recorded on pages 369 and 370 of the book of revised ordinances; but that by the provisions of an act passed March 2nd 1843, chapter 218. (see book of ordinances for 1843 page 71) the Mayor and City Council are authorized to extend the limits of direct taxation over any square of ground on which there are six dwelling or store houses fit for occupation,

The court in the investigation has confined itself to the provisions of the act last referred to, and respectfully present the following statement, shewing the assessed value of property on the squares of ground liable to be brought within the bounds of direct taxation as located and described on the accompanying plat.

The value of property on fourteen squares of ground, in the eighteenth ward, is four hundred and forty thousand two hundred and eighty four dollars ($440.284)

The assessed value of property on one square in the nineteenth ward is twenty one thousand four hundred and seventy five dollars. ($21.475)

The assessed value of property on eight squares in the twentieth ward, is two hundred and eighty nine thousand three hundred and forty two dollars. ($289.342)

The assessed value of property on two squares in the sixth ward is One hundred and eighteen thousand, nine hundred and sixty five dollars ($118.965)

The assessed value of property on six squares in the seventh ward is one hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty one dollars. ($114.751)

The assessed value of property on fifteen squares in the eighth ward is one hundred and eighty six thousand one hundred and eleven dollars ($186.111)

Making the whole amount of the assessed value of property in the squares described, $1.170.928.

Respectfully submitted
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Judges of Appeal Tax Court

On motion of Mr Ware, the resolution of the joint committe on fire companies, on the petition of Francis H Miller and others for a larger bell on the Western district watch house, was taken up read a second time.

Mr Ware proposed the following sustitute for the resolution, which was read, and not concurred in.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to dispose of the

bell on the Western district watch-house, upon such terms as he may deem reasonable, and apply the proceeds to the erection on said watch house of a bell of not less than six hundred pounds, for a fire alarm bell; and the sum of one hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to carry out this resolution.

The question was taken on the resolution, adopted, and sent to the First Branch.

On motion of Mr Taylor, bill No 35. entitled "An ordinance to open and condemn Schroeder street, from Mulberry to Lexington street." was taken up. - read a second time will pass and was returned to the First Branch.

On motion of Mr Kelso, the resolution relative to improvements at the Hanover market was taken up. read a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.

On motion of Mr Duke hart, bill No 36. entitled "An ordinance to open and condemn Gilmor, Stricker, and Fayette streets, was taken up and read a second time.

Mr Duke hart proposed the following amendment, which was read, and on motion the whole subject was laid on the table,

Resolved, that the said commissioners shall not proceed to open said streets, until the persons interested in said opening, shall have deposited with the Mayor, a bond to be approved by him, that all the cross streets on the line of said street as contemplated to be opened, shall be paved without expense to the city

Mr Duke hart called up the resolution of the joint committee on fire companies on the petition of the Lafayette Fire Company, which was read a second time, and concurred in by the following vote. the Yeas and nays being called for by Mr Shaffer.

Yeas. Messrs President, Farlow, Shaffer, Stewart, Willson, Taylor, Duke hart, Ware. - 8.

Nays Mr Kelso, 1.

The report and resolution wase returned to the First Branch.

Mr Duke hart called up the resolution of the joint committee on fire companies, on the petition of Robert Dutton, read a second time concurred in, and returned to the First Branch,

Mr Farlow called up the resolution of the joint committee on fire companies, on the petition of the Deptford Fire Company for a further appropriation, read a second time,

Mr Farlow proposed the following substitute:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, pay to the President