establish the principle that a church has the right to say what kind of houses shall be constructed on vacant ground contiguous to them? Let me warn my fellow members against any such movement, let me caution them not to allow the church to control in temporal matters. The history of all ages warn you, and prove that wherever the church grasps the temporal sceptre, liberty dies and oppression stalks throughout the land at midday.

The opening of this alley will be the best disposition the owners can make of it. and its opening and condemnation will be no detriment to the surrounding property. The party who owns the thirty feet at the lower end of the alley is the only one who, being directly interested, objects, and thinks it will injure his property. The council will remember that the commissioners for opening streets are capable men and sworn to do justice to all parties. The ordinance which is hereby submitted is so drawn as the parties who own lots on the alley are the only ones to pay the expense of the condemnation and opening. The accompanying ordinance is respectfully submitted.

L. Birbower. Second Branch

Mr Wood from the joint standing committee on police and jail submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint standing committee on police and jail, to whom was referred the petition of George N. Walters and others, asking that gas lamps may be placed at certain points at Union square, have considered the same, and beg leave respectfully to submit the following resolution

James H. Wood, Daniel Harvey, Silas Beacham — First Branch
John R. Keles, F. C. B. Hertze, Robert Sullivan — Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have gas lamps placed at the following points, so soon as he may be satisfied that the main has been laid by the gas company in the street fronting the same:— one lamp on the gate post on the northeast corner of Union square; another on the centre of the square fronting on Stricker street, and one in the spring house in said square; the expense of the same to be taken out of the appropriation for lamps for 1858.

Mr Dukehart, from the joint standing committee on ways and means submitted the following report and resolution, which were read.

The joint standing committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Creamer, sheriff of Baltimore city, asking that an appropriation may be made, enabling the Register to pay for a deputy sheriff, to attend at Towsontown during

the trial of removed cases, have considered the same, and respectfully report that in their opinion, the sheriff is vested with full power to appoint his deputies, the fees for whose services are fixed by law, and that the city is bound by law to pay all that portion of the fees to which she is legally liable; your committee do not, therefore, deem it expedient to authorize and direct the Register to pay any specified amount for a specific purpose. Your committee are also of the opinion that it is perfectly competent for the Mayor to appoint a police officer to attend to the duties proposed to be accomplished by a deputy sheriff; that is, to attend at Towson town daily during the trial of the removed cases, return to the city after the adjournment of the court with the summonses for witnesses for the next day, and return with the said witnesses to Towsontown before the opening of the court. Your committee therefore offer the accompanying resolution.

John Dukehart, John J. Staylor, Saml R. Dunnock — First Branch
Samuel Kirk, John R. Keles, A. B. Gordon — Second Branch

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr Dukehart from the joint standing committee on ways and means, submitted the following report and accompanying ordinance, which were read.

The joint standing committee on ways and means to whom was referred an act of Assembly authorizing and empowering the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to issue city stock to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable in fifteen years, and to levy a tax of two cents in the hundred dollars for the redemption thereof, to enable the city to pay off the indebtedness of the new jail and to complete the same, have carefully examined the provisions of the same, and have prepared a draft of the accompanying ordinance, which is herewith respectfully submitted.

John Dukehart, John J. Staylor, Saml R. Dunnock — First Branch
Samuel Kirk, John R. Keles, A. B. Gordon — Second Branch

Mr Harvey from the joint standing committee on highways, submitted the following report and resolution which were read.

The joint standing committee on highways to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Gould and others, asking to have the Cross street market space graded and paved, have had the same