hend a second battle of North Point." You will also find that Colonel Totten, Chief Engineer of the United States Army, in his recent report, says: "I must again invoke the aid of the War Department in procuring the authority for, and the means of commencing this work, so indispensible to the security of the city of Baltimore." He also urges that no time should be lost in beginning the Fort on Sollers Point Flats, because it must necessarily be two or three years before any aid can be derived from it. I hope the Council will, at an early day, take such action as to press this matter upon the attention of Congress. The means of protection of the city should be looked to before it is wanted.

All of which is most respectfully submitted

Jacob G. Davis. Mayor

The following documents were received with the Mayor's communication. Reports of the Commissioners of Public Schools: Appeal Tax Court: Commissioners of Finance: Counsellor for the City: Health Officer: City Collector: Visitors of the Jail: Trustees of the Poor, which were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposed that the Mayor's communication and accompanying documents, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein contained - and naming on the part of this branch Messrs Brown, Purviance and Harker. which was assented to by the Second Branch, and Messrs Richardson, Lauderman and Reese appointed on their part:

The following communication was received from the City Register:

City Register's Office
Baltimore, January 20. 1845

To the First and Second Branches
of the City Council

Gentlemen,

In compliance with an ordinance prescribing the duties of the Register approved May 25th, 1838, I have the honour herewith to present a statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the City Corporation for the year eighteen hundred and forty four

Very respectfully submitted
Jesse Hunt, Register.

On motion of Mr Harker, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence, to go into convention on Monday afternoon next for the purpose of choosing Commissioners of Finance, School Commissioners and Rail Road Directors.

On motion of Mr Browning, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock

By order
Geo. P. Woodward, Clerk.

Tuesday January 21st 1845

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Henry Snyder Esq, President, and all the members except Mr Reilly.

Mr Harker presented the petition of George T. Stickel, for refunding to him taxes erroneously paid, which was read and laid upon the table.

Mr Purviance presented the petition of Judge Nicholas Brice, praying to be refunded certain taxes erroneously paid by him, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr Browning presented a petition from Sixty three citizens, praying for the extension of the Hanover Market, which was read and laid on the table.

The President presented a petition from Rheinhart Joseph Ayd, praying to be allowed to improve a frame building, which was read and laid on the table.

The President announced the following standing and joint select committees.

In First Branch
January 21. 1845

The President announces the following Standing and Joint Select Committees, to wit:

On Ways and Means, Messrs Brown, Walsh and Hudson.
On Police. " Harker, Brock and Fields.
On Claims " Purviance, Leonard and Marley.
On the Harbour " Hudson, Browning and Cooper
On Markets " Dallam, Sutor and Croney

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