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Baltimore 8th Octo. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That Mr. Stouffer and Mr. Bond be and they are hereby
appointed to engage fifty axmen, provided with three days provisions to
meet Genl. Stricker at the Meeting House in Patapsco Neck on Monday
morning next at 8 o'clock--pursuant to the Requisition of the Major
General of this date--

Resolved, That the communication of the Secretary of War of the 7th
instant, to the subcommittee appointed by this committee to wait on the
Executive of the United States be and the same is hereby referred to Mr.
Payson, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Frisby, Col. Howard and Mr. Buchanan
with a request that they will consider thereof and report to this committee
such measures as they may deem most advisable to be adopted--

The Committee then adjourned to Monday 10 o'clock a.m.

Baltimore 10th Octo. 1814

The committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment; the proceedings of Saturday were read--

The committee were informed that Major Beale Randals ¹⁴⁶ Rifle Corps had gratuitously performed one days labour on the works of Defence; that Capt, Thomas Shrivvers company of Riflemen were then engaged in doing a days work on the same; and that Mr. Louis Barneys ¹⁴⁷ Company of Bakers had tendered their services for one day when called on--therefore

Ordered That the thanks of this committee be presented to the said Military Corps and Company of Bakers; that the superintendants of the labourers inform Mr. Barney when his Bakers may be wanted; And that the following be inserted in the News Papers of this City to wit--
"The Committee of Vigilance and Safety Notice with great pleasure, the patriotic offer of labour tendered and performed this day on the Fortifications by Capt. Shrivvers Company of Riflemen from York Pennsylvania"--¹⁴⁸

Resolved, That Mr. James Wilson, Mr. Burke and Mr. Jamison be and they are hereby requested to repair to Fort McHenry and communicate with Capt. Evans the present commander thereof respecting the Gun Carriages in that Fortification and make report to this Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

¹⁴⁶ Beale Randall (d.1853).

¹⁴⁷ Louis Barney (d.1850),biscuit maker, 64 South St.

¹⁴⁸ Notice appeared in the

Baltimore 11th October 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment-- the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Mr. James Wilson from the committee appointed to visit Fort McHenry made report as follows--

The committee appointed to examine the gun carriages at Fort McHenry have performed that duty and beg leave to Report that they found twenty three of the guns mounted on Burbeck carriages, which in the opinion of your Committee and in which opinion Capt. Evans coincides, are much better calculated for shew than for service, as was experienced in the late bombardment, when from the firing of a few shot three of the guns were dismounted and rendered useless for some time. To make them serviceable and safe, wooden wheels ought to be substituted for the cast iron wheels, and trucks with an axle tree fixed in place of the trail wheel-- It is estimated that the cost of this alteration will be about sixty dollars pr. gun--All which is respectfully submitted--

Which report was read, approved and a copy thereof ordered to be submitted to the consideration of the Major General--

Resolved, That Col. Howard be and he is hereby authorised and requested to wait on Capt. Phillips and have such trucks made for the Guns at Fort Camp look out as they may deem most suitable; under the direction of the Major General--

The Committee were informed that the Franklin Artillery Company commanded by Capt. Joseph Myers tendered their services to perform one days labour on the works of defence when called upon--therefore

Ordered, That the thanks of this committee be presented to Capt. Myers Company and that the superintendants of labourers inform him when the services of his company will be received

Mr. Payson from the committee to whom was referred the communication of the Secretary of War of the 7th instant made Report That they had considered of the same and digested and described the measures most proper for this committee to adopt in the following form of Letter to the Secretary of War from this Committee in reply to his of the 7th instant--which they recommended to be signed by the Chairman & forwarded immediately--to wit--

"To the Honorable James Monroe Secretary of War--

Sir The Committee of Vigilance and Safety have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date of the 7th Current in answer to the Memorial which their Sub-Committee, had the honour to present, to the President of the United States; they do not deem it necessary in this reply, to take into consideration that part which relates to the Forces intended for the future security of the City, trusting as they do 'that every effort which can, shall be made for its defence'--

The Committee having made application to the different Banks for the means, to enable them to place at the disposal, of the Government, the Fund mentioned in their memorial, to the President, have now to inform, that they are ready to pay for as much stock bearing an interest of six per cent and at the rate of eighty dollars in money for one hundred dollars in stock, as will be produced by the investment of four hundred and ninety four thousand dollars and to receive Treasury Notes to the amount of one hundred and nineteen thousand dollars to be paid in money at par--

The Committee offer these sums to the Government with the understanding mentioned in your Letter, that the same is to be applied, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the payment of the expenses incurred, or to be incurred in the defence of the City of Baltimore; and as the Committee, being the appointed agents of the City and Precincts have in their preparations to receive and repel the Enemy become guarantees for the payment of various sums of money, to a considerable amount, which since that period has been constantly added to,

in providing further and more effectual means of assistance; and as the Committee are without the funds to discharge those demands, they respectfully request that immediate means may be adopted, to have the accounts of these expenditures examined, by an officer or officers stationed in Baltimore, especially appointed for that purpose, and under such rules and regulations as you may prescribe, that the same may be liquidated and paid, as promptly as the claimants have a right to expect: and the Committee have full confidence, that under the existing laws, which govern the proceedings of the Department of War in the adjusting these claims and demands they will be considered, as having been necessarily incurred, and have not failed to have a salutary effect for all the purposes for which they were intended, and that in sanctioning them a liberal construction of the Laws, and the rules of expounding them will be adopted by the Government as well in regard to what was demanded by the past, as to secure the future--

The Committee are ready to place the proposed loan to the credit of the United States in such Bank or Banks as the proper Department may direct, and hereunto subjoin a list of the Banks in which the sum is at present deposited"--

A List of the Banks in Baltimore in which money is deposited by the Committee of Vigilance and Safety as mentioned in the forgoing Letter--to wit--

