delivery to the proper authorities, by whom the penalties provided for in the acts must be imposed.

I have the satisfaction to inform the council that the day and night police are faithful and vigilent in the performance of their duty.- Daily instances of zeal and courage on their part are common occurrences. The high constable, the general police officer, and the twenty-four police officers are intreped and vigilent, of the high constable, as the chief of the day police, I may be permitted to speak in terms of unqualified approbation, and to express the opinion, confidently, that no exertion and no ability has ever been wanting to discharge fully and to exhaust absolutely all the functions imposed by the foregoing enactments upon the municipal authorities. Whatever, therefore, there may be defective in the statues, cannot, in my judgment, have reference to the power and authority of the Mayor of the city of Baltimore

In regard to the inquiry relating to the city ordinance which divides the city into fire wards and districts, approved April 13th 1849. I have to say, that I do not doubt it will prove to be a wise and judicious enactment, I cannot at this time reply satisfactorily to the terms of the inquiry as embraced in the resolution, to wit:- "Whether the ordinance dividing the city into fire wards and districts does not vest in him (the Mayor) full power to prevent riots, and the consequent destruction of fire apparatus, which the city has to pay for" As a bill, this ordinance was handed to me by the President of the Second Branch of the City Council on the 12th April instant, approved by on the 13th April, and my approval returned to the Second Branch on the last mentioned day, being the same day on which the resolution of inquiry was adopted. As an ordinance, it has now been six days in force, Four of the fire companies of the city were notified on the 13th of April of the enactment of the ordinance, and subjected to its operation, I have every assurance from the officers of these companies that the provisions of the ordinance shall be faithfully complied with; and I sincerely hope that these just expectations may be realized. So far as I am myself involved. I mean to enforce firmly and resolutely the ordinance in question, and subject to its operation any fire company that may, by riotous and disorderly conduct, disturb the peace and good order of the city.

I have also offered a reward of two hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of such person or persons as may be

found guilty of the crime of setting fire to any building, buildings or lumber yard in the city, by virtue of resolution No 2. approved September 6. 1837. of the revised ordinances of 1838. see page 235.

In my judgement, it would be advisable to empower the Mayor of the city of Baltimore to offer a reward at his discretion for the arrest of offenders who have violated or may violate the statues before referred to, (and published in the accompanying notice or proclamation) and who may have escaped the vigilence of the police. I would further suggest that the Mayor be empowered from time to time, to appoint additional police officers, with the same pay as those now employed- to serve for such period of time as the Mayor may designate. I believe that such authority is necessary to enable the Mayor to execute efficiently the police functions devolved upon him by the existing laws, Without these aids, occasions may occur when the utmost vigilence and courage may fail in preventing scenes of disorder, and thereby expose to unjust and unfounded aspersion the good faith and character of the municipal authorities and thus afford encouragement to those who would attach the censure which those scenes of disorder necessarily elicit, to the municipal authorities of the city, regardless of those provisions of law which, confiding to these authorities only the power to arrest offenders, have placed the power of remedial justice and punishment elsewhere.

It is a source of regret to me that the existing laws for the suppression of riot and disorder in the city of Baltimore, have placed no power or authority with the Mayor to punish offenders.

Respectfully

Elijah Stansbury, Mayor.

The President presented to the Mayor on the 17th of April for approval: A resolution requesting the city counsellor to prepare an amendment to the city charter, relative to the city elections:

A resolution permitting John Mann to complete a frame carraige house:

A resolution in favor of the Mechanical Volunteers, and the Baltimore City Grays:

A resolution relating to seperation of the interest of the city and county in the jail:

A resolution directing a tunnel to be built over Schroeders run in Hollins Alley:

The President this day, also presented to the Mayor for his approval: