Mr. Callam presented a memorial from the President & Directors of the Maryland Hospital praying for the closing up of a part of the old Joppa road for the purpose of extending the grounds of said Institution for the benefit more especially of the Lunatic patients which was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Bender from the Committee submitted the following report and a bill entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance to regulate the several markets in the City of Baltimore approved May 22d. 1838." which bill was read a first and by special order the second time passed and sent to the second Branch.

The Joint Committee on Markets to whom was referred a resolution relative to the propriety of changing the conditions of the 7th. section of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance regulating the several markets of this city which ordinance directs that Monday and Thursday of each week shall be the days for holding markets have had the same under consideration and believe that said alteration is expedient; they would therefore ask leave to report by Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted.

Daniel Bender, Francis Byrne, Henry Powel } Committee of the First Branch.

Nov. Kearney, William Barnet, B. C. Robb } Committee of the Second Branch

The following message from the Mayor was received and read.

Mayors Office
February 17th. 1840.

To the Members of the First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen —

I have approved and signed "An Ordinance to continue in force a supplement to an Ordinance to regulate the several markets in the City of Baltimore" and "a report and resolution from the Joint Committee on Fire Companies relative to the petition of Peter Fanning to alter a frame building" each of which originated in your Branch.

Yours, Respectfully

S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

Mr. Pindell offered the following resolution which was read.

(Resolved)

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Police be directed to enquire into the expediency of preventing all individuals, Fire Companies excepted, from trying their Engines, or squirting on the pavement below the Centre Market, in cold weather, thereby endangering the people's lives and repeatedly filling Branch by hill, or otherwise.

Mr. Snyder moved to strike out "Police" and insert "Streets". Mr. Watkins moved to amend the above motion by striking out "Streets" and inserting "Markets" — Mr. Bender moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Markets" and inserting "Water", which last amendment being concurred in the resolution as amended was adopted.

A communication from the Register in compliance with an order of the Branch, covering the return of the Registers of voters for the several Wards, was received, read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Brown from the Committee, submitted the following report and a bill entitled "An Ordinance to reimburse the stock becoming due in the year 1840," which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred so much of the report of the Commissioners of Finance, as relates to the redemption of the City Debt becoming due in 1840 beg leave to report that the amount of debt spoken of is $100,000 5 per cent Stock, to meet the payment of which the Commissioners report $2,160 in the sinking fund leaving a balance to be provided for of $97,840. to make provision for the payment of which your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution.

Joseph Brown, Charles M. Keyser, James Hooper } Committee of the First Branch.

Saml. Jones Jr., Samuel Harden, W. J. Wright } Committee of the Second Branch.

The resolution for the removal of fences in the bed of Monument Street was read the second time. Mr. Pindell moved to strike out '$50' and insert '$100' — before the question was put, setting motion, the second Branch being invited to join the First Branch in convention both Branches met in Convention and after a considerable time engaged therein the Convention rose, and the Branches seperated. The Branch having resumed the consideration of the resolution relative to removing fences from the beds of Monument

(Street)