The City Bank	\$ 320,000
The Union Bank	100,000
The Marine Bank	14,000
The Mechanics Bank	35,000
The Franklin Bank	<u>25,000</u>
Amount on Loan for Stock	\$ 494,000
The Bank of Baltimore	70,000
The Bank of Maryland	21,000
The Commercial & Farmers Bank	<u>28,000</u>
Amount on Treasury Notes	\$ 119,000
Total	<u>\$ 613,000</u>

Which letter was read, approved of, and ordered to be copied fair,
signed by the Chairman and forwarded immediately

The Committee then adjourned--

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Baltimore 12th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment-- the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee were informed that the Companies under the command of Capt. Hacknew and Capt. Shawin of Frederick County had performed a days work on the Fortifications erecting about the City--therefore

Ordered That the thanks of this Committee be presented to each of those Companies for their patriotic services--

The Managers of the Baltimore Theatre offered to this Committee the profits of a nights performance at the Theatre in aid of the fund for the defence of the City, therefore--

Ordered That the thanks of the committee be presented to the Managers and that they be informed that the proffered benefit will be acceptable on Friday next as proposed--

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be and they are hereby authorised and required to employ a Clerk at the expense of this Committee for the purpose of aiding them in adjusting, keeping and settling the Accounts of this Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 13 Octo. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that the 5th Regiment of the M. M. under
the Command of Col. Joseph Sterrett tendered their services to perform
one days labour on the works of Defence and also that the Eagle Company of
Exempts under the Command of Capt. Joseph Jamison offered their services for
any one day in each Week for three weeks successively to labour on the works
and also that Mr. William Branson, hatter offered the loan of his Cart Horse
& driver to be employed one week on the Fortifications whereupon it was

Ordered That the thanks of this Committee be presented to the 5th
Regiment, to the Eagle Company of exempts and to Mr. Branson and that they
be informed by the superintendants when their aid will be received--

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be and they are hereby
instructed to pay no accounts or claims against the United States, and for
which this Committee is guarantee, out of the funds of this Committee until
they shall hear from Government or until further order--

The Committee will publish on the first of November next an alphabetical
list of subscribers to the contribution offered for the defence of the
city and Precincts of Baltimore and request all such as do not find their
names therein to call at the Mayors office to subscribe thereto in money
only at which place the Contribution Book will remain deposited--

Ordered That the foregoing declaration be published in the different
News papers of the City daily until the first of November next--

Resolved, That, Mr. Stouffer, Mr. Alricks & Mr. Dugan be and they are hereby required to ascertain what articles of merchandise, which have been subscribed to the Committee were at the time of subscribing unmerchandise, and to return the same to the subscribers; that they also sell on account of the Committee such articles as have become unmerchandise since their delivery to the Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 14th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that the Troop of Horse under the
Command of Capt. Jehu Bouldin offered their services to perform a
days work on the Fortifications--Whereupon it was

Ordered That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Capt.
Bouldins Troop, that their services be accepted, and that the superin-
tendants of the Labourers inform Capt. Bouldin when his Company's
services will be required--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 15th Octo. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That Col. Howard, Mr. Payson and Capt. Phillips be and they are hereby required to have trucks made for the gun Carriages at Fort Camp look out pursuant to the requisition of the Major General bearing date on the 17th instant & this day received

The committee received a Communication from the Committee of Defence of Philadelphia requesting a reciprocation of information respecting the movements of the Enemy or any other matter deemed of importance to the general welfare--whereupon it was--

Ordered, That the Chairman and Secretary be a committee of correspondence for the purpose of interchanging information as requested--

The Committee received a Petition from the workmen employed on the Gun Carriages making for the Defence of the City, praying for payment of their wages; whereupon

Ordered, That Mr. David Burke be and he is hereby authorised and requested to advance to the Petitioners sixty dollars on account, which shall be refunded to him by this Committee--

The Committee then adjourned to Monday 10 o'clock a.m.

Baltimore 17th Octo. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that Mr. Peter Snyder offered the services of his Cart, Horse & Driver to labour four or five days on the works of Defence: and that the Company of Exempts under the command of Capt. Mackenheimer also tendered their services to perform one days labour on the Fortifications--whereupon it was--

Ordered, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Mr. Snyder and Capt. Mackenheimer's Company; that their services be accepted and that the superintendants of the labourers inform Mr. Snyder & Capt. Mackenheimer when their profered services will be required--

The Committee received a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States which being read--

Ordered, That the same be filed; and that an extract of so much thereof as relates to a schedule shewing the denomination &c of the Treasury Notes to be furnished to this Committee as a security in part for the loan to Government which they have lately effected, be transmitted to the Bank of Baltimore, the Commercial & Framers Bank and the Bank of Maryland with a request that they would furnish a schedule as required for the amount taken by each of them--

The Committee were informed by the committee of accounts that they had appointed Mr. John Gill their clerk; and stated the propriety of sending Mr. Gill to Washington for the purpose of procuring information

as to the forms of making out accounts and vouchers thereto in the several Departments on which the accounts for the payment of which this Committee is guarantee are demandable in order that they may be adjusted and passed--therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Gill be and he is hereby authorised and required to repair to Washington at the expense of this Committee for the purpose of procuring the information required--

Resolved, That the Major General be and he is hereby respectfully requested to cause the Steam Boat is to be prevented from leaving the Harbour of this city--

The following Letter in reply to that of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, dated on the 15th instant and received this day was submitted to the consideration of the Committee, to wit--

"To the Honble Alexander J: Dallas

Sir, Inclosed you will receive receipts for three hundred and and twenty thousand dollars which was deposited by the Committee in the City Bank of Baltimore before the 10th instant for the use of the Government--

The committee were under the impression that this sum together with the whole amount of the proposed loan to be raised by them was to bear an interest as a loan or on treasury notes so soon as it was placed to the credit of the government and subject to their order after the receipt of the communication from the Secretary of war of the 7th instant by which the negotiation between the Government and the Committee was closed--

