Canal Street filled up to the proper grade of Canal Street &c." a "resolution authorising the City Commissioners to have the Fire plugs in the Hanover Market repaired", and a "resolution directing the City Commissioners to purchase rivetted Hose for the use of the Hanover Market &c." all of which originated in your Branches.

Very Respectfully,
S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

The following message from the Mayor was also received and read:

Mayor's Office, March 20th 1839.

To the Members of the First Branch and Second Branche of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have this day received, and send you a Communication from the City Commissioners and Port Warden, on that often discussed question, as to the proper course to be pursued in relation to that constant cause of complaint "Jones Falls", I respectfully ask for it that consideration which the nature of so important a measure may require, and require, and whatever may be the conclusion of your deliberations. I hope you will deem it proper and necessary to take prompt and decisive action upon the subject.

By the mail from Annapolis I have received a certified Copy (which I also send you) of an "Act, to authorise the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to levy hereafter upon the assessable property within the City of Baltimore, a direct tax, not exceeding the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, with full power and authority by Ordinance to collect the same."

Yours, Respectfully,
S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Mathiot a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer the said Communication and the Communication from the City Commissioners accompanying the same to the Joint Committee on the Harbor. The Second Branch returned a message assenting thereto. On motion of Mr. Sidenstricker the Act of Assembly referred to in the said Communication, was referred to the consideration

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of the Second Branch.

Mr. Sidenstricker on leave introduced a Bill entitled A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance relating to public schools approved May 22d. 1838, which was read a first time.

The following Communication from the City Collector was received read and referred to the Joint Select Committee heretofore appointed on the subject.

Collector's Office, 20th March 1839.

In answer to the resolution of this date, I have to state, that after a careful examination of the Assessor's Books, that the agents for foreign Insurance Companies are not assessed on their Capitals to the amount of one cent.

Very Respectfully submitted,
Jacob Deems Col.

Mr. Metzger from the Committee, submitted the following report, which was read a first time.

The Joint Committee on Markets to whom was referred the petition of Francis Howell and others, relative to erecting a Market House on Federal Hill, have given the subject referred to them their consideration, and ask leave to report, that pursuant to a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, approved April 18th., 1838, the Mayor has opened a correspondence with the owners of property suitable for a Market house on Light and Williams-Streets, and by answers from the different owners of property, which answers are hereby presented, the price asked is upwards of $10.000.

The Committee are of opinion that the price asked for the ground alone is too much for the City to expend, and think it will be inadvisable at this time to propose an appropriation for the above purpose, and ask leave to offer the following resolution.

Daniel Metzger, Francis Burns, Henry Powell, } Committee of the First Branch.

William Keaney, William Barnet, B. C. Roe, } Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Sidenstricker on leave offered the following resolution,

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