Saml Boyd, Wm J Wright, John L Reese
Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Edward Hinckley and others,
Which was read.
On motion of Mr Penrance, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock
By Order,
Wm Hope Clerk.

Monday April 1st 1844
The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present J Yates Walsh Esq President and all the members except Mr Fisher.
Mr Kemp presented a petition from J M Smith and P Malcom praying that Monument Square be repaired, Read and referred to the Committee on streets.
Mr Farquharson presented a petition from Alexander Gregg, asking to be refunded taxes over paid, Referred to the Committee on claims.
Mr Penrance offered the following,
An ordinance to authorise John B Lendenstricker to close certain pumps having and repairing taxes,
The resolution relative to paving Clay street at the east end of the bridge, was read a second time and concurred in,
Mr Grieves submitted the following,
The joint Committee on the Harbor, to whom was referred the petition of John B Howell and three hundred others, asking that Jones Falls may be straightened by cutting through a channel at the City block and also praying that the Dredging Machines should be employed to remove the obstructions in the Harbor from the mouth of the falls to Donnells wharf, have had both subjects under consideration and beg leave to report the annexed resolution,
James Grieves, William J Browning
Committee of the First Branch,
Henry R Loudermann, Samuel Boyd, David Taylor
Committee of the Second Branch,
Resolved, That the subject of cutting a channel through the city block for the purpose of straightening Jones Falls be referred to the next annual session of the City Council,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to employ the Dredging Machines in removing the obstructions in the Harbor from Patterson's to Donnells wharf, and be so used by them in any part of the basin, which may be advantageous to deepening the harbor.
Which was read a first and by special order the second time and adopted
Mr Forman submitted the following report,
The joint Committee on Markets to whom was referred the petition of Francis Hoover and others, complaining that the existing practice of cooking meat in the Centre Market is a great nuisance have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the evil complained of ought to be corrected, they therefore respectfully submit the subjoined bill,
Francis Forman, J Gosnell, James Hills,
Committee of the First Branch,
Geo McGill
Committee of the Second Branch,
And a bill entitled a supplement to an ordinance, entitled an ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore, which was read a first and by special order the second time and laid on the table
The resolution relative to lost children was read the second time and adopted,
On motion of Mr Snyder a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to go into convention to morrow, to appoint a Commissioner of Finance in the place of Jno J Donaldson Esq resigned, the Second Branch assented,
Mr Farquharson submitted the following
The Joint Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of James Grieves have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the claim is just and should be granted they therefore offer the following resolution,
Charles Farquharson, John J Brown, William J Roberts
Committee of the First Branch,
Daniel Bender, John J Gittings, Geo McGill,
Committee of the Second Branch,
Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby directed to pay to James Grieves the sum of