clerk be and he is hereby authorized to procure from the clerk of the Court of Appeals at Annapolis, a copy of the law passed at the recent session of the Legislature, relating to the inspection of gas and gas meters.

Mr Addison offered the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have shade trees planted in Battery square — the walks laid off in a proper manner — the gates so fixed as to prevent the entrance of sheep and other animals, but so arranged as to admit of the ingress and egress of the public, and that he draw upon the Register for three hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for said improvements; to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

On motion of Mr Addison, the resolution was referred to the joint standing committee on highways.

Mr Beale from the joint standing committee of conference on revised ordinance No 12. submitted the following report and accompanying ordinance, which were read.

The joint committee of conference, appointed upon the disagreeing votes of the two Branches upon the ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to appoint a City Commissioner and Assistant City Commissioner to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation", have met considered the same, and respectfully submit the accompanying ordinance.

William E. Beale, John Dukehart, C. A. Talbott } First Branch
John R. Keller, Gott. Herring } Second Branch

On motion of Mr Beale, the ordinance was read a second time by special order, and passed.

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 communication of the City Commissioner in reference to the condition of West Falls avenue, have considered the same, and respectfully report that at this time the avenue in question is in such a dilapidated state that immediate action is necessary. The deed of cession from the original property holders vests the entire ownership in the city — the corporation will, therefore, have to bear the entire expense. Your committee submit the following resolution.

Daniel Harvey, Amos McComas, Silas Beacham } First Branch
Robert Sullivan, Edward Horney } Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for repairing West Falls avenue from Pratt street to the water line, and that the proposals be opened and the contract awarded in accordance with an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance in relation to contracts to be made hereafter with the corporation of Baltimore," approved March 8. 1858, the expense of said repairing to be taken out of the appropriation for the repairs of paved streets for 1858.

Mr Glanville called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to open and condemn an alley situate between Eutaw street and China alley, and between Henrietta and Montgomery streets", which was read.

Mr Wood moved to amend the first section by adding thereto the words "except upon the party owning the thirty feet of ground next adjoining the north line of Henrietta street".

Mr Beale moved to amend the amendment by adding to the end thereof the words "if the commissioners for opening streets shall, in their judgment, consider it equitable to do so.

The question recurring on the amendment to the amendment it was determined in the affirmative.

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

Yeas, Mess President, Hynes, Bandel, Maddox, Talbott, Beale, Cunningham, Hampson, Hamilton, Dunnock, Dryden, and Glanville — 12.

Nays Mess Beacham, Dukehart, Stayler, Wood, Addison McComas Harvey and Clark — 8.

Mr Harvey moved to further amend the section by inserting after the word "alley" in the fifth line, the words "sixteen feet wide", which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Harvey.

Yeas, Mess Hynes, Beacham, Stayler, Wood, Addison McComas Harvey and Clark — 8.

Nays Mess President, Bandel, Maddox, Dukehart, Talbott Beale, Cunningham, Hampson, Hamilton, Dunnock, Dryden and Glanville — 12.

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays being required by Mr Cunningham.

Yeas, Mess President, Hynes, Bandel, Maddox, Cunningham