the Baltimore & Susquehanna Rail road Company was read a second time & indefinitely postponed. The report & resolution of the Joint Committee on ways & means on the petition of Jacob Deems was read a second time & concurred in.

Mr J O'Ramsay from the Joint Committee on education submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first time. The Joint Committee on education to whom was referred the communication of the public schools commissioners relative to purchasing the assembly rooms have considered upon the subject & beg leave to offer the following resolution.

J O'Ramsay Chairman W C Roberts A Brauchle
W C Colston S Jones Jr 2nd "

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the Commissioners of public schools be authorised to contract for the purchase of the assembly rooms to be used for the purposes of a high school, provided that inspection of the premises for the same shall full due before the 15 June 1844.

Mr Gounde from the Joint Committee on petitions submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first time.

The Joint Committee on petitions to whom was referred the communication from the City Commissioners relative to the Middle District Watch House have had the subject under consideration & believe that some alterations might be made that would greatly add to the comfort & health of persons confined in said Watch house & beg leave to offer the following resolution

P Gounde S H Tugent W H Hole Jr A Brauchle
J Lucas Jr W Barnet J H Humbird 2nd "

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the City Commissioners be & they are hereby authorised to cause to be cut the two passages in the Middle District Watch House in such a way as will supply the prisoners with fresh air & let in the rays of the sun & they be and are hereby authorised & directed to draw on the Register for the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars or so much thereof as will be required to carry the same into effect. A Communication was read from the Mayor & Council to the 2 Branches of the Council in Convention assembled. Messrs Cole & Richardson were appointed to invite the 2nd Branch into Convention. The two Branches met & then adjourned. On motion of Mr Gounde the Branches adjourned until ten o'clock A.M. on the 12 first & day. By order Wm Keeper Secy

Tuesday April 5th 1842

The Branches met pursuant to adjournment. Present Henry Snyder Esquire President and twelve members except Messrs Bradshaw & Hack.

Mr Cole presented a petition from Hugh Kennedy praying to be paid for refreshments furnished a company on guard duty which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on claims.

Mr McConnell asked to have the bill authorising the issue of certificates of stock to pay the debt of the city & the interest which was read a first time by special order & ordered to be read a second time & will pass.

Mr Gounde called for the resolution relating to the city watch houses which was read a second time & concurred in.

Mr Cole moved that a message be sent to the second branch proposing with their concurrence the appointment of a Joint select committee to wait on the mayor to inform him the councils would adjourn sine die this evening, and ask him if he had any further communication to make which was agreed to & Messrs Cole Tugent & Stagler were appointed the Committee.

The second Branch concurred & appointed on their part Messrs Lucas & Barnet.

Mr McConnell called for the resolution attached to the report of the Joint Committee on education relative to the purchase of the assembly rooms which was read a second time.

Mr J O'Ramsay moved to amend the resolution by inserting at the end of the resolution the words "and adjoining lot on Holliday street if it can be reasonably obtained" which was concurred in. Mr McConnell moved to insert after the word "to" in the third line the words "negotiate for and in their discretion to purchase" and strike out the words "contract for the purchase of the" was agreed to. The resolution as amended was concurred in by the following vote Yeas 21 Nays 3.

On motion of Mr McConnell the Branches resumed the consideration of bill No 44 which was read a second time & will pass Yeas 16 nays 7.

A resolution making an appropriation for paving Lombard & Front streets bridges was read from the second branch & first by special order a second time & concurred in.

The second branch returned the resolution authorising the best of the Hanover market house endorsed concurred in