Whereas, the school buildings now in the city of Baltimore are inadequate to supply the demands now made, and in the near future to be made, for proper accommodation of the children of the people of Baltimore city; and

Whereas, school buildings properly constructed will last for many years, and it is therefore but just that the money required for their construction should be provided by a loan, in order that the burden of their cost should be equitably distributed among the taxpayers during the years for which said buildings will be available; therefore

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Legislature of Maryland, now in session at Annapolis, be and it is hereby respectfully requested to pass an Act of Assembly authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide, by ordinance, for the issue of the bonds of the city to the amount of five hundred thousand ($500,000) dollars for the purpose of erecting public school buildings and for the purchase of the ground requisite therefor; said bonds to be payable at such time and to bear such rate of interest, not exceeding 4½ per cent. per annum, as the said Mayor and City Council shall by ordinance determine; and to provide for the annual levy of a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and raise a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity, and to provide for the submission of the said ordinance, as required by the Constitution of Maryland, to the vote of the people of Baltimore at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1886.

Resolved, That the accompanying draft of an Act of Assembly, as prepared by the City Solicitor, be transmitted by the Mayor to the Chairman of the Baltimore city delegation in the House of Delegates.

Approved March 17, 1886.

JAMES HODGES, Mayor.

No. 36.

Resolution asking the Legislature not to reduce the park tax.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Legislature of this State be and it is hereby earnestly requested not to pass any bill looking to the reduction of the park tax now paid by the street railways in Baltimore city, and that the Legislative Committee be instructed to proceed immediately to Annapolis to protest against any change in the existing statutes.

Approved March 24, 1886.

JAMES HODGES, Mayor.

No. 37.

Resolution to ascertain from the City Engineer the probable cost of constructing the several sewers and additions to sewers mentioned in the Mayor's Message.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That our Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly of Maryland be earnestly requested to use their efforts to secure the passage of the bill herewith annexed, entitled "An act to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to issue the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of said corporation to an amount not exceeding one million three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of certain sewers;"

Resolved further, That the Mayor of the city be respectfully requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the representatives of the city of Baltimore in the General Assembly of Maryland.

Approved March 24, 1886.

JAMES HODGES, Mayor.