No. 44.

Resolution providing for a Special Committee of three from each Branch of the City Council to enquire into the relations existing between the Western Maryland Railroad Company and other railroads.

Whereas, The Western Maryland Railroad Company of Baltimore is a corporation which has been fostered almost entirely by the city; and

Whereas, The City of Baltimore has a large amount of money invested in said railroad company, from some portions of which no direct interest return is received; therefore be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That a committee of three from each Branch of the City Council be appointed to enquire into the relations existing between said railroad company and any other railroad companies whose tracks or terminals in this city are used by it; also to report to this body what amount of money was paid by said Western Maryland Railroad Company to other railroad companies for such privileges during the year 1895; also, whether such payments were reasonable charges for the services rendered as compared to what charges are prevalent in other sections of the United States for services of a like character rendered by one railroad corporation to another; and if in their judgment they consider the existing charges excessive they are requested to recommend to this body what steps it would be expedient to take to have such charges reduced; also to report what amount of money was paid by the City of Baltimore during the year 1895 for interest on loans of said railroad company which was not provided for by itself, and whether such payments would be reduced and to what estimated extent if the charges herein referred to were lessened.

Approved April 20, 1896.

ALCAEUS HOOPER, *Mayor.*

No. 45.

Resolution providing for the placing of an electric light on the northeast corner of Guilford avenue and Preston street.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the General Superintendent of Lamps and Inspector and Sealer of Gas Meters be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have erected an electric light at the northeast corner of Guilford avenue and Preston street; the cost of the same to be taken from the appropriation for gas and electric lights for the year 1896.

Approved April 20, 1896.

ALCAEUS HOOPER, *Mayor.*

No. 46.

Resolution in favor of Mary Talbott, widow of Leon A. Talbott, a deceased fireman of Baltimore City Fire Department, for an allowance for the year 1896 of a sum of money equal to the amount paid annually to a disabled fireman.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant upon the City Register for the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) in favor of Mary Talbott, widow of Leon A. Talbott, a deceased fireman of the Baltimore City Fire Department; the same being allowed to her for the support and maintenance of herself and children for the year 1896, and that the same be taken out of any money in the city treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved April 21, 1896.

ALCAEUS HOOPER, *Mayor.*