relates to the finances, be referred to the joint committee on ways and means.

By order
Wm. A Stewart Clerk

Mr Shaffer offered the following resolution, read a first and by special order a second time, and adopted:
Resolved, that the board of health inform this branch whether or not the large pond of water at the intersection of Wolf and Hampstead streets is not a nuisance; and whether or not their attention has not been frequently called to it, and why the ordinances made and provided in such cases are not enforced, particularly when said board have enforced said ordinances on the adjoining squares.
On motion of Mr Hack, Mr Shaffer in the chair— the rules were suspended, and he offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch, and returned endorsed concurred in.
Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that on and after the first day of August 1849. the salary of the keeper of Franklin square, shall be rated at the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum and the Register of the city be and he is hereby authorised and directed hereafter to pay the same at that rate.
Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted:
Resolved, that the port wardens be requested to inform this branch why Jones falls from its mouth to Baltimore street bridge, has not been cleaned out, as directed by resolution No 97. approved April 2nd 1849.
Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, read a first and by special order a second time and adopted,
Resolved, that the port wardens be requested to furnish an estimate of the cost of removing the dirt from the bed of Jones, falls, from Baltimore street bridge to Centre street bridge, and to Madison street bridge.
On motion of Mr Shaffer, the rules were suspended, and he offered the following ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to prevent obstructions in public streets and highways" which was read a first, and by special order a second time will pass and was sent to the First Branch.



An ordinance to prevent obstructions in public streets and highways.
Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that if any person or persons shall place or cause to be placed within the streets, lanes or alleys of the city of Baltimore any dirt, lumber or other obstruction to the free egress or ingress through said street, lane or alleys, and shall permit the same to remain more than twenty-four hours after being notified by the city commissioners or any of the police officers to remove the same, he shall be subject to a fine of five dollars for each and every day it shall so remain; and the city commissioner is hereby authorised and empowered, to remove, or cause to be removed, all manner of obstructions to the passage through the said streets, lanes or alleys which he shall find remaining in the same an unnecessary length of time: and all expenses incurred shall be chargeable to the person or persons who shall violate the aforegoing provisions of this ordinance. (and so much of ordinance No 37. of the same title, as is inconsistant with this ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed.)
The ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prevent obstructions in the public streets and highways;" was returned by the First Branch, endorsed will pass with proposed amendments:
Insert after the word "he" in 9th line, the words "she or they"
Strike out all after the word "ordinance" in 18th line and insert:
Section 2. And be it enacted and ordained, that ordinance No 37. approved April 18th 1849. be and the same is hereby repealed.
On motion of Mr Shaffer the proposed amendments were concurred in.
The following communication was received from the port wardens in answer to an inquiry of Mr Dukehart in relation to cleaning Jones, falls

Port Wardens Office, Baltimore, August 13th 1849

To the President and Members
of the Second Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen:
In answer to the resolution adopted by your honorable body, the port wardens have the honor respectfully to report:
That it required the expenditure of the amount appropriated $2.500. to remove the large amount of dirt that had accumulated at the mouth of the falls, to enable the machine to operate in cleaning out the the falls

Respectfully submitted
Charles Reeder
Jno F Hoffs
F. M Baughman
Port Wardens