The following communication was received from the City Commissioners, read and referred to the joint Committee on Bridges

City Commissioner's Office
Baltimore March 10. 1845.

To the President and Members of the
First Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen, In answer to the resolution adopted by your Branch on the 24th. of February, requesting a "report of the condition of the Bridge over Boner Falls at Monument street," the City Commissioners respectfully state, that the bridge is in an unsafe and dangerous condition. The bridge being the property of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, and the parties having failed to comply with the provisions of resolution No 97. approved June 1st 1838. the City Commissioners can exercise no control.

Respectfully Your ob't Servts
Richard C. Murray
J. R. Blakeney
Talbott Gosnell
City Commissioners.

The Second Branch returned the resolutions directing the City Commissioners to advertise for a plan of a City Hall, endorsed, substitute proposed.

Substitute proposed. "Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to prepare for the consideration of the Council, a draft or plan for a City Hall, to be erected on the lot belonging to the City, on Gay Street, said hall to be so constructed, as to accommodate, the various departments of the Corporation, in the most convenient manner; and to accompany the plan with an estimate of the probable cost of such building, and the time necessary for the completion of the same. And the Commissioners are further directed to prepare a draft for a suitable building for a watch house and police office, to be erected on the rear of the lot fronting upon Tripolets Alley; the hall or watch house to have a tower and alarm bell thereon, and the whole to be submitted as soon as practicable."

which was read and laid on the table

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The Second Branch returned the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of John B. Sollenstricker, "endorsed concurred in".

"An ordinance to change the name of Sugar Alley, Westward from Light street," was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

Bill No 34, entitled "An ordinance providing for cleaning the public streets, lanes and alleys in the City of Baltimore by contract," was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read

Mayor's Office
March 11. 1845

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council,

I have received the within application from William Wilson & Sons and others, relative to the condition of Belvidere Street - which I refer to the Council.

Respectfully Jacob G. Davies Mayor.

The petition was read and referred to the joint Committee on Streets.

Mr. Purviance offered the following resolution, which was read and first and by special order a second time and adopted.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the Counsel of the City be requested to give his opinion as soon as he conveniently can, to this Branch, on the following points:

First. Whether the Corporation have the power, under any act of the Assembly of Maryland, to levy a tax on the real estate of the Bank of Baltimore, the Union Bank of Maryland, the Commercial and Farmers' Bank, the Marine Bank, the Mechanics Bank, the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, the Franklin Bank, - which Banks, under an act of the Assembly of 1831, contracted to make for the use of the people, the Boonsborough and Hagerstown Turnpike Road.

Secondly. If such a power does exist, is it competent to the corporation, after having made an assessment on such property, and abated under an impression, that as the stock of these Banks had been assessed, both