And whereas, the public necessity generally, as well as the interest of the city generally, as well as the interest of the city especially, requires the early and immediate perfomance of the work;

And whereas, an ordinance to grade, pave and kerb Harlem avenue from Vincent alley to Fulton avenue, and an ordinance to grade, pave and kerb Laurens street, between McCulloh street and Division street, have been likewise passed; now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be required and directed to put the work provided for and ordered by said ordinances under contract, without further delay, as required by said ordinances.

Approved October 11th, 1875.

JOSHUA VANSANT, Mayor.

No. 485.

Resolution to repair pump corner of Bank and Chester streets.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Water Engineer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to put into repair the pump at the southeast corner of Bank and Chester streets, expenses to be taken out of levy of 1875.

Approved October 9th, 1875.

JOSHUA VANSANT, Mayor.

No. 486.

Resolution of inquiry to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

Whereas, the expenses of the Courts in the City of Baltimore have been very largely increased during the last few

years, and the administration of public justice has become a very heavy burthen to tax-payers without any appreciable improvement or expedition resulting therefrom;

And whereas, there are in the five Courts presided over by the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, twenty-six bailiffs, and in the Supreme Court and Court of Common Pleas, each a crier, who all receive the sum of $1,525 for one, and $1,536 for the other per annum, and in the Criminal Court and City Court criers, who are paid by fees, and whose fees for the year ending October 31st, 1874, amounted respectively, to the sum of $5,890.47, and $1,500, thus entailing an expense for officers of the Courts, apart from the judges and the clerks, of the sum of $49,451.47 for the last fiscal year;

And whereas, as the tax-payers of Baltimore are obliged to provide the means to pay these officers of the Courts, it is but proper that the Mayor and City Council should endeavor to reduce said expenses, if unnecessary or wasteful;

And whereas, the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, by virtue of Section 9, of Article 4, of the Constitution of Maryland, are required "from time to time to investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their Courts, with a view to a change or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action;" therefore,

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City be requested to examine the expenses and costs paid to the officers of the Courts of Baltimore City, and report to the General Assembly of Maryland, their opinion with reference thereto, and whether the same may be reduced without detriment to the administration of public justice.

Resolved, that a copy of the list hereto attached of officers, and the salaries paid to them respectively, for the last fiscal year, be sent to the Supreme Bench, with the foregoing preambles and resolution.