the following bill

P Gamble James Simms Com 1 Branch

Frazier G W Krebs W Wilson Com 2 Branch

On motion of Mr Fagant the branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past three o'clock

By order

Henry M Gray clerk

Wednesday December 29th 1848

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present Henry Snyder Esquire president and all the members except Messrs Taylor Norris Stark & Zimmerman.

Mr McCormick presented a petition from James J Stewart & others relating to the depreciation of the stock orders of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company.

On motion of Mr McCormick the same together with the petition from Wm Schaff and others were referred to the joint committee on ways & means.

Mr Schwamner presented a petition from Mary Freeman praying to be reimbursed a sum of money for taxes unnecessarily paid by her which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

On motion of Mr Gamble the branch resumed the consideration of bill no 9 which was read a second time & will pass.

Mr Roberts offered the following preamble & resolution which were read a first and by special order a second time and laid on the table

Whereas the council have particularly engaged on that part of the Mayors message relative to the Baltimore & Ohio rail road stock orders. And whereas the opinion prevails with many citizens that a longer legislation of the council on the same will in trade have a tendency to depreciate the value of said stock orders as a circulating medium rather than enhance them. Therefore, Resolved that it is inexpedient for the council to legislate during the present extra session longer on the subject of the currency, and that the same be deferred until the next annual session.

Mr Ludlow asked & obtained leave to offer the following resolution which was read a first time & laid on the table

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that General J C Sullivan the late Mayor is hereby respectfully

requested to sit for his portrait to be taken for the purpose of being suspended in the city Hall in the chamber of the first Branch among those of his predecessors in the Mayoralty

Resolved that a Joint committee be appointed to make arrangements for and to superintend the painting of the aforesaid portrait during the recess of the city council, and that to defray the expense thereof the sum of one hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be required be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid by the register with the approbation of the Mayor out of any money not otherwise appropriated to the order of the aforesaid committee.

Mr Ludlow asked for a suspension of the rules to have the resolution read a second time which was concurred in by the following vote Ayes Messrs President Sandeman McKenney Rochester Roberts Gamble Von McCormick, Blakeney Snyder Ludlow Cole Fagant Schwamner Quinn Turner Greenfield Spenzer Cushane 17.

Nays Messrs McKenney Pendergast Walton Stinchcomb 4

The yeas & nays being called for by Mr Schwamner

Mr Blakeney moved to refer the same to the next annual session which was denied from.

Mr Gamble moved to add the following as an amendment

Resolved that said Committee be requested to have a portrait of James Calhoun and also a portrait of General Samuel Smith painted and hung in the chamber of the First branch of the City Council and that the sum of dollars be appropriated for payment of the same.

Mr Gamble also moved to amend the amendment by filling the blank with "two hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect which was concurred in by the following vote. the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Spenzer.

Ayes Messrs President Sandeman McKenney Roberts Gamble Von Pendergast Walton McCormick Blakeney Snyder Bouldnow Ludlow Fagant Quinn Turner Greenfield Spenzer Cushane 19.

Nays Messrs McKenney Rochester Cole Schwamner Stinchcomb 5. The amendment as amended was concurred in by the following vote. Ayes Messrs President Sandeman McKenney Rochester Roberts Gamble Von Pendergast Snyder Cole Bouldnow Ludlow Fagant Quinn Turner & Spenzer 16