fully on said subject to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and if they shall decide against the establishment of such a system, they shall so report, setting forth their reasons at length, and if, in their judgment, they shall determine that municipal ownership can be safely and profitably adopted, they shall accompany their report by such ordinance as shall carry the same into effect; and if, and to whatever extent the sanction of the Legislature of Maryland may be necessary for the legal establishment of such a system, they shall draw and submit the necessary legislation to the next General Assembly of Maryland;

Resolved, That the said sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the city treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of said commission, and the printing of their report, which they are hereby authorized to have printed; and the said commissioners are to keep a detailed account of their said expenses, and to submit the same to the comptroller;

Resolved, That the said commissioners shall serve without compensation;

Resolved, That said commissioners be requested to report to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, not later than February 15, 1900, a statement of the rate paid by the several cities of the United States, whose population is equal to or greater than that of Baltimore, for electric and gas lighting, with such recommendations as the commissioner may see fit, as to the best methods of reducing such cost in this city.

Approved January 4, 1900.

THOMAS G. HAYES, *Mayor.*

No. 12.

Resolution to refund to Detrick & Harvey Co., taxes paid by them in error.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant on the City Register for three hundred and sixty-four ($364.00) dollars in favor of the Detrick & Harvey Machine Co., being amount of taxes paid by them in error for the year 1896; said amount to be taken out of the money appropriated for refund of taxes in the ordinance of estimates for the year 1900.

Approved March 5, 1900,

THOMAS G. HAYES, *Mayor.*

No. 13.

A resolution requesting all the Baltimore City Delegates in the General Assembly of Maryland to favor an amendment to the Primary Election Law which will prevent bribery and illegal voting.

Whereas, the existing Primary Election Law fails to provide for a secret ballot or for any arrangement to prevent the voting by a member of one party in the primaries of another party; and

Whereas, several bills looking to an amendment of the law in these particulars have been introduced in the Legislature of Maryland, and whereas any improvement in the Primary is likely to result in general and permanent improvement in our political conditions; therefore be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Baltimore City Delegation in the Ligislature be and they are hereby requested to use their best efforts to so amend the Primary Election Law as to