A communication was received from Alexander Gould Jr acting Treasurer of the Natchman Fire Company, which was read, and on motion of Mr Brown referred to the joint committee on Fire Companies.

Mr Browning presented a petition from Christian Steiner and Isaac Tyson Jr. praying that Asbury street may be closed, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

On motion of Mr Walsh, this branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 O'Clock.

By order

George P. Woodward Clerk.

Friday February 14th 1845.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

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

Mr Hudson presented a petition from Jane Clendenning praying to be refunded certain taxes by her erroneously paid, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Purviance presented a petition from Mr Courtney Jenkins, praying to be refunded certain taxes by him overpaid which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Dallam presented a petition from Samuel Hoffman, praying to be refunded certain taxes by him overpaid, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims

Mr Browning presented a petition from John Showacre and others praying for the erection of fire plugs at the corner of Burgundy Alley and Warner street and Burgundy Alley and Cove Street, which was read and referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr Hall presented a petition from the vestry of Cranmer Chapel, praying for the erection of a lamp at the North east corner of Mullikin and Spring streets, which was read and referred to the City Commissioners

Mr Turner called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on fire companies, on the petition of Michael Groff.

The resolution was adopted.

The Second Branch returned the report of the joint committee on claims, relative to the petition of Sellman & Crook, and

The report of the joint committee on streets, relative to a communication from the Register, as to the amount of monies paid out of the City Treasury for paving and repaving streets from 1841 to 1844 inclusive; &c

The resolution directing the Register to pay $245. 07 for carpeting and repairing the Council Chambers; severally endorsed "concurred in".

The Second Branch returned the resolution relative to taking down the election poles, endorsed, "dissented from"

Mr Breck, called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets relative to the petition of John Lester and others.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Breck called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets relative to the petition of William Cocks

Mr Walsh moved to recommit the resolution to the joint committee on streets, which was determined in the affirmative

Mr Purviance called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims relative to the petition of A. S. Miller

The resolution was adopted

Mr Purviance called for the second reading of the resolution, attached to the report of the joint committee on claims relative to the petition of William Thomas

The resolution was adopted

Mr Breck on leave, submitted the following resolution, which was read the first and by special order the second time and adopted.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the City Commissioners be requested to enquire and report the probable expense of gravelling the central part of Broadway, between Baltimore and Lombard Streets, so that it may correspond with the rem[illegible] of said street

Mr