both species of property could not be taxed, now to exact payment upon the abated assessment?

Thirdly. As the Supreme Court have decided that it is illegal to tax the Stock of these banks during the years '42, '43 and '44, has the corporation the power, in case the opinion should be favourable to the demand for the payment of the abated assessment, to deduct, in refunding the taxes paid on the Stock, such a portion of that assessment from each stockholder's claim, as will pay the amount that may be due; or, whether the corporation can rely on the banks themselves for the payment of said assessment?

Mr Brock, called for the second reading of the resolutions attached to the report of the joint committee on streets, relative to removing the fences around the park in Broadway.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mr Browning presented a petition from Hugh McGuire and others, praying the passage of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of bread in the markets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on markets.

Mr Leonard from the committee submitted the following report which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on health, to whom was referred the petition of Gottlieb F. Medinger, asking permission to erect a slaughter house within the city limits, respectfully beg leave to report that as existing ordinances place it in the power of the Commissioners of Health, with the approbation of the Mayor, to grant the prayer of the petitioner, no legislation upon the subject is necessary. They submit the following resolution

Wm T. Leonard
John A Kennedy
Charles Geo. Ridgely
Committee of the First Branch
James Essender
Michael Caughey
Stephen Collins
Committee of the Second Branch

Resolved That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr.

Mr Brown presented a petition from the Watchman Fire Company, asking for the return of certain vouchers for examination by the standing committee of the said company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Addison called for the second reading of the resolution authorising the Mayor to offer a standing reward of three hundred dollars for the prosecution and conviction of incendiaries.

Mr Reilly offered the following amendment.

Strike out "any"; after the word "in" and insert "the" – and after the word "act", insert the words "of firing or attempting to fire any property"; – which was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Cooper:

Yeas. – Messrs Cooper, Cromey, Addison, Leonard, Turner, Slagler, Kennedy, Reilly, Cullam, Brown, Page, Russell Jr. Marley, Tuler and Barnet. – 15.

Nays. – Messrs President, Fields, Hall, Haynes, Brock, Purviance, Browning, Addison, Green and Gault. – 10.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on streets, relative to filling up a part of the East side of Canal Street, was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on streets on the petition of Athus Hopkins and others, was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in.

The following communication was received from the Register, read and laid on the table:

City Register's Office
Baltimore, March 11. 1845

To the First Branch of the City Council.

Gentlemen.

In compliance with a resolution of your Branch, relative to the subscription of three millions made by the City to the Stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, the undersigned respectfully replies: that for the payment of the additional subscription of three millions to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, a six per cent

Stock