at this time to recommend an appropriation for any thing except new desks & chairs & cleaning and repairing the old ones, they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Can Bender Chas Kayser J Teels Can Brown
Can Jones Jr W J Wright " 2 "

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to procure for the use of the Councils sixty new desks and chairs & to have the old ones repaired so as to correspond with the new ones and to charge in the register with the approbation of the Mayor for the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars so much thereof as may be required. Mr Dallam moved to strike out all after the word "Chairs" in the 4th line to the word "and" in the 6th line which was dissented from. The report & resolution were then concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas Messrs President Tenby Teels Grinch Hutton Blakeney Heller Deughery Keenan Cole Donovan Bender Burns Kayser Hack Peregoy 16.

Nays Messrs Myers Ramsay Broadshaw Dallam Pulkney Jones Brown 6.

The report & resolution of the Joint Committee on water relative to the fence at the cistern pumping was read a second time & concurred in.

Report and resolution of the Joint Committee on fire Companies on the petition of Joseph Jameson was received from the Joint branch read a first time and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr J T Brown the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock

By order
Henry W Gray
Clerk pro tem

Friday March 19th 1841.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present Henry Snyder Esquire president, and all the members except Mr Dryden.

A communication was received through the Mayor from William L Richardson agent of the Baltimore City and County Alms House, which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on the Alms House.

A communication was received from William Gwynn Esquire late Counsellor of the city, through the Mayor, read & ordered to be printed on the journal showing a statement of cases pending in law or in equity in the different courts of this state in which the city of Baltimore is interested as a party.

Mr Pinkney offered the following resolution which was read & concurred in.

Resolved that the City Commissioners furnish to this Branch the contract between themselves and Geo Mellemann relative to building Pratt street bridge, the cost of said bridge the date and amounts of payments made to him on account, the balance now due to him on account, and what is the customary practice in their office that the amount of money due to contractors on completion of work contracted for has been paid forthwith to such contractors.

A communication was received from the City Commissioners relative to Security Alley, which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

The report & resolution from the Joint committee on the harbor relating to the petition of Wm McDonald was read a second time & concurred in.

Mr Cole presented a petition from James O'Hara praying permission to occupy a strip six feet of ground upon West Fallis avenue which was read & referred to the Mayor by the following vote.

Yeas Messrs President Tenby Myers Ramsay Teels Grinch Hutton Blakeney Heller Keenan Broadshaw Dallam Pulkney John S Brown John T Brown Burns Kayser Hack 18.

Nays Messrs Donovan Deughery Clap Bender Peregoy 4.

Mr Cole from the Joint select Committee to whom was referred the memorial on the subject of gas submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first time and