With the above exception the Committee have prevailed on those from whom the money has been obtained to receive the stock and the Treasury Notes carrying interest from the days mentioned in your Letter of the 15th instant; but as to the above mentioned sum of \$320,000, the committee are bound to deliver Stock bearing interest from the date of the receipt and they therefore respectfully solicit that it may be issued to them accordingly--

The Certificates for the amount of \$320,000 are to be in sums as stated below and in the name of Edward Johnson Chairman of the Committee of Vigilance and Safety of Baltimore--By tomorrows mail I will transmit such a schedule of the Treasury Bills, as will with the one herein enclosed complete that part of the transaction--"

Which Letter being read and considered was approvtd and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and forwarded--

The Committee then adjourned--

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Baltimore 18th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee were informed that Mr. Christopher Hughes offered the
services of himself and ten men to perform a days work on the Fortifications
any day after Thursday next--whereupon it was

Ordered, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Mr. Hughes,
that his services be accepted and that the superintendants of the labourers
inform him when & where it will be required--

The Committee received a Communication from the Managers of the
Theatre inclosing the sun of \$180--the proceeds of one nights performance
as heretofore offered to be applied to the Defence of the City--

The Committee then adjourned--

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Baltimore 19th Octo. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That Col. Howard, Mr. Buchanan, & Mr. Payson be and
they are hereby authorised and requested to procure a suitable House and
have the same furnished in a proper manner and tender it to General Scott
for the use of himself and suite during their stay in this City--and also
that they tender to the General the aid and cooperation if this Committee
in any way in which the public good an be best promoted--

The committee received a Letter from Mr. Samuel Smith apprising
them of the resignation of his Commission of Major General of the Maryland
Militia, expressing his thanks to this Committee for their attention &c
whereupon it was

Ordered That the same be referred to Mr. Bland, Mr. Etting and Mr.
James Wilson to prepare and report an answer thereto--

Mr. Bland from the Committee to whom was referred the Letter from
Mr. Smith reported an answer thereto as follows--

"Samuel Smith Esqr.

Dear Sir, The Committee of Vigilance and Safety received your
Letter of the 18th instant and acknowledge with pleasure the important
services rendered by you to your Country, and more especially to the
citizens of Baltimore in the late attack made by the Enemy--The committee
have directed me to express to you their regret at the loss of your
services at this important crisis, and all with great sincerity their
best wishes for your future health and happiness--

I have the Honor to be Dear Sir
with great respect & esteem Your obt. St."

Which letter was read approved of, and ordered to be signed by the
Chairman and forwarded--

The Committee then adjourned to 10 o'clock a.m. on Friday next--

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Baltimore 21st Octo. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of Friday morning were read--

The following address to the people was read approved of and ordered to
be published in the several papers of this city--

"The committee of vigilance and Safety have the satisfaction to inform
their fellow citizens that, Major General Scott, commander of the 10th
Military District, having so far progressed in causing additional works of
Defence to be traced out, that, any labour which they may be willing to
contribute towards the completion of such important works may now again be
advantageously employed--The Committee are now therefore ready to receive
any tenders of labour either from the Military or other citizens who may
be willing to volunteer their aid in that way--"

The committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 22d October 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee received a Letter from Commodore Barney respecting
the desertion and removal of the Flotilla men, and requesting the aid of
this committee in preventing them from being enticed from the service--
therefore--

Resolved, That Mr. Burke and Mr. Woelper be and they are hereby
requested to have a verbal communication with Commodore Barney and
know in what way this Committee can most properly and effectually afford
him any aid--and report at their next meeting--

The Committee then adjourned to Monday morning 10 O'clock

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Baltimore 24th Octo: 1814

The committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of Saturday were read--

Resolved That Mr. Hollingsworth and Colo Howard be and they are hereby requested to wait on Maj: Genl Watson, Genl Stansbury, Genl Foreman and other commanding officers and state to them the great and urgent necessity for labour to complete the works of Defence, and to beg of them to recommend to the troops under their command the propriety and patriotism that would attend the performing of one or more days work on the Fortifications--

The Committee then adjourned to 11 O'clock tomorrow A.M.--

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Baltimore 25th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of yesterady were read--

Col: Howard from the Committee who were appointed to wait on Maj: Genl Watson and other Commanders of Militia and to request that they would endeavour to prevail on the men under their command to turn out and perform a days work on the Fortifications made report--That a detachment under the command of Genl. Foreman of about 220 would turn out on Wednesday next that another detachment of about 250 would work on Friday; that the Regiment under the command of Col: Kennedy, that Major Genl Watson and his officers had agreed to detail from the men under his command 500 men for five days when called on and that the men of Genl Stansburys brigade were willing to work in turn and ~~the men of~~ Genl Stansburys

Ordered That the thanks of this committee be presented to Col: Ragan expect--whereupon

Ordered That the thanks of this committee be presented to Maj: Genl Watson, Genl Foreman and Genl Stansbury and Col: Kennedy and the officers and privates under their command--that their services be accepted and that the superintendents of labourers inform them when and where their services will be required--

The committee were informed that Mr. Henry Fulford tendered the services of ten men to labour on the Fortifications for five days when required--whereupon it was

Ordered That the thanks of this committee be presented to Mr. Fulford; that the services of his men be accepted and that the superintendants of labourers inform him when & where their services will be wanted--

Ordered, That Mr. Stouffer be excused from any further attendance as a superintendent of the labourers in the western Precincts and that Mr. Berry be appointed in his stead--

Resolved, That Mr. Alexander Russel, Mr. William Hawkins, Mr. John Hignet, Mr. William Krebs, Capt Peter Gold and Capt Leonard be and they are hereby respectfully requested to act as superintendants of the Labourers in Western Precincts--and that the secretary address a Letter to each of those gentlemen informing them of their appointment and the request of this Committee that they would act as such--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 26 Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read

The committee were informed that Col: Ragans Regiment offered
their services to labour on the Fortifications for one day when required--
Whereupon it was

Ordered That he thanks of this committee be presented to Col: Ragan
and the Regiment under this command; that their services be accepted and
that the Superintendants of labourers inform them when their services
will be required--

