branch (not to exceed one person for each paper) shall, upon giving the president satisfactory assurances that he or they are authorised by such proprietor or proprietors, to report for such paper, be permitted to take seats within the bar of this chamber; convenient to the clerk's table, at any time during the session of the Council, excepting when the two branches are in convention: Provided, however, that the city shall incur no expense in procuring desks or other conveniences for their accommodation.

Mr. Walsh, from the joint committee to wait on the Mayor, reported verbally that they had been informed by Mr. Myers, the clerk, that the Mayor's health was such that he could not be seen at present.

On motion of Mr. Watkins the branch agreed to adopt the Joint Rules for the government of the last Council until new rules were adopted

A message was recieved from the Second Branch proposing that when the Councils adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next – which was assented to.

The President appointed Messrs Myers, Kemp and Hack committee on elections.

On motion of Mr. Ringrose, it was ordered that the Rules for the government of this Branch, and the joint rules for the government of both branches, be printed on the journal.

A resolution was recieved from the Second Branch authorising the city commissioners to have the walls and ceiling of the two branches white washed, which was read a first, and by special order the second time.

Mr. Rochester moved to amend the same by striking out the words "as early as practicable", and insert "during the present week" which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended, was then concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

On motion of Mr. Rochester a message was sent to the Second Branch asking them to return the resolution relating to whitewashing, which was agreed to by the Second Branch.

Mr. Rochester moved to reconsider the vote which was agreed to, and the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Furniance the branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past 3 O'clock.

By order

Henry. W. Gray

Monday January 23rd 1843

The branch met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present – Henry Snyder Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Brown.

Mr. Joseph A. Ramsey presented a petition from the Deptford Fire Company, praying to have their apparatus removed to some suitable building prepared for that purpose, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr. Naylor presented a petition from C. Selbach and others, praying the extension of Belle Air Market House – which was read and referred to the joint committee on markets.

The following message was recieved from the Mayor & read:

Mayor's Office
Baltimore January 16th 1843

To the members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

By another revolution of the seasons, the period has arrived for the annual assemblage of our municipal legislature.

This event exacts of me the compliance with a chartered requisition by submitting to your review our corporate condition, accompanied by such suggestions as may be deemed advisable. In the performance of this duty, it is designed to