The resolutions making the annual appropriations &c to the Fire Companies were read the second time and adopted.
The resolutions relative to an extra session of the Legislature of Maryland were called up by Mr Walsh.
Mr Purviance offered the following as a substitute for the above,
Whereas, The bill reported at the recent session of the Legislature for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, was after full discussion rejected both in its original shape and in the various modified forms in which it was subsequently presented and whereas the resolution offered in the House of Delegates requesting the governor to call an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of re-considering the subject was rejected by a decisive vote of 46 to 23,
And whereas the late rise in State securities was owing to the expectation generally entertained, that efficient measures for the maintenance of the public faith would be adopted by the Legislature, and the present decline in those securities can be ascribed only to the disappointment of that expectation, and is entirely independent of the cause to which it has been attempted to ascribe it, namely, the rejection of the canal bill
And whereas in their opinion the measures urged by the advocates of the canal bill, would invade the most disastrous consequences, whether considered in their financial results to the state and the public creditors; or with reference to their inevitable effect upon the most important interests of the city of Baltimore, and whereas the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company proffer the use of the rail road as a feeder to the canal at dam No 6. at rates of charges on coal as low as those at which the canal Company profess to be able to carry it by the canal, if completed, and it is just and proper that the experiment be fairly tried in order to test, as well the capabilities of the rail road, as the question of the demand for the coal. therefore
Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That in their opinion the decision of the House of Delegates upon the canal question is entitled to the approbation and applause of the citizens of Maryland, and that those members who resisted the unjust and unfounded clamor excited for insidious purposes, against the city of Baltimore, and the great with which she is so closely identified specially deserve the thanks of this community.

Resolved That an extra session of the Legislature is unnecessary and inexpedient, and could in no way tend advance the public interest,
Which was agreed to by the following vote,
The yeas and nays being required by Mr Walsh
Yeas. Messrs Fields, Whitford, Roberts, Grouch, Turner, John A Kennedy, Farquharson, Purviance, Kemp, S S Brown, Fisher, Wright, Norman, Snyder – 14,
Nays. Messrs President, Grieves, Hudson, Brock, G Brown, Browning, Ridgely, Russell, Miller, Blackburn, Miles Heuister – 12
The question recurring upon the adoption of the substitute as the original proposition, was agreed to by the following vote,
The yeas and nays being required by Mr Grouch,
Yeas. Messrs Fields, Hudson, Whitford, Roberts, Grouch, Turner, John A Kennedy, Farquharson, Purviance, Kemp, S S Brown, Fisher, Browning, Wright, Norman, Russell, Miller, Snyder – 18
Nays. Messrs. President, Grieves, Brock, G Brown, Ridgely, Blackburn, Miles Heuister – 8
A resolution relative to paying certain money to the Baltimore United Fire Department, was received from the Second Branch, and read,
On motion of Mr Fields, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at half past 3 o. clock.

By Order
Wm Hope Clerk

Tuesday March 19th 1844
The Branch met pursuant to adjournment
Present. J Yates Walsh Esq President, and all the members except Mr Fisher,
Mr Farquharson presented a petition from Moses Sheppard praying to be refunded certain taxes over paid, Referred to the Committee on Claims.
Mr Purviance presented a petition from J H McHenry and Wm Geo Read asking the assent of the Corporation to shut up J. Alley Read and referred to the Committee on Streets,
Mr Browning presented a petition from Wm O Eichelberger and others, praying the opening of West street, read and referred to the Committee on Streets also
A petition from A Groveman asking to be refunded certain taxes over paid Referred to the Committee on claims.