Resolved That Mr Robert Fisher be and he is hereby respectfully
requested to act as a Superintendant of the Labourers engaged on the
works in the Eastern Precincts; and that the Secretary address a Letter
to him acquainting him with the appointment and request him to act as
such--

Mr. Stouffer from the Committee who were appointed on the 21st
September last to ascertain and adjust the expenditures and disbursements
among the Military made a Report which was read, approved and ordered to
be filed--

The committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 27th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that the Regiment under the command
of Col: Smith offered their services to perform a days labour on the works
of Defence, whereupon it was

Ordered, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Col:
Smith and the Regiment under his command; that their services be accepted
and that the Superintendants of the Labourers inform them when & where their
services will be required--

Resolved, That the Superintendants of Labourers be and they are hereby
authorised and requested to employ overseers and Horses & Carts, for the
purpose of directing the labourers in their absence and of taking care of the
tools, liquor and other articles belonging to this Committee: and the hire
of such Overseers, Horses & Carts shall be paid out of the funds of this
Committee

Resolved, That Mr. John Tool, Mr. James Morren, Mr. Nathaniel Hynson
and Mr. Walter Crook be and they are hereby appointed Superintendants of the
Labourers in the Eastern Precincts; and that the Secretary by Letter inform
them of their appointment--

The Committee received a Communication from Mr. Richard Williams
proposing an experiment at his own expense, of a Fire Ship of his own invention--
whereupon

Ordered, That the Communication be referred to Com: Barney; and that he be respectfully requested to hear and consider of the proposition and determine thereon as he shall think best: and to report to this Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 28th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That the Citizens exempt from military duty, in person or
by substitute, and people of colour of Baltimore be and they are hereby invited
and earnestly requested to volunteer their services for the purpose of erecting
the necessary Fortifications, traced out near Ferry Branch, for the defence
of the west end of the City in the following manner, to wit--

Those of the Western Precincts to commence on Sunday
the 30th instant--

Those of the first and second wards on Monday the 31st
instant--and--

Those of the third, fourth and fifth wards on Tuesday
the 1st November--

The Committee received a Communication from Maj. Genl. Scott inclosing
one from Mr. Godfroy the Engineer relative to the works of Defence--whereupon
it was

Ordered, That the same be and is hereby referred to the Superintendants
of the Labourers in the Eastern Precincts, with the directions of this Committee
to comply with the requisitions therein contained--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 29th Octo: 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that the 39th Regiment commanded by
Col: Benjamin Fowler offered their services to perform a days work on the
Fortifications, whereupon

Ordered, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Col:
Fowler and the Regiment under his command, that their services be accepted
and that the Superintendants of the Labourers inform them when and where
their services will be required--

Mr. Woelper from the committee who were appointed to have a com-
munication with Com: Barney and make enquiry relative to the removal or
seduction of the Flotilla men from the service of the United States made
a Report which was read and ordered to be filed

The Committee then adjourned to 11 O Clock A.M. on Monday next--

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Baltimore 31st Octo: 1814

The committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of Saturday were read--

Resolved, That Mr. Stouffer be and he is hereby authorised and
requested to employ two Superintendants to aid Capt Babcock in completing
the Fort at Camp lookout Hill, which Major General Scott has named Fort
Wood, pursuant to the Requisition of the Major General of the 39th instant--

The Committee received a communication from Maj Genl Scott inclosing
one from Mr. Godefroy the Engineer respecting the works of Defence--whereupon
it was

Ordered, That the same be & is hereby referred to the Superintendants of
the Labourers for the Eastern Precincts with a request that they comply with
the requisitions therein contained--

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Harrod, Mr. John Deloughry and Mr. George
Carnahan be and they are hereby appointed superintendants of labourers in the
Eastern Precincts and Mr. Samuel Fry a superintendant of those in the Western
Precincts; and that the Secretary be and is hereby directed to inform them by
letter of their appointment and request that they will undertake the duties
thereof--

The following address was moved, read and ordered to be published, to wit--

"The citizens, exempt from military duty, in person or by
substitute, and people of colour of Baltimore, are hereby in-
vited and earnestly requested to volunteer their services for
the purposes of erecting the necessary fortifications traced out
for the defence of the west end of the city, in the following
manner to wit--

Those of the Western Precincts on Friday the 4th November

Those of the 1 & 2d Wards on Saturday the 5th November &

Those of the 3d, 4th & 5th Wards on Sunday the 6th November--"

The following address was then moved, read approved of and ordered to be published, to wit--

"The citizens exempt from military duty in person or by substitute, and people of Colour of Baltimore are invited and hereby earnestly requested to volunteer their services for the purpose of erecting the necessary fortifications, traced out for the defence of the east end of the city in the following manner to wit--

Those of the 6th, 7th & 8th Wards to turn out on Wednesday
the 2d November -- &

Those of the Eastern Precincts on Thursday the 3d November--"

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 1st November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that Capt. Barry's & Capt. Penningtons Companies of Artillerists offered their services to perform a days labour on the fortifications, whereupon it was--

Ordered That the thanks of this Committee be presented to Capt. Barry and Capt. Pennington and the Companies under their commands, that their services be accepted and that the Superintendants of the Labourers inform them when & where the same will be required--

The Committee were informed by Mr. James Beatty the Navy agent that the nineteen 32 pounders, the twenty six 24 pounders and the twenty seven 42 pound Caronades under his controul, and a part of which Guns this Committee were fitting up to be used on the fortifications round the City, were ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to be sent to Philadelphia whereupon the following letter to Maj. Genl. Scott was read and submitted to the consideration of the Committee--to wit--

"Maj. Genl. Scott--Washington--

Sir

The Navy Agent at this place has received an order from the Government for all the long 32 pounders, 24 pounders, and twenty seven 42 pound Caronades to be delivered to S. T. Anderson, who has ordered them to be forwarded to Philadelphia via York & Lancaster--

