for the opening of Caroline Alley from Caroline Street to Spring Street, endorsed "Will pass with the proposed amendment" Amendment proposed, strike out all after the words "Alley" in the 4th section, which being read, the whole subject was on motion of Mr. Callam, laid on the table.

A Communication from the Counsellor of the City containing a Statement of Cases now pending in the Courts of Law and equity of this State, to which the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are party, & interested in the subject matter in Controversy, was received from the Mayor, and on motion of Mr. Callam laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

The Second Branch returned the resolution on the petition of Charles G. Lucas endorsed "Concurred in."

The Branch then adjourned until To-morrow Afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order.

S. H. Moore Clerk.



Friday, March 13th 1840.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Henry Powell, Esq. President pro tem. and all the Members except Mr. Brady.

Mr. Stansbury presented a petition from James Armstrong and Anthony Hardenson, praying for the filling up and grading of Canal street, between Gough and Bank streets, which was read and referred to the next annual session of the City Council.

A resolution for repairing the fence at Charles Street Spring, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the resolution respecting manure being deposited on Franklin Street, endorsed "Concurred in."

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon the Mayor and ascertain whether he has any thing further to communicate, as the Councils were about to adjourn sine die, and naming Mr. Keeney on their part; a message was returned assenting thereto, and naming Messrs Prindle and Keyser on the part of this Branch.

Mr. Pinkney on leave offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor of the City be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to dispose of the City cases in the Courts of this State, to which the Corporation is a party, on such terms and in such manner as may be most conducive to the interests of the City; the above cases being those reported to the Councils by the Counsellor of the City on 29th February 1840 page 326 of the First Branch Journal.

Mr. Pinkney moved the following Amendment thereto, which was read and concurred in; insert after the words "City" 9th line, the following "as of long standing, and where the parties are dead or insolvent" — The resolution as amended was then concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "Concurred in."

The following Message from the Mayor was received and read.

Mayor's Office
March 13th 1840.

To the Members of the First Branch of the City Council.
(Gentlemen)