after, for any further violation of this kind. As the action in this case was sanctioned by the Mayor, and in order to liquidate the claims, the undersigned respectfully reports the accompanying ordinance for their relief.

William A Hack.

Mr Pindell called up bill No 19. entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of the new watch house at the corner of Bank and Bethel Streets."

Mr Hack offered as a substitute, a bill, entitled, "an ordinance for the payment of claims due, and for the amount required for the completion of the erection of the watch house at the corner of Bank and Bethel Streets, and for the relief of the liability incurred by the city Commissioners in making said contract in violation of law."

Mr Pindell moved to strike out the second section, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Hack.

Yeas — Messrs Colton, Dutton, Hickman, Pindell, Soran and Starr — 6.

Nays — Messrs President, O'Leary, Walsh, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Davis, Hooper, Brown, McCurley and Hack — 11.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Pindell.

Yeas — Messrs President, Colton, O'Leary, Walsh, Hickman, Turner, Soran, Collins, Watkins, Davis, Hooper, Starr, Brown, McCurley and Hack — 15.

Nays. — Messrs Dutton and Pindell — 2.

The bill being on its passage was passed.

Mr Watkins moved to amend the title, by striking out all after the word "ordinance" and insert the words, "to provide for the payment of the new watch house at the corner of Bank and Bethel Streets" — which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Starr, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3. o'clock

By order

Geo F. Woodward, Clerk.

Thursday, February 19. 1846.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob I. Cohen Junr Esq President, and all the members except Messrs Neilson, Buchanan and Gross.

Mr Hickman presented a petition from John P. Fowler relative to Bank Street which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

Mr Walsh moved that the committee be instructed to call for all the papers relative to the opening of Bank Street, — which was adopted.

Mr Soran presented a petition from Philip Wegler and John Brewer, relative to their Stalls in the Fells Point Market, which was read and referred to the joint committee on markets.

Mr Collins presented a bill from Armstrong & Berry, for articles furnished the Appeal Tax Court, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

A message was received from the Second Branch, asking this Branch to return Bill No 15. entitled "An ordinance relating to the salaries of teachers of Public Schools"

On motion of Mr Walsh, the bill was returned.

A message was received from the Second Branch, proposing to refer bill No 5. and the proposed substitute No 9. to a joint committee of conference and naming Messrs Louderman, Richardson and Green as the committee on their part.

This Branch assented and appointed Messrs Starr, Hickman and Davis, as the committee.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of A. S. Abell & c; and the report and resolution of the joint committee on health, on the report of the Ship Hottenguer, severally endorsed "concurred in"

Mr Brown moved to reconsider the vote had on the reference of the petition of John P. Fowler, to the joint committee on streets, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas. — Messrs Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Pindell, Turner, Soran, Collins, Watkins, Davis, Hooper, Starr and Brown — 12.

Nays. — Messrs President, Walsh, Hickman, McCurley & Hack — 5.

Mr Walsh moved to lay the petition on the table.

Mr Hickman moved to refer it to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Walsh moved as an amendment, that a message be sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer the petition to a joint select committee, which was determined in the affirmative by the following