You are appraised Sir of the importance of retaining those Guns if possible; indeed we have no hesitation in saying the 32 & 24 pounders are indispensable for the protection of this place--The 42 lb Caronades may be dispensed with, there being other Guns here sufficient of this description--Part of the 32 & 24 pounders are already mounted at Fort Wood, and you are aware Sir, that the residue will be required, for works progressing--We deem it important to acquaint you of this distressing circumstances in order that you may if you think necessary take steps for the Armament required for the fortresses under your Command--The Committees are of opinion that voluntary labour, will with difficulty be obtained hereafter, when it is known our Guns are taken away, and may cause our works to be suspended if the Guns cannot be retained--"

Which being considered was approved ordered to be copied, signed by the Chairman and forwarded forthwith by express--

Resolved, That Mr. Stewart and Mr. Jessup be and they are hereby appointed to cooperate with Dr. A. J. Schwartz in preparing Bombs and Shells for the defence of the City--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 2d Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee received two communications from Mr. Godefroy the
Engineer the one dated and the other on the instant--
whereupon it was

Ordered That the first be and hereby is referred to the Superintendants
of the labourers in the English precincts and the latter to Mr Burke & Mr.
Bond with a request that they would severally comply with the requisitions
therein contained--

The Committee then adjourned--

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Baltimore 3d. Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the Proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That the relations of those whose bodies have been buried
in the grave yard of the German Lutheran Congregation near the Hospital,
where the ditch of the line of the breast works, intended for the defence
of the City is traced out, be and they are hereby requested to remove such
bodies immediately from the line in which the Ditch will pass--

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr. Kurtz be furnished with a copy of the
foregoing Resolution--

Resolved, That Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Etting, & Mr. Hollingsworth be
and they are hereby appointed to consider of and to digest a plan for calling
out the citizens to labour on the Fortifications and to report to this
Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 4th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment-- the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Mr. Buchanan from the Committee appointed to digest & report a plan for calling out the citizens to labour on the Fortifications reported the following address which was read, approved and ordered to be published--

"To the Inhabitants of the City and Precincts of Baltimore
Fellow Citizens,

Among the most arduous, as well as the most important, of the duties which have devolved upon this Committee, has been that of procuring and organising labour for the erection of works of defence, under the direction of the military authority--The committee in the discharge of this duty, have called freely on the public spirit of their fellow citizens, and they acknowledge with pleasure, that their calls have been liberally answered, thereby enabling those who have had the charge of our defence, to throw up such works as are believed to have answered a most valuable purpose in the recent attack upon our City--

Although much has been done in the desirable work of preparation for defense, much remains to be done; and as the reason for labour is rapidly passing away, the Committee are required, by every consideration of duty and of interest, to procure with the least possible delay, the greatest quantity of voluntary labour in aid of the very patriotic and extensive work which the committee gratefully acknowledge to have received, and to be daily receiving from the different military corps--

To complete the duty of preparation, very extensive works have been designated by the competent authority, requiring all the labor which can be furnished by the city and precincts; when, however, it is believed, that the effect of this labour will be, as it is considered, to render our beloved homes impregnable to any force which can be brought against them, the committee feel confident, that to receive, they have only to ask what may be required; and under this impression, they call the attention of their country-men to the following arrangement--

That the members of this Committee, aided by George Grundy, James Carroll, Adam Welsh, Isaac Phillips, Horatio B. Berry, William Krebs, and Alexander Robinson of the Western Precincts; George Decker, Charles Bohn, William W. Taylor, and Joseph Karrick of the first Ward; Richard H. Jones, Luke Tiernan and Robert Miller, of the 2d Ward; Henry Schroeder, James Mosher and James Campbell of the 3d Ward; Jacob Myers, James Martin, Frederick Leypold and William Campbell of the 4th Ward; James Hindman, Charles Wirgman and John Gooding of the 5th Ward; John Hillen, John Mackenheimer and John Diffenderffer of the 6th Ward; Philip Moore, Joseph Holbrook, Ludwick Herring and Nathaniel Hynson of the 7th Ward; Peter Galt, John Snyder and Thomas Cole of the 8th Ward--and Henry Pennington, John McElderry, Dr. C. Stevenson, William Vance and Philemon Dawson of the Eastern Precincts, will, on Tuesday the 8th instant, in their respective wards and precincts, call personally on all the inhabitants thereof, and ascertain from each, how many days of labor they will personally engage to perform--

That public notice will be given by the Committee, designating the days on which the voluntary labour of the several wards will be required; that the superintendants of labourers shall be furnished with the names of those who are to labor, and shall be required to make a return in writing of those who shall have failed to comply with their engagements--

That each inhabitant shall be permitted to substitute a subscription in money, in lieu of personal labor; the Committee engaging, as they hereby do, that money thus received shall be applied exclusively to the hire of laborers--

That it is the opinion of the Committee if this application for labor be as productive as is expected that our citizens may expect to be protected, from the ravages of war: and that even in the event of another attack, we will again be enabled to say in the words of an eminent divine of our City, that, "after a night of awful darkness, interrupted by the yet more awful fires of bombardment, while the thunder of hostile squadrons poured its long and terrific echo from hill to hill, around our altars and our homes, our wives, and our children, the flag of the Republic, waves on our ramparts; scattering from every undulation, through an atmosphere of glory, the defiance of the free and the gratitude of the delivered"--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 5th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Major General communicated to the Committee a Copy of a Report
of the lines from Mr. Godefroy the Engineer which was read and

Ordered That the same be & is hereby referred to the Superintendants
of the Laborers of the Eastern Precincts--

Resolved, That Mr. Buchanan & Mr. Lorman be and they are hereby
requested to wait on Com: Perry and confer with him respecting the building
a Fulton or Steam Frigate for the defence of the Chesapeake; and to prepare
a Letter or memorial to the Executive of the United States upon the subject
and report to this Committee--

The Committee received a communication from Messrs Willard & Turner
respecting the operation of a instrument of war which they had invented--
therefore

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Burke and Capt. Stevens to
investigate, consider of and report respecting it--

