would entirely extricate these companies from their difficulties and then make this proposition to them, it would then have some claim upon them and it would be highly improper in the Companies to refuse to accede to it, but as the bill now is it requires too great sacrifice from them,

In returning this bill I wish it distinctly understood that these are the only provisions to which I object. The other requirements of the ordinance are such as meet my hearty concurrence and if the Councils will amend the bill by striking out the objectionable sections I will give it my cordial approval. I desire it also to be understood that in the remarks which I have felt it my duty to make I disclaim all intention of reflecting censure upon the Councils, I believe the present Councils have shown a greater degree of liberality to the Fire Companies in their appropriations, that has been the case for some years past, and with the exceptions to which I have alluded, the bill is otherwise calculated to do good,

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient servant
Jas C Law Mayor.

Mr Snyder moved to lay the same, together with bill No 54, on the table, which was lost by the following vote,

The yeas and nays being required by Mr Greves,

Yeas Messrs Greves, Hughes, Fields, Hudson, Turner, John H Kennedy, Hargutharson, J S Brown, Miller, Snyder, Heusler – 11,

Nays Messrs Mileford, Roberts, Breck, G Brown, Gosnell, W R Kennedy, Purviance, Kemp, Fisher, Browning, Wright, Forman, Ridgely, Blackburn, Miles – 15,

On motion of Mr Kemp, bill No 54 was reconsidered,

The question recurring on the bill, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, was decided as follows,

The yeas and nays being required by Mr Greves

Yeas Messrs Mileford, Roberts, Gosnell, Turner, W R Kennedy, John H Kennedy, Hargutharson, Kemp, J S Brown, Fisher, Browning, Wright, Forman, Ridgely, Blackburn, Heusler, 16

Nays Messrs Greves, Hughes, Fields, Hudson, Breck, G Brown, Purviance, Miller, Miles, Snyder – 10,

The second Branch assented by message to a conference on the resolution relative to repairs of the Hanover market, appointing Messrs Forsyth, Gill, and Boyd as the committee,

The resolutions relative to the petitions of Joshua Walker and Jacob Sheldon and others, were returned from the second Branch endorsed concurred in,

A bill relative to a magistrate attending at the Police office, was received from the second Branch, which was read a first and by special order the second time and passed

The Mayor transmitted a petition from F K Shaffer, asking to be refunded taxes overpaid, referred to the committee on claims.

The following was received and read,

Mayors Office
Baltimore April 10, 1844,

To the First Branch of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

I have this day approved and signed, an ordinance to authorise the Mayor to accept a deed for the bed of Appleton street from Ramsay to Columbia street an ordinance to authorise John P Seidenstricker to contain pump, paving and repairing lanes, resolution relative to widening the foot pavements of Light street, resolution to remove a fire plug from the intersection of Charles and Batterston streets, resolution appropriating money towards the erection of a bridge over the run in Charles street resolution relative to lost Sheldon resolution authorising the Commissioners of Finance to sell the Eagle Artillery Company bricks, resolution to pay James Howard money, resolution to pay Wm Cocks money, resolution authorising the Counsellor of the city to discontinue the suit against Wm F Hamson, resolution authorising the City Commissioners to erect dams on Lombard, Pratt, and Bank streets, resolution to pay Robert Gilmor money, resolution to pay Patrick McDonald money, resolution to pay James Greves money, resolution to pay Alexander Gregg, and Adam R Tyle money resolution to pay Charles Carroll and John R Keles money, resolution authorising the painting of Eastern Fountain &c, and preamble and resolution in the case of the city of Baltimore vs P C Mate all of which originated in your Branch,

Very respectfully, yr obt servt,
Jas C Law Mayor,