the night.

We have also eleven substitutes who by order of the Mayor, to act as constables during the day and on Sundays in particular.

William Costigan
Captain of the Eastern District.

The following communication was received from James Peregoy health commissioner, and read

Health Office
Baltimore February 5th 1849

To the President and members of the
Second Branch of the City Council
Gentlemen

In answer to your resolution of enquiry of the 30th ultimo, the commissioner of health would respectfully state that the requisition of the second section of the ordinance referred to, has not been strictly complied with, so far as relates to semi-weekly meetings of the board, as it was found impracticable to obtain the attendance of all the members of the board at all times. With regard to the attendance of the commissioner of health, the daily journal shows the attendance of each member. With regard to the duties of the city physician, as required by the 4th section of the ordinance, said duties being to make a circuit of observation once in each week, consequently did not come under the observation of the commissioner of health, he cannot answer whether these duties have been performed or not. The last inquiry as to his attendance is answered in the statement from the journal of the daily proceedings of the board, which is as follows:

City Physician has been absent	202 day
Health Commissioner has been absent	17 "
Assistant Health Commissioner has been absent	4 "

The health officer is only required to attend the board meetings, and has been present thirty times, Presuming the object of the resolution above referred to, is to ascertain whether the several members of the board have discharged the duties devolving on them, the commissioner of health would very respectfully say, that he knows of no ordinance, the object of which is to preserve the health of the city, that has not been attended to.

Yours respectfully
James Peregoy
Health Commissioner.

The following communication was received from Jesse Marden, read and on motion referred to the joint committee on police;