appropriations to fire companies therein named.

Resolution to place stepping stones across Liberty street, north side of German street.

Resolution providing for the placing of indice stones in the Hanover Market.

Monday July 6th, 1857.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John B Seidenstricker, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr Simms presented the petition of John G Apies and others, relative to the condition of an alley running parallel with and between Light and Charles streets, from Hice street, to Little Hughes street, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to Baker, Holmes & Brown the sum of sixty five dollars, were received from the First Branch and read.

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

Mr Gordon, from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolution appropriating two hundred and fifty dollars to James S. Suter, for services rendered and expenses incurred by him at the request of the Joint Committee on Water of the City Council, during the year 1855, have considered the same and beg leave to report that, in the opinion of your committee, the claim is well founded and should be paid. Mr Suter was a member of the First Branch of the City Council in the year 1855 and one of the Joint Standing Committee on Water, upon which committee devolved a vast amount of extra labor, as is well known, not only to the members of the present Council, but to the citizens of Baltimore generally. The amount claimed by Mr Suter is not for services rendered

during the sessions of the Council, but for labor performed and expenses incurred during the long recess of that year. The Committee on Water, finding that it was necessary to procure certain information before the re assembling of the Council, delegated Mr Suter to procure it - stating that he should be paid for any trouble and expense that he should be put to. Before Mr Suter gave his consent to embark in the business, another party, not a member of the Council, was spoken to upon the subject but his terms were of so large a nature, that the committee did not feel at liberty to engage him. Hence the employment of one of their own members. Mr Suter was engaged in his investigations in all, thirty three days, during which time he visited the region of the Gunpowder nine and Jones Falls thirteen times, frequently being away from his home and business three days and nights. In the course of his labors, he succeeded in obtaining from the owners of water rights agreements to sell to the city at much reduced rates, in several instances one hundred and in one case two hundred and fifty per cent less than the price first named. In the procurement of these agreements to sell, Mr Suter would have to hunt up some county justice of the peace, which was not only attended with time and trouble, but much expense, all of which was paid out of his own funds. It is believed that the possession of the agreements thus procured the city saved an expense of twenty thousand dollars. Your committee do not think it necessary to argue the justness of the claim believing that the above simple statement of facts will be sufficient to induce every member of the Council to give the resolution which accompanies this report their favorable consideration. With these views, your committee respectfully submit the same resolution which passed the First Branch on the evening of Thursday, June 25th:

A. B. Gordon,
Second Branch

Henry Forrest,
J. H. B. Boyd,
J. Oswald Wilson,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby directed to pay to James S. Suter, two hundred and fifty dollars for services rendered and expenses incurred by him at the request of the Joint Committee on Water of the City Council during the year 1855; the said amount to be taken out of the levy for 1858.