mittee on markets.

Mr. Marley presented a petition from Abner Webb, praying to be refunded certain taxes overpaid. — which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Barnet presented the following communication which was read and ordered to be entered on the journal.

Baltimore February 24 1845

To the Hon.
The Members of the First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen.

In asmuch as I contemplate, this day, resigning my seat as a member of your branch, it becomes necessary that I should first vacate my place as your presiding officer; in doing which, I would be committing an act of violence, upon my own feelings, were I to withhold from you the expression of my warmest thanks, for the many acts of kindness which I received at your hands.

The uniform indulgence granted me, the urbane and courteous deportment towards me, and the high regard at all times evinced for me, has awakened in my bosom, a sensation more easily imagined than described, and will be remembered with the most enduring gratitude.

In thus taking leave of you, be pleased, gentlemen, individually and collectively, to accept my most ardent wishes, for your health, happiness and prosperity

I have the honor to be
Yours very respectfully
Henry Snyder.

Mr Harker, on leave, submitted the following bill, which was read and laid on the table.

"A further additional supplement to an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to regulate the riding and driving of carriages, and to regulate boats and scows in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes."

Section 1. Be it enacted an ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that no owner or driver of any carriage of pleasure, for hire or pay, within the city, shall move such carriage

carriage to and fro in any of the streets, lanes, or alleys of the city, seeking employ or for any purpose, when unoccupied, except in the act of going to or from the place where such carriage is kept at night, or to the stand from which it may have gone with a fare, or from one stand to another, or from a stand to any place at which such carriage may be wanted, and from whence it may have been sent for, under a penalty of two dollars for each and every offence.

Sect. 2. And be it further enacted and ordained, that every driver of a carriage of pleasure within the city, shall at all times, when the horses are affixed thereto, either hold the reins in his hands, or remain within reach of the said reins, under a penalty of two dollars.

The branch then proceeded to the election of a President, in place of Henry Snyder, resigned

Mr Hall, nominated Mr Samuel Harker
Mr Croney, nominated Mr John S. Brown.
Mr Green, nominated Mr Thos. Yates Walsh.

Upon counting the ballots, it was ascertained that

Mr Harker received	13 votes
Mr Walsh received	7 "
Mr Brown received	3 "
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Mr Harker was declared duly elected President of this branch.

Mr Browning offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted;

Resolved, that the committee on police, be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting more efficient ordinances, to prevent the assembly of unruly and disorderly persons on the corners of the streets of the city.

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

Resolved, that the thanks of this branch, be, and they are hereby presented to Henry Snyder Esq, for his fair, able and dignified discharge of the duties of the chair, which he has this day resigned, — and that our best wishes go with him, for his