Whereas, The present Council, in obedience to the popular will as expressed through the ballot box, in favor of a more abundant supply of water than that now furnished, to be provided at municipal expense, did, in the early part of the present session, proceed to the consideration of said subject by authorizing the publication of the report and maps of the commissioners and engineers appointed with reference thereto, which publication is not yet finished:

And whereas the surveys and estimates, made by the engineers aforesaid, under the direction of the said commissioners, are conflicting and deemed insufficient and inaccurate, as admitted by themselves, and the Council have determined to have the subject examined by another engineer, for which purpose they did also early in the present session, appoint Mr. Theophilus E. Sickles, with instructions to him to make "further surveys, estimates, &c., with a view to the introduction of a more abundant supply of water into the city:"

And whereas the said engineer is now actively engaged in making said surveys, and he has informed the Councils, through one of the committee, that, if desired, the same may be completed, and a report thereof made, to the Council by the 25th September next:—

And whereas, in view of the importance of the subject, the necessity of exercising great caution and discretion in the expenditure of so large a sum of money as the supplying the city with water will involve, of procuring the fullest information possible before acting upon it, and especially that, before proceeding to act, the Council should be furnished with and adopt some general plan, covering the whole subject, which looks not alone to the purchase of the whole or a part of the Water Company's property, but also to an extension of the works of that company, so as to give to the entire city an immediate and ample supply — such extension to be adapted, if possible, to the said general plan, in order to avoid a useless expenditure of money for the construction of reservoirs, &c., which may subsequently have to be abandoned, and which the past experience of the Baltimore Water Company has shown to be one of the incidents of an imperfect system:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Council, the postponement of further action in the premises to their meeting in

September next cannot in any degree affect injuriously the interests of the Baltimore Water Company, which is anxious to dispose of its property;

And whereas hasty action on the part of the Council without the fullest information upon the subject, and which it is believed that the surveys, &c., now making, in connection with the examination mentioned in the following resolutions, will give, may disastrously affect the interests of the city — therefore

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that it is inexpedient at this time to purchase the property of the Baltimore Water Company, or any part of it.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, the memorial of the Baltimore Water Company, and the report thereon by the joint standing Committee on Water, be and they are hereby re-committed to said committee, with instructions to review their own and the Baltimore Water Company's estimate as to the value of the property proposed to be purchased of that Company for the use of the city; that said Committee shall confer with Theophilus E. Sickles, Esq., the engineer authorized by the Mayor and city Council of Baltimore to make further surveys, estimates, &c., with a view to the introduction of a more abundant supply of water to the city, and obtain from him his views as to the practicability and mode of adapting the present Water Company's works to any plan or plans he may recommend for the introduction of a supply of water to the city from the neighboring streams — also what portion of the said company's property will be required by the city in the execution of any such plans, the value of their pipes or net works and machinery, and the cost of constructing their reservoirs — and, especially his opinion (in the event that the city should determine to set about immediately the introduction of a larger supply than those works now afford, from any other of the neighboring streams,) as to the best mode or plan and the cost of extending the present works, so as to supply the entire city with water until the general plan for a larger supply, above mentioned, could be executed.

Resolved, that said Committee be instructed to make a full report, to accompany the report of said engineer, of the value of such other portions of the property of said Water Company, not embraced in the report of the engineer, and required, in his opinion, for the use of the city, to the Council on