Mr Glanville moved that a message be sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence, the appointment of a joint committee of conference on the above ordinance, which was determined in the affirmative.

The President appointed Messrs Glanville, Harvey and Duckhart the committee on the part of this Branch.

Mr Maddox called up the resolution relative to authorizing and directing the City Commissioner to remove the pump on Broadway, between Lombard and Baltimore streets, to a proper distance from the curb re-set, which was read and concurred in.

Mr Duckhart called up ordinance No 11 of the revised ordinances, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the appointment of Assessors and an Appeal Tax Court" which was read.

Mr Duckhart moved to amend the ordinance by adding thereto the following sections:—

Section 11. And be it enacted and ordained, That on the first day of March in each and every year, or as soon thereafter as the ordinances for levying all the taxes of the city for the current year shall have been passed, it shall be the duty of the Appeal Tax Court to render to the Comptroller, in writing a statement of the whole amount of assessable property on which said taxes have been levied; and it shall be the duty of the Register to charge the City Collector in a general account, to be opened by him for that purpose, with the full amount of taxes levied.

Section 12. And be it enacted and ordained, That it shall be the duty of the Appeal Tax Court to make a detailed written statement to the Register on or before the third Monday in February, in each and every year, showing the amounts of the additional assessments made by them on which taxes have not been levied for the preceding year, and the Comptroller shall thereupon charge the City Collector in said general account with the amount of taxes levied on said additional assessments.

Section 13. And be it enacted and ordained, That it shall be the duty of the Appeal Tax Court to make a detailed written report to the Mayor, on or before the third Monday in February in each and every year, showing the amount of assessable property abated during the preceding year, and the amount which is to be placed to the credit of the City Collector for said abatements; the said reports, when approved by the Mayor, shall be filed in the office of the Comptroller, who shall thereupon credit in said general account, the City Collector for the preceding year, with

the amount of the abatements so ascertained by the Appeal Tax Court."

Mr Beale moved to amend the the amendment by striking out, in the ninth line of the eleventh section, the word "Register" and inserting the word "Comptroller", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Glanville moved to further amend the amendment by striking out, in the third line of the twelfth section, the word "Register", and inserting the word "Comptroller", which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, as amended, was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

Mr Glanville offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of Mr Glanville, referred to the joint standing committee on water:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council, That the City Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to have a fire plug placed on the corner of Howard and Eutaw streets.

Mr Bandel offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the City Commissioner be directed to inform this Branch what will be the probable cost of building a stone wall along the sides of Harford Run, from the terminus of the tunnel at Eastern avenue to where it enters into the Back Basin, also what will be the cost of paving the bed of the same with stone, or laying a plank floor along the same.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from Dr John DeButts, physician to the Marine Hospital, which was read, and on motion of Mr Glanville, referred to the joint standing committee on health.

To the Honorable Mayor and
City Council of Baltimore

The undersigned would respectfully represent the necessity of making some other arrangement than the present for the accommodation of the boat men and hands employed at the Marine Hospital, who have been compelled heretofore to occupy a portion of the hospital. I have often expressed my conviction of the impropriety of this arrangement, but it has been impossible to accommodate them in any other manner. The evil has now been demonstrated in the fact that one of the boatmen recently employed has contracted small pox