Tuesday, February 18th 1845.

The 1st Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Henry Snyder Esq President and all the members except Mr Kennedy

Mr Cromey presented a communication from the Deptford Fire Company, relating to their expenses and appropriations from 1840 to 1844, inclusive, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Fire Companies.

Mr Harker presented a petition from Charles B. Green and others praying for the erection of a lamp, on North Gay Street between Front and High streets, which was read and referred to the Mayor.

Mr Purviance presented a petition from John R. Seidenstricker, asking for the settlement of some outstanding accounts against the city, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Browning presented a petition from J. Eichbach asking payment for certain paving done by him for the city, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Green presented a petition from George M. Rogers praying to be refunded taxes paid by him on Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Road Stock, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office
February 18. 1845

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I herewith refer to you "the petition of John Cross and others for a bridge over Jones' Falls." Also the petition of Samuel B. Morse, Superintendent of Electro Magnetic Telegraph, for the United States

Respectfully
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor

On motion of Mr Walsh, the petition of Professor S. B. Morse was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Brown, the petition of John Cross and others, was referred to the joint committee on Bridges.

Mr Purviance, on leave, submitted the following bill, which was read and laid on the table:

An ordinance to change the name of Apple Alley, Fells Point, to that of Whitehall Street.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the street heretofore called Apple Alley (Fells Point) be hereafter called and known by the name of Whitehall, anything in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, and that the City Commissioners be requested to notice the alteration upon the plan of the city.

Mr Breck presented a petition from Thomas O. Law and others, praying the City authorities to remunerate William Thomas for his pump at the corner of Calvert and Baltimore Streets, in order that it may permanently remain there, which was read.

Mr Leonard moved to refer the petition to the City Commissioners.

Mr Breck moved to amend by striking out "City Commissioners", and inserting "joint committee on Fire Companies".

Mr Breck moved to lay the petition on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The amendment was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Breck.

Yeas — Messrs President, Fields, Walsh, Breck, Harker, Dallam, Purviance, Brown, Page, Browning, Addison, Ridgely, Green, Russell Jr. Marley, Suter and Barnet. — 17

Nays. — Messrs Cromey, Hudson, Hall, Hynes, Leonard, Turner, Taylor, Reilly, and Gault — 9.

The second Branch, returned the report from the joint committee on streets, relative to the petition of Aaron Holt and others. The report of the joint committee on streets, on the petition of John Lester and others, praying that Run Alley may be extended or widened", severally endorsed "concurred in"

The report and resolution from the joint committee on markets, relative to the sale of meal, was received from the second Branch read and laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the City Commissioners, read and laid on the table.