The Committee were informed that several of the Vessels which had
been sunk in the Patapsco were removed from the situation in which they had
been placed therefore--

Ordered, That Mr. Burke & Capt. Stevens be and they are hereby requested
to communicate with Com: Barney and suggest to him the propriety of having the
obstructions in the Channel of the River replaced--

The Committee then adjourned to Monday morning 11 O'Clock--

Baltimore 7th November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment:
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee appointed to wait on Commodore Perry and confer with
him respecting a Fulton or Steam Frigate for the defence of the Chesapeake
and to prepare a letter or memorial to the Executive of the United States made

Report, That they have had an interview with Commodore Perry, and
were assured by him that, he has the greatest confidence in the efficacy of
the steam Battery recently launched at New York that, he does not entertain a
doubt of its completely answering the object for which it has been built, and
that, he considers our waters particularly well adapted to the use of such
means of defence--In consequence of the opinions thus expressed by Commodore
Perry, the Committee recommend, that an immediate application on the subject
be made by Letter, to the Secretary of the Navy; and that, to give additional weight
to the application, it be presented by the Senator and Representatives of this
district in Congress--conformably to this recommendation, the committee present
herewith rough draughts of letters to the Secretary and to the Senator and
Representatives--All of which is respectfully submitted--

Which Report was read and approved--

The following Letters accompanying the foregoing report were then read,
approved and ordered to (be) Copied fair, signed by the Chairman and forwarded--

Honble William Jones, Secretary of the Navy.

Sir

In behalf of the Committee of Vigilance and Safety of Baltimore,
I have the honor to address you on a subject which is deemed of the first importance
to the defence of our City, and in which I am requested respectfully to solicit such
aid as it may be in your power to afford--

We are assured, by some of the best informed naval and other characters of our country, that they have the greatest confidence in the steam batteries, such as the one which has been recently launched in New York, that they do not entertain a doubt of its completely answering the objects for which it has been built, and that the waters of the Chesapeake are particularly well adapted to the use of such means of defence--

The Committee are impressed with the belief, that one such battery would of itself be almost adequate to the protection of Baltimore, inasmuch as it would probably prevent the entrance of the Enemy's Ships into the Patapsco, or at least would render it impossible to approach within shell range of Fort Mchenry--Believing this, and delegated as the Committee especially are to watch over & to promote the protection of the City, it becomes their duty to enquire, whether you can order the immediate commencement of one such Battery at this place for its defence--

If commenced without delay, the committee flatter themselves, that it would be completed in time to resist the first approaches of the Enemy in the Spring, and they authorize me to tender any aid which it may be in their power to afford for the accomplishment of so desirable an object--

I have the Honor to be with the highest consideration

Sir your Obt. St.

Samuel Smith, Alexander McKim and Nicholas R. Moore Esqr.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter for the Secretary of the Navy, and to request, in behalf of the Committee of Vigilance and Safety of Baltimore, that you will have the goodness on presenting it to aid the views

of the Committee, by using such arguments as may suggest themselves to you--
Our citizens are generally impressed with a belief, that such an engine of
defence is all important to our preservation in the Spring, and as they have
delegated the Committee to watch over their interests, it is alike the duty and
inclination of that body to procure a mean of defence as well adapted to our
wants--The Committee do not know that they can pursue any mode better calculated
to accomplish this end, than a direct application to the Secretary of the Navy,
enforced by arguments to be derived from your knowledge of our local situation--

I have the Honor to Be Gentlemen your Obt. St.

The Committee then adjourned--

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Baltimore 8th November 1814

The committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee were informed by a Communication from Col: Biays that
owing to the shortness of the notice and the indispensable engagements of a
large portion of the Regiment under his command on the day assigned it to
labour on the Fortifications it was likely that their services would not be so
ample as could be wished--therefore--

Resolved, That the Secretary inform Col: Biays that the day assigned
to his Regiment to work on the entrenchments shall be changed to any day
when he will say it can be called out to the greatest advantage--

Resolved, That Mr. Ebenezar Findley in the Western Precinct and
Mr. Thomas Worrel and Mr. Burns of the seventh Ward be and they are hereby
appointed in addition to those heretofore appointed to solicit contributions
of money & labour for the purpose of completing the Fortifications

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 9th Novr. 1814

The committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That the Superintendants of the Eastern Precincts be and they are hereby authorised and requested to employ such number of Pioneers, not exceeding fifty, as Mr. Godefroy requires by his Report of the Lines dated on the 7th instant and communicated by the Major General to this Committee; the said Pioneers to be placed under the Command of Mr. Godefroy--and also that the superintendants of the Western Precincts be & they are hereby authorised & requested to employ fifty good labourers to be employed under the direction of the Engineer on the western side of the City--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 10th November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby requested to
address a Note to Com: Barney requesting him to direct the men under his
command to take care of the Timber which was sent by this committee to Fort
McHenry for the use of the United States and which the Committee have been
informed is afloat near the shore and likely to be lost--

Resolved, That the members of this committee make report on Monday
next of all the contributions in money or labour they have obtained for the
completion of the Fortifications--

Resolved, That Capt. George Stiles be and he is hereby requested
to have the soundings of Harris' Creek accurately taken and to report the
same to this committee--and any expense incurred in so doing shall be defrayed
out of the funds of this Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 11 November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee were informed that the St. Andrews Society tendered their
services to perform a days work on the entrenchments--therefore

Ordered, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to the St.
Andrews Society, that their services be accepted on Wednesday next, if
fair, if not the next fair day, in the Eastern Precincts and that the
Superintendants of labourers point out the particular part at which their
service will be required--

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee wait upon Capt. Stiles,
and explain to him the nature of the appointment and duties of the Super-
intendants of Laborers; and request a continuance of the aid of himself
and his Corps--

