Mr Gittings renewed the motion to adjourn, which prevailed, and the Branch accordingly adjourned until Monday afternoon next, at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order,

S. H. Moore, Clerk.

Monday, March 19th, 1838.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment - Present, John B. Seidenstricker, Esq. President, and all the Members except Messrs. Howard, Gittings, and Tensfield.

The following message from the Mayor, was received and read.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, March, 19th 1838.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed a "resolution authorizing the square known as Mount Vernon Place, and Washington Place, graded, &c." which originated in your Branch

Respectfully

Your obedt Servant,

J. Smith, Mayor.

The report and resolution from the Joint Committee on the Alms House, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr Cross laid on the table.

Mr Mettyen from the Committee submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Markets to whom was referred, so much of the Mayors Communication relating to the purchase of a vacant lot of ground on the North side of Lexington Street, from Green to Pearl Streets, for the improvement of the Lexington Market, and of a subsequent request of the City Council, to the Mayor, requesting him to ascertain on what terms the said lot of ground, could be obtained; your Committee have given the subject their serious attention and from the many improvements made and now making in that section of the City, and believing that the lot in question is actually necessary for the extension of the Market and convenience of the Citizens, and also believing the property could not be procured at the same

(price)

price if delayed much longer, but a considerable advance perhaps double the amount now asked for it, would be demanded. They have come to the conclusion that the said lot should be immediately purchased by the City, for the extension of said Market.

They therefore offer the following resolution.

Daniel Mettyen,
Joseph Bolton,
Robert Howard,
Walter Ball,
} First Branch.
} Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore - That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a vacant lot of ground from the proprietor or proprietors, situated on the North side of Lexington Street, running from and binding on Green and Pearl Streets about ninety-six feet, for the purpose and for the use of the Lexington Market, and draw on the Register of the City, who is hereby authorized to pay a sum not exceeding Fifteen Thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for that to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of a suitable person to keep the Town Clock, and Alarm Bell in order, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the Second Branch.

A message was sent to the Second Branch informing them that this Branch receded from the amendment proposed to the Bill for regulating the sweeping of Chimneys, &c.

The revised Ordinance from the Second Branch entitled, "An Ordinance for the better regulation of Rail Road Cars," was read the second time, the amendment of the Second Branch concurred in, the Bill passed and returned.

Mr Smith from the Committee, submitted the following reports which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Fire Companies to whom was referred the several applications of Fire Companies for special appropriations for replacing their Hose, and putting their apparatus in efficient order to render them in a situation for service, and also for the payments of arrears due on some of the buildings for the accomodation of the same &c. have examined into their respective petitions, and ask leave to offer the following resolution.