and Barnet.— 24.

Nays. Mr Gault.— 1.

Mr Browning called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims, on the petition of John B Seidenstricker.

The resolution was adopted.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office
Baltimore, March 17, 1845

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed "A resolution to instruct the Attorney for the city, to prepare a lease". "A resolution to authorise Michael Groff to make an addition to a frame building." "A resolution to authorise Abrams & Cooper to extend their wharf to the port wardens' line.— all of which originated in your branch.

Respectfully yours.
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

Mr Breck called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on fire companies, on the petition of William Thomas.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Gault:

Yeas. Messrs Presidents, Croney, Hudson, Fields, Walsh, Breck, Turner, Staylor, Kennedy, Gallant, Purviance, Brown, Page, Browning, Addison, Ridgely, Green, Russell Jr, Marley, Suter & Barnet.— 21.

Nays. Messrs Hall, Hynes, Leonard and Gault.— 4.

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

The joint committee on streets, to whom was referred the petition of W. O. Eichelberger, asking that an appropriation may be made to defray the expense of filling the bed of Canal Street, which lies between Wilk and Flat Streets, respectfully report: that the consideration of the subject matter of the petition appropriately belongs to the committee on the harbor, but as the attention of the committee on streets was directed to the subject, by the reference of the petition

petition, they have examined the premises, and are of the opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Joseph Breck
Saml Harker
Cyrus Gault
First Branch

Wm Baker
John E. Stansbury
W. S. Wight
Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

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

The joint committee on streets, to whom was recommitted the petition of William Cocks, asking remuneration for a portion of a lot of his ground, used as a water course by the city, beg leave to report: That at the last session of the Councils, a resolution was passed, appropriating fifty dollars to Mr Cocks, for the injury he complains of; which sum, your committee deem as ample compensation under the circumstances. They therefore respectfully submit the subjoined resolution.

Joseph Breck
Samuel Harker
Cyrus Gault
Committee of the First Branch
William Baker
John E. Stansbury
Wm S Wight
Committee of the Second Branch.

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

Mr Hudson, on leave, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Whereas, the citizens of Baltimore are annually burdened with the payment of heavy taxes for the support and maintainance of the various fire companies, necessarily incurring heavy,