Monday February 17. 1845.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment
Present Henry Snyder Esq President and all the members.

Mr George Reilly, member elect from the Seventh Ward appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Mr Cooper presented a petition from Robert Graves, praying to be refunded certain monies therein named, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Brock presented a memorial from Doctor John Bain, complaining of the covers to the vaults under the foot pavements of the Law Building, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Brown presented a petition from Hugh Selston, praying permission to extend his wharf to the port wardens line, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbour.

Mr Page presented a petition from Z Skinner and Son, asking permission to build a mould loft, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Green presented the annual report of the First Baltimore Hose Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Fire Companies.

The Second Branch, returned Bill No 15. entitled "A supplement to an ordinance for regulating the sweeping of Chimneys in the City of Baltimore, and for other purposes", endorsed "will not pass"

The Second Branch, returned Bill No 14 entitled "An ordinance to provide for establishing a market for the Sale of Cows and other neat cattle," endorsed, "Will pass with a proposed amendment".

Amendment proposed — In the second Section, second line, strike out all after the word "to" to the word "purpose" inclusive, and insert in lieu: "Enclose such part of the lot belonging to the City near the Penitentiary as may be required". In the fourth section fourth line, strike out the words, "or their agent or agents" and to insert in the fifth line, fourth section, after the word "cattle", the words, "or their agent or agents." In the first section, third and fourth lines, strike out the words "Passage of this ordinance" and insert in lieu, "The first day of April next." And add the following as the fifth section.

Sec 5. And be it enacted and ordained, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to draw upon the Register for such sum of money as may be required to carry into effect the provision of this ordinance: Provided, that the same shall not exceed Seventy five dollars.

Mr Harker called up the bill entitled "An additional supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance for the appointment of a high, constable, city bailiff and for other purposes."

Mr Brown moved to refer the whole subject to the joint committee on police, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Brock.

Yeas — Messrs President, Cromey, Hudson, Fields, Hall, Haynes, Harker, Leonard, Turner, Staylor, Kennedy, Reilly, Dallam, Purviance, Brown, Russell Jr. Gault, Marlay, Suter and Barnet. — 20.

Nays. — Messrs Walsh, Brock, Browning, Addison, and Ridgely — 5.

Mr Brock offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the committee on the harbour, be requested, to enquire into the propriety of increasing the rates of wharfage upon the City wharves, upon the articles of hemp, iron, castings and cordage.

On motion of Mr Browning, a committee was appointed to invite the Second Branch into Convention, for the purpose of electing a Commissioner of Finance, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of L W Gosnell. Messrs Browning and Kennedy were appointed the committee.

The two Branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time, adjourned.

Mr Walsh moved that we now adjourn, which was determined in the negative.

Mr.