The Committee received a Letter from the Secretary of the Navy dated
on the 8th instant in answer to their Letter to him respecting a Steam
Battery which was read and ordered to lie on the table--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 12th November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That Mr. Stevens, Mr. Burke & Mr. Waters be and they are hereby requested to enquire whether any Guns can be procured to replace those which have been ordered away by the Government, and if so, whether any, and how, suitable shot for such Guns can be had, and to report to this Committee--

Resolved, That the Communications received by this Committee from, Messrs Smith, McKim & Moore, and the Secretary of the Navy dated on the 8th instant, be and the same are hereby referred to Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Etting & Mr. Lorman to digest and report such plan as they may deem most advisable for raising the sum of \$150,000 as required by the Secretary of the Navy to be lent to the United States for the purpose of building a Steam Battery--

Resolved, That Mr. Jessup be and he is hereby requested to arrange and call out the labourers who shall appear to have subscribed their aid, in such manner as he shall deem most advantageous--

The Committee then adjourned to Monday next 11 O'Clock A-M-

Baltimore 14 November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
The proceedings of Saturday were read--

The Committee received a communication from Major General Scott
respecting the discharge of the Militia, now in actual service, within the
10th Militia District on the first of December next, which was read and
ordered to lie on the table--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 15th November 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Ordered, That Mr. Jameson be and he is hereby excused from any
further attendance as a superintendant of the Labourers in the Eastern
Precincts--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 16 Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee received a communication from the Secretary of the
Treasury dated on the 14th instant relative to the loan which this Committee
had negotiated for the Government, which was read and ordered to be filed--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 17th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read

Capt. George Stiles who was requested by a Resolution of this Committee
to have the soundings of Harris Creek correctly taken; accordingly did so
and made

Report of a neat well drawn Chart of Harris Creek representing the
bearings and soundings thereof which being viewed and inspected was approved
& ordered to be delivered over to the Major General by the Secretary--And
three dollars the expense incurred to be paid by the committee of accounts--

The Committee then adjourned.

Baltimore 18th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee were informed that, The Society of Journeyman Hatters
of Baltimore, offered their services to perform a days work on the Forti-
fications; therefore,

Ordered, That the thanks of this Committee be presented to that
society, that their services be accepted on Saturday next as proposed and
that they be employed at the Fort erecting near the lower Derry on the
Patapsco--

The Sub-Committee appointed to confer with the several Banks of the
City for raising an adequate sum to build a steam floating Battery on the
terms proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, having
addressed the Banks in writing for that object on the 14th instant, beg
leave to report the answers received by the sub-Committee, as follows

Union Bank of Maryland will loan.....	\$ 25,000.00
City Bank of Baltimore.....	25,000.00
Commercial & Farmers Bank of Baltimore.....	13,000.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore.....	10,000.00
Marine Bank of Baltimore.....	6,000.00
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	\$ 79,000.00

Bank of Maryland require time for a full meeting of the board to decide
on the sum they can subscribe--

The Committee have not received any reply from the following Banks, to
wit, The Bank of Baltimore, Mechanics Bank, & Franklin Bank--

It is however the opinion of the sub-committee, that the sum required
to complete the \$150000--the estimated cost of the Battery, can be obtained
by additional individual subscriptions, provided the same be expended in the
building of the Frigate at Baltimore--

Which Report was read and approved--

The following Letter from this Committee to the Secretary of the Navy was read approved and order'd to be copied signed by the Chairman & forwarded--

Honble William Jones, Secretary of the Navy,

Sir

I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th instant, and to inform you that the sum required by your Letter will be furnished for the purpose therein expressed, and at the rate of the last Loan, 100\$ in stock for 80\$ in money, with the understanding that the boat be built at this place and with the least possible delay--

I have the honor to be &c &c

Whereas it having been repeatedly represented to this Committee that the Creditors of the United States who have made advances or disbursements at the instance of this Committee for the defence of the City of Baltimore are very importunate and pressing for payment, alledging their great necessities as an apology for their repeated calls, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be and they are hereby requested to wait on Maj. Genl. Scott and represent to him those circumstances, and to beg that he would have the goodness to advance to them such sums as would satisfy the most importunate of the creditors--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 19th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of Saturday were read--And nothing being proposed for
adoption the Committee adjourned to Monday next 11 O'Clock A.M--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 21st Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance and Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of Saturday were read--

The Committee were informed by a Letter from Mr. Rob. Fulton which
was read to them that he required certain information respecting the Steam
Frigate which they proposed to have built here, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee heretofore appointed to raise funds for
the erection of a Steam Battery in this City be and they are hereby required
to make the necessary inquiry and reply to the same--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 22 Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Etting be and they are hereby
requested to wait upon Maj. Genl. Watson, of the Pennsylvania Militia, and
solicit him to furnish labourers from the men under his command to build
the Fort traced out within the limits of their encampment--

The committee were informed by Mr. Stouffer that Fort Wood was completed
and ready for service whereupon it was

Ordered, That the Chairman inform Genl. Scott of the same and respect-
fully request that he would appoint an officer to the command thereof--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 23d Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee were informed by their chairman that a part of the money which had been loaned to the Government by means of this committee would be this day placed at the disposal of Maj. Genl. Scott, and be by him applied to the discharge of the accounts of this Committee--

The Committee were informed by Mr. Hollingsworth from the Sub-Committee who was appointed to wait on Maj: Watson that Genls. Watson, Foster and Adams offered to detail from the troops under their command from 350 to 400 men pr day for six days to labour on the works of defence--therefore

Ordered, That the thanks of this committee be publicly presented to Generals Watson, Foster and Adams and the troops under their command; that their services be accepted and that the Superintendants of the labourers point out the time and place when and where their services will be required--

Resolved, That Mr. Stouffer and Mr. Jessup be and they are hereby authorised and requested to procure immediately twenty Waggons for the purpose of conveying the heavy Guns from Washington to Baltimore and that as soon as six are provided and ready, they inform Genl. Scott thereof, and proceed agreeably to his directions in sending off the Waggons for the purpose required--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 24th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee received a communication from Maj: Gen. Scott inclosing
a Letter from Capt. Babcock the Engineer which was read and referred to the
Superintendants of the Labourers for the Eastern Precincts--

