on the Harbor, with a series of resolutions relating to authorizing, empowering and instructing the Commissioners of Finance, to lease the pier or wharf at the south end of Broadway to John C. Adams, C. J. Turner, Randolph, Gilbert & Co., and Cooper and Butler, for the general purpose of giving landing was received from the First Branch, and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution relating to directing the Register to pay to Dr. George W. Brown the sum of six dollars; to Dr. H. P. P. Foster the sum of twenty five dollars; to Dr. R. H. D. Bull the sum of nine dollars, and to Dr. Thomas M. Brady the sum of five dollars, for medical services rendered at the several police stations, was received from the First Branch, and laid on the table.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the City Commissioner which was read and laid on the table:

City Commissioners Office,
Baltimore, February 10, 1857.

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

Gentlemen:

In answer to your resolution of inquiry relating to the cost of fitting up the Canal water house station, I beg to reply that the necessary bricks, plastering, painting, white washing, and carpenter work will cost about seventeen hundred dollars. (this includes a new roof on the Middle District house.) It will be necessary to furnish one hundred and fifty bunks or bed steads with mattresses, blankets &c. The bedsteads if made of iron cost will cost six dollars each, if wrought iron eight dollars each, if made of wood four dollars each.

The mattresses with pillows, sheets &c, will cost from one and a half to six dollars for each bedstead according to the quality. The above includes every thing necessary to put the houses in such condition as is demanded for the purposes to which they are adapted.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. Lemmon, City Commissioner.



Mr. Kirk called up the resolution relative to directing the Register to pay to the Primer Book and Ladder Company the sum of two thousand dollars for their interest in a house formerly occupied by them in Bannister street, and permitting the Canton Hotelling Company to occupy to use the same as an army which was read.

The question pending being on the adoption of the Substitute submitted by Mr. Kirk.

Mr. Kirk moved to amend the Substitute by striking out all of the first paragraph commencing before the word "then" in the fourth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That when and the Primer Book and Ladder Company shall vacate the premises now occupied by them on the east side of Bannister st." was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kirk moved to further amend the first paragraph of the Substitute, by adding thereto the words, "and keep the same insured for the benefit of the city"; which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kirk moved to amend the second paragraph of the Substitute, by inserting after the word "incumbrances" in the fifth line, the words "other than those referred to in the second resolution of No. 214, approved July 12, 1856, relative to the sale of the timber house &c.", which was determined in the affirmative.

The question being taken on the adoption of the Substitute, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Gordon.

Yeas – Messrs. President, Haney, Henry, Kirk, Kurtz, Gordon, Helms, Simms, Boehner and Sullivan – 10.

Nays – None.

The question being taken on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Kurtz.

Yeas – Messrs. President, Haney, Henry, Kirk, Simms, Boehner and Sullivan – 6.