deed from the Canton Company, were returned from the Second Branch severally endorsed concurred in.
An ordinance relative to the hay of the extra watch, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed will not pass.
The resolution relative to the Fish houses, was returned from the Second Branch, dissented from.
Resolutions relative to John Burns, James Roche, and a pump in Howard street, were received from the Second Branch, severally read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.
Resolutions relative to a small pox hospital, Hanover market and in favor of John. S. Donaldson were received from the Second Branch, and read.
The resolution relative to repairing the Hanover market, was returned from the Second Branch, dissented from.
On motion of Mr Browning, a message was sent proposing a conference on the same.
Messrs Browning, Heuisler, Ridgely, were appointed on the part of this Branch.
Mr Blackburn asked leave to withdraw the papers of George C Cunnaman and wife.
Mr Walsh moved to recommit the same to the committee on claims
Lost by the following vote.
The yeas and nays being required by Mr Walsh,
Yeas Messrs President G Brown, Turner, Purviance, Fisher, Browning, Ridgely, Miller, Blackburn, Snyder - 10.
Nays Messrs Greer, Hughes, Fields, Hudson, Roberts, French, N R Kennedy, John H Kennedy, Farquharson, S S Brown, Forman, Miles, Heuisler, - 13.
The resolution was adopted
On motion of Mr Roberts the Branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at half past three o clock.

By Order

Wm Hope Clerk.

Wednesday April 10th 1844.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present. J Gates Walsh Esq. President and all the members except Mr Russell.
Mr Farquharson presented a petition from Townsend Scott praying to be refunded taxes overpaid, Referred to the committee on Claims.
Mr Ridgely presented the following.

To the Honorable

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

Whereas the Liberty Fire Company, in its successful exertions to save the Biddle street Bridge (the property of the city) from destruction by fire, at the burning of Messrs Smith & Curlett's factory had its large engine much injured and 300 feet of its best hose stanch, burnt as to render the same unfit for future service and whereas the Standing Committee did, in behalf of the Company apply, to the City Council for a special appropriation of $290, to be applied to the repair of the engine and the replacing of the hose thus damaged and whereas the Council in granting the aforesaid sum of $290 have by ordinance, made certain requirements totally at variance with the nature and circumstances under which the claim was presented for the consideration of the Council and whereas the conditions embraced within said ordinance are incompatible with the most common principles of right and justice, and therefore inconsistent with the true interests of this Company. The said ordinance requiring, that for and in consideration of the sum of $290, to be expended under the direction of a General Superintendent, in repairing the large engine of the Liberty Fire Company, and replacing 300 feet of hose destroyed in saving a city bridge from being burnt with some $10,000. the said Liberty Fire Company shall deed to the city its property worth some $6,000, and whereas, the property held by this Company, consisting of lot and improvements occupied by the same for the safe keeping of its apparatus, came into the possession of the Company, it is believed, without any aid from the Corporation, the lot being a free gift from the late Col John Eager Howard and the house erected thereon was paid for by voluntary contributions of the members of the Company and cost about $3,000, the original apparatus used by the Company was purchased and paid for in like manner, and the only appropriations applied for and received