Mayor's Office
Baltimore January 26. 1846

Gentlemen of the First Branch
of the City Council:

The enclosed communication from Mr Neilson is respectfully submitted. Mr Neilson was employed as extra Counsel in the case of Reed against the Mayor and City Council, tried during the last term in Baltimore County Court.

Respectfully
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

A resolution making an appropriation to pay incidental expenses in the Mayor's Office — and the report from the joint committee on claims, on the petition of Henry Powell, were received from the Second Branch, severally read & laid on the table.

Mr Pindell presented a petition from John Walsh praying to be refunded taxes overpaid by him, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Neilson presented a petition from John Herr, praying to be refunded taxes overpaid — which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Groff presented a petition from Daniel Kane & Thomas Dilloway, praying to be refunded certain expenses paid by them, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Collins called for the second reading of the resolution directing the Register to dispose of certain articles.
The resolution was adopted.

Mr Pindell called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on police on the petition of P. A. Clark & others.
The resolution was adopted.

Mr Collins offered the following resolution, which was read the first and by special order the second time.
Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That all applications for the erection of slaughter houses and soap and candle manufactories, shall hereafter be published three times a week, in two or more daily papers in the City two weeks previous to granting permission for such erection by the board of health — all expenses of such publications to be paid by the party or parties making such application.

Mr Soran moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative by the following vote. — the yeas & nays

nays being called for by Mr Brown.
Yeas — Messrs Presidents, O'Leary, Hickman, Pindell, Soran — 5
Nays. — Messrs Colton, Neilson, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Starr, Brown, McCurley, Hack & Groff — 13.
The resolution was adopted.

Mr Starr offered the following resolution, which was read the first and by special order the second time and adopted
Resolved That the City Commissioners be directed to examine into and report to the Council at as early a period as practicable, the probable amount it would cost to tunnel Howard Street, from Pratt Street to its terminus.

Mr Starr offered the following resolution which was read the first and by special order the second time and referred to the City Commissioners
Resolved That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to have stepping stones placed across Eutaw Street at Lee Street.

Mr Pindell offered the following resolution, which was read the first and by special order the second time and adopted
Resolved, That the Register be directed to furnish this branch with the amount due by the city to jurymen that has not been called for by them.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Eleutheros Cook.
The resolution was adopted.

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of William Reynolds.
The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr Watkins a committee was appointed to wait on the Second Branch and invite them to meet this Branch in Convention.
Messrs Watkins and Hickman were appointed the committee
The two Branches met in Convention, and after sitting a short time therein adjourned

Mr Starr presented a petition from John McCormick and others, Watchmen, praying an increase of pay, which was read and referred to the joint ~~select~~ committee of conference, on the bill entitled "an ordinance to increase the pay of the City Watchmen"

On motion of Mr Colton, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow