to the purposes of a City Hall, which committee can also report what repairs and alterations are necessary for the greater comfort and convenience of the schools. All of which is respectfully submitted with the accompanying resolutions.

Thos J Spillman
Charles Soran
Moses G Hindes
First Branch

John R Kelso
John W Willson
Elias Ware Jr
Second Branch

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

A resolution relative to a stone peir at Eager street, on the east side of Jones falls, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Mr Taylor called up bill No 45. entitled "An ordinance to open and condemn French alley, from Charles street to Short alley, read a second time will pass, and was sent to the First Branch.

Mr Kelso called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prevent obstructions in public streets and highways" read a second time.

Mr Taylor moved to amend by inserting in the ninth line after the word "remain" the words "more than twenty four hours" which was concurred in.

The ordinance as amended will pass and was returned to the First Branch.

Mr Kelso called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorise the School Commissioners to erect a new building for Male and Female Public Schools No 10" read a second time.

Mr Shaffer offered the following as a substitute for the ordinance, not concurred in.

An ordinance to authorise the School Commissioners to purchase a building on Light street for male and female public school No 10.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the board of commissioners of public schools be and they are hereby authorised to purchase the lot of ground and improvements fronting on Light street sixty nine feet by fifty feet deep to Elizibeth lane twenty feet wide – it being the building now occupied by female school No 10. And that the president of the board in conjunction with the treasurer of the same, be further authourised to offer four thousand dollars for the same to be paid in two equal instalments of two thousand

dollars each, on the first of May 1850, and the first of May 1851: and that said sums when they become due shall be taken from the public school fund to be appropriated for the years 1850 and 1851: and also seventy two dollars per annum to which said lot is subject, to be taken annually from the public school fund in each and every year, until such time as the city may purchase said lot in fee.

Mr Shaffer moved to amend by striking out all after the word "to" in the third line to the word "erect" in fifth line, not concurred in.

Mr Duke hart moved to amend by inserting after "No 10" in the seventh line the words, "or purchase a building," concurred in.

The bill as amended will pass by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Shaffer.

Yeas – Messrs President, Farlow, Stewart, Willson, Kelso, Duke-hart, Ware – 7

Nays – Messrs Shaffer, Taylor – 2.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on education on an appropriation for public school No 4. were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time.

Mr Shaffer moved to amend by striking out in the third line the words "any unappropriated money in the treasury" and inserting the words "The levy for public schools" concurred in.

The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

Mr Stewart from the joint committee on water, presented the following report and accompanying ordinance on a resolution prohibiting the opening of any fire plug, except in time of fire, which were read a first, and by special order a second time, will pass, and was sent to the First Branch

The joint committee on water to whom was recommitted their former report on the propriety of "prohibiting the opening of any fire plug, under penalty, except when in use by fire companies, or where permission may have been obtained from the water company" beg leave to report that from the construction which the chairman of the committee put upon the remarks made by the gentleman who introduced the resolution in the Second Branch viz: "That the object of legislation was to save the city from expense in repairing the fire pluggs and keeping them in order" the committee thought that further legislation was not called for at this time.