of ordinance No 6. 1846, report that upon due consideration they be-
-lieve that such repeal would lessen the efficiency of the police
and its standing in the public estimation. Under that section
which requires that the officer shall discharge his duties with
-out other reward than his legal salary and which obliges
him to pay over every fee or gift that he may receive to the
city Register, he is as ready to hear the complaint and enforce
the rights of the rich and poor alike; and he is not exposed to any
temptation, in the guise of a promise or a gratuity, to neglect or
forsake his ordinary duties for some more profitable case. It is
also essentially important that the utmost care should be taken
to secure impartiality in the administration of justice, and
that every person concerned therein should be the servant of
the public only, and looking to that public only for approbation
and requital, and not the hired agent of another, who perh-
-aps may seek to gratify a private grudge or secret malice
under the pretext and forms of law. The repeal of the above
section would legalize the receipt by the police for their own
use, not only of cost but of donations for services rendered; and
the committee would observe, that all such donations will after
a short time change their real nature while holding fast to their
former names: they will be called a gift and become a tax: they
will at first be frequent, then customary, and at last required
and if any one desregarding the force of precedent, should have
the resolution to withhold them, the officer would consider him-
self as unjustly treated and deprived of his usual and fair dues,
and would perform the duties assigned him languilly and
inattentively, as a thankless labor to be done by compulsion
of law, and only when he had not any more gainful engagement
At present, moreover, should an officer commence or be concerned
in some erronious proceeding in the name of the city, he will be su-
-pposed, on its failure, to have acted with an erring judgement but
with honest intention; but let him be once interested in the sh-
-ape of costs or otherwise, and far different motives will be imp-
-uted to him; cupidity which seeks its own gratification with-
-out heeding the rights or feelings of others, and a readiness to
misemploy his official station for the advancement of his own
interests.

The committee would add that the corporation did not wrest
from the police officers their former perquisites by any act of
arbitrary legislation, but on the contrary, may be said to have
purchased them; it suppressed those perquisites, in view of
their mischevious tendency, yet at the same time and by the

same section, of the same Ordinance, it gave the police an increase
of salary by way of equivalent. The pay of a police officer under
the present system is certainly not exorbitant, but it is neverth-
-eless adequate to supply the wants and comforts of life, and the
committee are not prepared to recommend any addition to it,
whether out of the city treasury or by the less direct measure now
now proposed. The committee accordingly submit the
following resolution:

Frederick Pinkney
A J Dushane
R C Wells
First Branch

John T Farlow
Joseph J Stewart
Second Branch

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the fu-
-rther consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr Dukehart the branch adjourned until
to-morrow afternoon at half past three o clock

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Thursday March 1st 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment,
Present.- Wm A Hack Esq President and all the members except
Mr Warner,

Mr Kelso presented a petition and statement of the President
and committee of the Baltimore General Dispensary, which
was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on
health.

Mr Ware presented the following order, which was concurred in,

Ordered, that it be entered on the journal that Mr Warner
is detained from his seat by indisposition.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on internal
improvements, on the petition of Joseph Shane, were rec-
-eived from the First Branch, read a first, and by special
order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First
Branch.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on streets,
on the application of J Hanson Thomas and others, were rece-
-ived from the First Branch, read a first, and by special or-
-der a second time, concurred in and returned to the First
Branch.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on claims, on the
claim of Isaac Munroe for advertising in the Baltimore Patriot for
1848, were received from the First Branch, read a first, and by spe-
cial order a second time concurred in and returned to the First Branch