on retrenchment:

City Commissioner's Office,
January 26, 1843.

To the Honorable
the First Branch City Council:

Gentlemen:

In answer to your resolution of this date, "Instructing the city commissioners to report a plan for the division of the city into districts, so as to insure as far as possible an equal division of labour; as to the duties with the execution of which the said commissioners are now charged." I am directed to inform you that, as far as the said commissioners have any knowledge on this subject, the city has always been divided into districts, apportioning the labor to each as near equal as practicable, and that the following is the present division, viz:

The first division comprises all that part of the city East of Jones' Falls.

The second, all that part West of the Falls, and North of Baltimore Street.

And the third, all that part West of the Falls, and South of Baltimore Street. Which division is believed to be as equitable as could well be made.

Respectfully submitted,
By Order
R. B. Warden,
Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ringrose, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order
Henry. Wm. Gray,
Clerk.

Friday January 27th 1843

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

Mr. Roberts presented a petition from Thomas Gifford and others, asking for a special appropriation for the Lafayette Hose Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr. Roberts presented a petition from Wm. Callender and others, praying that the fence bounding on the West Side of the Columbian Gardens may be removed, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

Mr. Roberts presented the annual report of the Lafayette Hose Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr. Lucas presented the annual report of the Mechanical Fire Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr. Providence presented a petition from Thomas Williams and others, praying for the erection of an additional Public School, which was read and referred to the joint committee on education.

Mr. Providence presented a petition from Samuel Hanner and others, counter to the petition of Andrew Brawner, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Mr. Spear presented a petition from J. A. Otto and others, praying an imposition of taxes on hawkers and pedlars, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

The President presented a petition from John B. Seidenstricker relating to city taxes for 1841 and 1842, which was read and referred to the joint committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, the resolution in favor of Ann Bradshaw was read a second time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Kemp the resolution in favor of Ann Water House was read a second time.

Mr. Hack moved to amend the resolution by ad