Your committee have examined the acts of the state legislature and the city ordinances relating to fire companies and fire riots, and deem them amply sufficient, if enforced, to prevent riots, and if not to prevent to punish those who may be engaged in them. Let punishment immediately follow conviction, and punishment commensurate to the offence, so that evil disposed persons may see that they will no longer be permitted to violate all law, disturb the peace and good order of the city, and endanger the lives of our citizens as they have done heretofore with impunity.

By act of assembly of 1857. chapter 190. sec. 1, any person who shall wilfully destroy any fire apparatus on conviction shall be sentenced to the penetentiary for not less than two years.

Sec. 2, Any person who shall intentionally assault, beat, or otherwise intentionally hurt or injure any fireman whilst engaged in the discharge of his duty as such, on conviction shall be imprisoned in Baltimore county jail not less than one month, and to the payment of a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3, Gives the standing committee of the Baltimore United Fire Department the power of justices of the peace during fires and alarms of fires.

There are numerous city ordinances which your committee believe to be sufficient to meet every case that can occur; one of which that of dividing the city into fire wards and districts vests the power in the Mayor of restricting a fire company to a limit not extending beyond the pavement in front of the engine house in which the apparatus of the company is kept; it also imposes a fine on any person who shall in any manner assist in conveying the apparatus beyond the district assigned to it, and empowers the mayor to withhold any annual or other appropriation made by the city to any fire company.

In conclusion, your committee believe that the orderly and well disposed portion of our firecompanies, compose a large majority of the members, and that they have a right to demand protection from the city authorities. We are also of the opinion that no additional legislation is necessary; and we are further of the opinion that if some fifty or more of our property holders and their sons would unite themselves to each of our fire companies, the necessity believed by some to exist for retaining riotous and evil disposed persons, members of firecompanies, will cease, and order will be restored; in other words if those who now stand aloof and condemn firemen, will themselves become firemen, and assist in saving their own and their fellow citizens property, the scenes deplored by the mayor in his annual message will not again occur. From a full examination of the subject referred to them your committee believe that the mayor and our courts have full

power; the one to prevent, the other to punish, and that when full power is given, those in whom the law has vested the authority to prevent and punish, should be held responsible in public estimation. Let the laws as they exist be enforced without fear, favor or reference to ulterior veiws and order and quiet will be restored to our city.

N. J. Deshane	First Branch	John Dukehart	Second Branch
Evan M. Forman		John W. Willson	
Edward Horney		John T. Parlow.	

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on water, on the propriety of placing a fire plug at the corner of Boyd and Larkin streets, were received 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 from the joint committee on water, on a resolution of enquiry as to the erection of a fire plug at the Bel Air market were received 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 water, on the petition of Wm. Crane and others, praying for the erection of a fire plug at the corner of Frederick street and Etna lane, were received 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 health, on the petition of the contractors for cleaning the streets, were received 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 from the joint special committee of conference on the subject of disagreement between the branches as to the revision of the city ordinances were received 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 fire companies, on the petition of W. W. Hilton, for permission to erect a frame building, were received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

Bill No 20. entitled "An ordinance to open and condemn Booth street, from Callender alley to Schroeder street," was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, will pass, and was returned to the First Branch.