The committee received a Letter from Daniel Conner praying to be dis-
charged from their service in future and that he might be compensated for
the past, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be and they are hereby
authorised and requested to pay to Daniel Conner the sum of one hundred
dollars & fifty as a compensation for his services and the said Conner is
hereby discharged from any further attendance on this Committee--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 25th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Committee received a communication from the Secretary of the Navy dated on the 22d instant in reply to a letter from this committee of the 18th instant which was read and referred to the sub-committee heretofore appointed to raise funds for the erection of a Steam Frigate at this place--

A Letter was received from Messrs Evans & McNeal & others proprietors of the Scows which have been hitherto used as a bridge of boats across the Basin, praying for compensation for the same which was read and referred to the Committee of Accounts--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 26th Novr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee were informed by the chairman of the Committee of
Accounts that they had had an interview with Genl. Scott, in which he had
promised them that he should soon be enabled to furnish them with the
additional sum of ten thousand dollars to be applied to the payment of their
accounts--

The committee received a communication from Maj: Genl. Scott and also
one from Capt. S. Sterrett relative to a Fort which it was proposed to erect
on the Lands of the latter, which were severally read and referred to the
Superintendants of the Labourers in the Eastern Precincts--

Resolved, That the chairman of this Committee be and he is hereby
requested respectfully to enquire of the commanding officer of the Flotilla
whether it is in his power to afford protection to our Bay trade against the
depredations of small vessels of the Enemy which are now occasionally in the
practice of proceeding above Annapolis and even opposite to the mouth of our
River and thereby intercepting those supplies which are essential to the
wants & safety of our City--

The following letter was moved, read and approved and ordered to be
copied fair signed by the chairman and forwarded--

"The Honble The Secretary of the Navy--
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d instant and which has been submitted to the committee of vigilance and safety--Exhausted as our Banks have been by recent loans, we have found it necessary to resort to private individuals to complete the sum required for the Steam Frigate, and as the current price of 6 pr. ct. Stock is now 80 dollars money for 100 dollars stock the committee are apprehensive that the money can only be raised upon those terms; and I am directed to express the hope that the Secretary of the Treasury will upon this representation recede from his recent determination--

Our anxiety however, to have the benefit of such a mean of defence will induce us to use our best endeavours to obtain the money on the terms mentioned in your letter and if we succeed, the Government shall have the benefit thereof, but we respectfully urge that the commencement of the Boat may not on this account be delayed"--

The Committee then adjourned to 11 O'Clock A.M. on Monday next--

Baltimore 28th Novr. 1814

The committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of Saturday were read--

The committee received a communication from the Major General
which was read and referred to the Superintendants of the labourers in the
Eastern Precincts to execute the requisition therein contained immediately

The committee received a Letter from Com: Barney in reply to their
Resolution of the 26th instant which was read and ordered to be filed--

The Committee then adjourned--

(From orig. ms. at Md. Hist. Society)

Baltimore 29 Novr. 1814

The committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--and not anything being proposed
for adoption the committee adjourned--

Baltimore 30th Novr. 1814

The committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--and not anything being proposed for
adoption the committee adjourned--

Baltimore 1st Decr. 1814

The committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The committee received a Letter from Lieutenant Rutter respecting
the Vessels that were sunk in the River near Fort McHenry which was read
and ordered to be filed--

The following Letter was then read approved and order to (be)
copied and forwarded--

"Com: Joshua Barney

Sir

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety have this morning received
the report of Lieutenant Rutter relative to the situation of Vessels which were
sunk on the approach of the Enemy, and they are consequently induced to
believe that it would be desirable to raise some of those Ships and restore
them to their owners--

There is a law of the United States which authorises the sinking of
Hulks and therefore it will be an important saving to the Government if the
valuable Vessels can be immediately raised and returned to their proprietors--
and I am directed by the Committee to inquire whether this can be done by
the men of the Flotilla under your Command--I will thank you for an early
reply and have the Honor to be Sir your &c N. B. The committee received
a Communication from the Secretary of the Navy dated on the 28th ulto. which
was read and referred to the committee appointed to raise funds to defray
the expense of building a Steam Battery to consider & report thereon--

(This letter was received & referred on the 29th ulto. but owing (to) the Secretary of this committee's not being apprised of it in time, it has not been noticed in its proper place)--

The committee then adjourned

Baltimore 2 Decr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

Resolved, That Col: Howard & Mr. Patterson be and they are hereby
requested to wait on the Maj: General and intercede with him on behalf of
Thomas McGrath who has been, as the Committee are informed, condemned
to be shot, and endeavour to have him pardoned--

The Committee then adjourned--

Baltimore 3 Decr. 1814

The Committee of Vigilance & Safety met pursuant to adjournment--
the proceedings of yesterday were read--

The Sub-Committee appointed on the business of the Steam-floating
Battery,

Report, That only \$86,000 have been subscribed by the Banks, say
at the rate of \$100 Stock of the United States for \$80 money--These appear
to be the most favorable terms on which the Banks seem willing to subscribe--
Some of the Banks offering to loan will not do it on the terms, or trust to
what the 3,000,000 loan may be sold at--If therefore all the Banks were
willing to loan on the terms proposed by the Secretary of War, there would
still be \$64,000 required to make up the sum--The Sub-Committee are there-
fore of opinion, that, the estimated sum required to build the Steam Battery
cannot at present be raised by Loan on the terms set forth in the Secretarys
Letter of the 28th November--

The Major General having authorised the raising the Ships sunk for
the defence of the Harbour therefore--

Resolved, By the Committee of Vigilance & Safety that, Mr. Woelper
be and he is hereby authorised to call on the commanding officer of the Flotilla
and request him to raise and return accordingly, to their owners such of the
said Ships as may be deemed proper to remove--

Resolved That this Committee will hereafter meet only on Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 O'Clock A. M. --and when adjourned it shall be
adjourned to those days accordingly--

The Committee then adjourned--