The bill entitled a supplement to an ordinance relating to the public debt of the city of Baltimore was received from the second branch endorsed "will pass" with the proposed amendment, which was to strike out in the 7th line 3rd section "$2000" and insert "$1700". The amendment was dissented from by the following vote, the Yeas 9 nays 14.

The report and resolution of the Joint Committee on education on the communication of the school commissioners was returned from the second branch endorsed "concurred in".

Mr Gorsuch from the Joint Committee on police submitted the following report and a bill which was read a first time.

The Joint Committee on police to whom was referred the petition of Philemon Tuck and John B Tracy inspectors of butter and lard, and also a resolution both of which request the Committee to amend the ordinances relating to the Inspection of butter and lard have given that subject their attention, and are of opinion that said ordinances require some amendment, and beg leave to recommend to the consideration of the Councils the following ordinance. P Gorsuch S H Tagart W H Cole Jr 1st Branch

F Lucas Jr W Barnet J E Hambleton 2d "

Bill No 22 was received from the second Branch endorsed will pass with the proposed amendment, which was read and laid on the table. "Amendments proposed to bill No 22. Strike out all after the word cents in 8th line to the word interest in the 11th inclusive. Strike out in 49th the word "editors" insert publishers" strike out in 49th the word editors insert publishers strike out in 72 line "fifteen" insert seventeen" strike out in 73 line seven insert nine, strike out in 74th line "and fifty" after the word dollars in 74th line add and fractional" five hundred dollars.

Mr Hack from the Joint Committee on fire companies, submitted the following reports and resolutions which were read a first and by special order assumed time & concurred in.

The Joint Committee on fire companies to whom were referred the petitions of the Watchman & Columbian fire companies asking for special appropriations to enable them to discharge debts, &c for other purposes, respectfully report that as all the respective fire companies that had asked for similar appropriations had had the same granted, they therefore offer the following resolutions

W C Hack W H Blakeney 1st Branch

W Kenny J Hack Jr J S Gittings 2nd "

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the watchmen and Columbian fire companies, to be paid in equal sums to each of the companies aforesaid, and subject to the same restrictions that are made of all the respective fire companies receiving special appropriations, and the register of the city with the approbation of the mayor is hereby authorised to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

The Joint Committee on fire companies to whom were referred the petitions of the mechanical and Friendship fire companies and the resolutions of the constabulary of the Common council upon the subject of a general fire alarm bell, respectfully report that they have had the same subject before them during the present session, and cannot for the reasons heretofore given recommend any action of the Council at the present time, and therefore offer the following resolution

W C Hack W H Blakeney 1st Branch

W Kenny J Hack Jr J S Gittings 2nd "

Resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office March 22nd 1842

To the members of the Joint Branch City Council.

Gentlemen. I have approved and signed "an ordinance to lay a called school tax for the repairs of Bridges and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore" "an ordinance to provide for the payment of certain expenses of courts, courts, Jail &c." "an ordinance to provide for the payment of standing expenses of the city court of Baltimore, and for the city prison in the alms House of Baltimore city and County" "a supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate the several markets of the city" "a resolution to accept a deed from the President and directors of the Baltimore Turnpike road company &c" also a resolution authorising the payment of a sum of money to the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the Mayor.

All of which respectfully Henry Snyder Mayor Ex officio

On motion of Mr Tagart the Branch adjourned until Tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock By order. Henry M Gray clerk