

File No. 8831 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Jackson offered the following First Branch Resolution,
(F. B. No. 457) as follows:-

Resolution requesting the City Solicitor to devise a method by which the money collected from the taxpayers in excess of the amount required for the Sinking Fund can legally be diverted or taken from the Sinking Fund and applied to a Special Paving Fund for Improved Pavements.

WHEREAS: The City Register estimates that there is being collected by taxation not less than two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars annually in excess of the amount necessary for a Sinking Fund to retire existing loans at maturity; and

WHEREAS: Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation, and

WHEREAS: Our present tax rate is quite a burden, and loans authorized and contemplated will increase the same, and

WHEREAS: There is need and a demand for improved pavements, which is impossible without an increased tax rate, and

WHEREAS: This two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars collected annually in excess of the Sinking Fund requirement would in ten years, if judiciously expended, result in two million five hundred thousand (\$2,500,000) dollars worth (about six hundred squares) of modern and improved pavements, which would be in keeping with other great improvements evolved since the great fire of 1904, and

WHEREAS: The small taxpayers have, with the proper civic pride, responded when asked to authorize our great loans for sewers, subways, new docks and annex improvements, and

WHEREAS: The demand for better street conditions is greatest in the business sections and in the neighborhoods of the small taxpayers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be and is hereby requested to endeavor to devise some method by which the money collected from the taxpayers in excess of the amount required for the Sinking Fund can be legally diverted or taken from the Sinking Fund and applied to a Special fund for Improved Pavements: and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the City Solicitor determines that it is legally feasible to apply said money to a Special Paving Fund, that he prepare the proper ordinance for introduction in the First Branch Council at an early date.

OPINION.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, October 12th, 1908.

To the Honorable,
The Members of the First
Branch City Council
of Baltimore.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution passed by your Honorable Body, by the terms of which I am requested to endeavor