read and laid on the table.

The Joint Standing Committee, to whom was referred the petition of R. C. Waite and others, have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the law compelling them to pay assessed benefits prior to the opening of Covington street, is to them very oppressive; they would therefore respectfully beg leave to report the following resolution

Robt Sullivan, Henry Forrest,
L. Burbower, Jacob Green,
Edwd Horney, First Branch.
Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the parties assessed as benefitted in the opening of Covington street be, and they are hereby released from the payment of such assessment until the parties, through whose property the said street is to run, shall have signed an agreement to grade and pave the same; provided that this resolution shall not release any of the parties from the payment of the condemnation fees.

Mr Burbower offered the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved, That the City Commissioner be requested to furnish the Council with information as to the probable cost of grading the streets immediately around the proposed square, called Lafayette Square, as early as practicable

On motion of Mr Bierbower, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

The First Branch returned the resolution relative to directing the removal of the fire plug in front of the residence of George J. Shillenberger, endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Luther J. Cox, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr Hintze, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to purchase a square of ground bounded by Townshend, Lanvale, Republican and Oregon streets, the same to be condemned and used as a public square." were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution relative to granting permission to Thomas Neilson to manufacture soap and candles on Block street was

received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The First Branch returned the resolution relative to appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars for repairing Point lane, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr Kirk called up the resolution relative to appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars for repairing the fireplugs of the city, which was read and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch and read

In First Branch.
Baltimore, April 10 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clock.

By order,
John Bunting, Clerk.

Mr Herring moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Kelso called up the resolution relative to appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Western Female High School on the lot situated on West Fayette street, near Paca street, which was read and adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Hintze:

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Gordon, Kelso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 9.

Nay - Mr Hintze - 1.

Mr Kirk offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read and laid on the table.

Whereas, a convention of delegates from the Atlantic cities of the United States is called to meet in Philadelphia on the thirteenth day of May, 1857, for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to, and, if possible, instituting measures for establishing a uniform system of quarantine, and

Whereas, the interests of Baltimore, as a commercial city, demand a full representation in said convention; therefore

Resolved by Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the members of the Board of Health, and the Marine Hospital Physician be requested to attend said convention

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be appropriated to be taken out of any one of the appropriations for the Health Department, for the use of the above named delegates, to defray expenses.