Resolved that the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to lend from the military pertaints which now lying in the chamber of the Joint Branch of the City Council to the Officers of the Baltimore City Guards upon their giving him sufficient security to return them in as good order as they now are.

Mr Richards moved to amend the resolution by adding "and that the same be loaned to any person or persons that may hereafter apply for the same on their giving satisfactory security as aforesaid which was dissented from. The original resolution was also dissented from.

Mr Blakeney called for the report resolution of the Joint Committee on claims on the petition of Thomas Pierce made during the January extra session which was read & recommitted to the same committee.

On motion of Mr Cochrane the branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past 3 o'clock

By order Henry N. Gray clerk

Monday February 21st 1842

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present Henry Snyder Esq President and all the members except Mr Zimmerman.

Mr Joseph C Ramsay presented a petition from James Lima and others praying that a fence 7 feet high may be erected which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

Mr Gingell presented a petition from Henry Potts and others praying for the erection of a shed at the Bell on market which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on markets.

Mr McCormick presented a petition from Robert Holloway asking payment of a bill for repairs of the bell attached to the Independent Engine house which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on claims.

Mr Stonger presented a petition from I Enoch & others asking an appropriation for tumbling down the street from Lombard to Hollins Street which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on Streets.

Mr Gingell presented a petition from Thomas Rank and others against the changing the time of holding the markets at the Bell on market, which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on markets.

A communication was received through the mayor from Captain Samuel Ringold of the third artillery company relating to the repairing the fort and which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

A communication was received from the directors on the part of the City of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company in pursuance of a resolution calling on them to state the number of officers that are appointed by their respective companies with the salaries they receive, the duties they performed &c which on motion of Mr McCormick was sent to the second Branch proposing to refer the same to the Joint Committee on Internal Improvement. The second Branch concurred.

Mr Tagart asked and obtained leave to offer the following resolution which was read a first time.

Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to use all possible diligence in securing the services of eminent counsel to assist him in defending such suits as may be instituted against the corporation of Baltimore consequent upon the action of the mayor in refusing his signature to certain ordinances passed by the Council.

On motion of Mr Hoffman the resolution from the Joint Committee on streets on the petition of B Sandeter was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the second Branch.

On motion of Mr Hoffman the resolution from the Joint Committee on streets on the petition of Thos R Barney & others was read a second time & laid on the table.

Mr Landerman from the Joint Committee on ways and means submitted the following report and resolution which was read a first time.

The Joint Committee on ways and means