

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of a night watch and watch house would respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration and would State, that in their opinion the increasing population of our city, with the ~~un-necessary~~ increase of property, renders it very necessary that a night watch should be established for the protection of the property of our citizens from loss, as well by fire, as dishonest persons, and that a night watch cannot fully perform this duty without a watchhouse, for all suspicious persons arrested during the night —

Your Committee would recommend as a watch house the room formed around the base of the liberty pole on the Public Square, as a proper place with some small improvements — All which is respectfully submitted
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Samuel Grier