trust; and that it shall be the duty of the said Joseph Brown, John Feast and Cyrus Gault to consult the attorney and counsellor of the city in reference to the said bequest; and the said attorney and counsellor of the city is hereby authorised and requested to institute, at the instance of the said Joseph Brown, John Feast and Cyrus Gault, such legal proceedings for the recovery thereof as to him may seem proper, and if in his opinion it be advisable that a compromise should be made, then the said Joseph Brown, John Feast and Cyrus Gault are hereby fully authorised and empowered to compromise and settle the same upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem proper.

Resolved further, That after this year, in each and every year, there shall be appointed in the month of January, at the time and in the same manner as other officers of this corporation, viz: by the two branches of the City Councils in convention assembled, three persons, residents of the twelfth ward as laid out in 1831, whose duty it shall be to perform all the duties imposed in the aforenamed assignees.

Resolved further, That resolution No. 59, approved March 21st, 1843, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved March 26, 1844. JAS. O. LAW, *Mayor.*

Payment to Wm. Cooke & Son.

76. *Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That the Register be and he is hereby directed to pay to Wm. Cooke & Son the sum of ten dollars and five cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved March 26, 1844. JAS. O. LAW, *Mayor.*

Annual appropriations. to fire companies.

77. *Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, be and the same is hereby appropriated for keeping in repair the apparatus belonging to the Mechanical, Union, Friendship, Deptford, Liberty, Independent, Vigilant, Columbian, New Market, First Baltimore Hose, Franklin, Washington Hose, Patapsco, United, Howard, Watchman, and Lafayette Fire companies, to be distributed among the said companies as follows: To each company having one spouting engine, two hundred dollars; to each company having one suction engine, one hundred and fifty dollars, or three hundred dollars if two suction engines; to each company having one thousand feet of hose, with the necessary carriage, one hundred and fifty dollars, and in proportion for any greater or less number of feet—provided, the same shall not be less than seven hundred and fifty feet—and

vided, also, no one company shall receive in all more than five hundred dollars, the same to be drawn for by the presidents of the respective companies, and paid by the Register on the order of the Mayor.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor to direct the payment of the said sums as soon as he shall be satisfied from the returns made by the respective companies from their vouchers, &c. that the apparatus, for which the appropriations is asked, is in good and effective condition; that the amount asked has been properly expended for said apparatus; that the companies asking the same is a *bona fide* member of the Baltimore United Fire Department, and that their hose have the standard screw.

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby anthorised and empowered not to pay the foregoing appropriations to any fire company, the members of which shall hereafter be engaged in fighting or riots at fires, or while out as a company, going to, or returning from a fire, or alarms of fire, until he shall have received satisfactory evidence that the company or companies, to which the parties are attached, have taken proper measures for the punishment of the same, and have adopted such regulations as, in his opinion, are calculated to prevent the recurrence of similar outrages.

And be it further Resolved, That any fire company closing the doors of their engine house, without the approbation of the Mayor, and thereby refusing or preventing the apparatus attached to said company from being used for the extinguishment of fires, or if any fire company shall neglect or refuse to close the doors of their engine house, when required so to do by the Mayor for the preservation of good order and the maintainance of the public peace, the Mayor is hereby authorised to withhold for a time, or entirely, at his descretion, the annual appropriations made to such company.

Approved March 26, 1844. JAS. O. LAW, *Mayor.*

John Finlay permitted to use waste water from Calvert street spring.

78. *Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That permission be and is hereby granted to John Finlay to use the waste water of the Calvert street spring, for the supply of the Bath House, (known as Colonnade Baths) in Saratoga street, by laying a pipe to intersect and be affixed to the under pipe which conveys off the surplus water from said spring—provided, that the same be done by the said John Finlay at his own expense, under the supervision of the city commissioners, and that the said John Finlay give bond with security, to be approved by the Mayor, in the penalty of five hundred dollars, conditional for making good any damages which may