Mr Browning presented a petition from Mr Harrison and others asking the extension of the city watch, Read and referred to the committee on streets.

Mr Mules presented a petition from J Etting and others, asking that a sewer be placed over Vine street. Read and referred to the committee on streets,

Mr Snyder presented a petition from Edward Hinckly and others praying that Charles street may be opened to Jones falls and a bridge erected across said falls. Read and referred to the committee on Bridges,

Mr Farquharson offered the following resolution,

Resolved, That the City Commissioners &c. and they are hereby requested to report to the First Branch of the City Council, any information which may be in their possession in regard to a pump, &c erected by P McDonald, on North st near the Susquehanna Depot,

Which was adopted,

The following was received from the Mayor and read

Mayors Office
Baltimore March 26th 1844

Gentlemen of the First Branch
of the City Council,

I have approved and signed the following resolutions, which originated in your Branch viz a resolution relative to the annual appropriation to the different Fire Companies, a resolution to pay Wm Cooke for money,

Very respectfully
Your Obedient servant
Jas. O. Law. Mayor,

Mr Fields offered the following,

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be and they hereby requested to inform the Councils of the probable cost of re-grading and re paving east Baltimore Street from Eden street to Canal street and also to request the Susquehanna Rail Road Company to repair their track where it crosses East Baltimore Street so as to make it in as good condition as it was before the track was laid down,

Which was adopted

Mr Gosnell submitted the following report,

The Joint Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of James McHenry and William George Read, relative to the closing of J alley from Lee street to Welcome alley, have examined the subject and find the parties applying to have said alley closed own the property on both sides of J alley. The committee have also been furnished by the owners of the aforesaid ground with a special act of Assembly, passed at its late session for the closing of said alley they therefore ask leave to offer the following bill,

J Gosnell, Horatio Miller, Isaac Mules,
Committee of the First Branch,

Jr J Wright, Henry R Louderman, Hugh Bolton,
Committee of the Second Branch,

An Ordinance to close J alley which was read a first and by special order the second time, and passed,

Mr Blackburn offered the following,

A supplement to an ordinance making appropriations for the year 1844, which was read,

The Mayor transmitted a petition from A Kirkland, and Daniel Dail, asking for lamps &c. to be placed at the High st Church, Referred to the City Commissioners,

Mr Purviance called up bill No 35 and moved to strike out in 1st section sixth line the word three, agreed to,

The bill as amended was passed,

Also bill No 35. which was read the second time and passed,

Also bill No 36. which was read the second time and passed,

Also bill No 37 and moved to strike out in 1st section third line three fourths of a cent and insert two and a half cents,

Mr Snyder moved to strike out the enacting clause which was lost by the following vote,

The yeas and nays being called by Mr Wright,

Yeas Messrs Fields, Hudson, Whiteford, Roberts, N R Kennedy, P S Brown, Wright, Russell, Miller, Snyder, Neuister - 11

Nays Messrs President, Grieves, Hughes, Breck, E Brown, Gosnell, Turner, John H Kennedy, Farquharson, Purviance, Kemp, Browning Foreman, Ridgely, Blackburn, - 16.

The amendment was agreed to by the following vote,

Yeas Messrs President, Grieves, Hughes, Whiteford, Breck, Gosnell,