the resolutions of enquiry from the First Branch relative to the iron grates on the footways, have had the same under consideration and believe that the said grates are not only a great obstruction, but dangerous during a part of the winter season, which in the opinion of your committee should not be permitted, and ask permission to submit the accompanying bill:

J. Wesley Watkins — Henry Myers
George A. Davis — Isaac M. Denson
Wm. Collins — John Green Jr.
First Branch — Second Branch

Mr Collins offered as a substitute, a bill entitled "An ordinance relating to the apertures of vaults under the foot pavements" which was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in bill form.

Mr Collins called for the second reading of the resolution in favour of the Eagle Artillerists

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Collins called for the second reading of the resolution relative to the alms house carriage

The resolution was adopted

On motion of Mr Collins, a message was sent to the Second Branch, inviting them to meet this Branch in Convention.

Messrs Collins and Sraw were appointed the committee

Mr Starr on leave offered the following resolution.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Harbor Master for the second district be authorised to rent to the highest bidder, the wharf property at the foot of Gay street.

The resolution was read and laid on the table.

The two Branches met in convention, and after sitting a short time therein adjourned.

On motion of Mr Hack, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 O'clock

By order
Geo. B. Wormald Clerk

Thursday, March 5, 1846.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob G. Cohen Junr Esq President and all the members except Mr Neilson.

Mr Walsh presented a memorial from Joseph Newman relative to extending the limits of direct taxation, which was read and laid on the table

Mr Hack presented a petition from David Stewart and others praying that the name of Cove Street may be changed to that of Fremont Street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office
Baltimore March 3. 1846.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed an ordinance to open Hoffman street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Chatsworth Street. — a supplement to an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to provide for the appointment of watchmen" — an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Justice of the Peace for the Southern district. An ordinance for the payment of a claim due Alexander Russell Jr. — a resolution in favour of John Showacre, — a resolution in favour of William George Tatlow — a resolution relative to the Spring on Franklin Square — a resolution relative to the width of the pavements around the squares at the foot of the Washington Monument, — a resolution in favour of the heirs of the late Paul Beck — a resolution in favour of Samuel Stretch — a resolution authorising a memorial being sent to Congress, on the subject of small pox — all of which originated in your Branch.

Respectfully
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

Mr Turner called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on fire companies, on the petition of the Baltimore United Fire Department

The resolution was concurred in.

On motion of Mr Watkins the vote had on passage of bill No 334. entitled "An ordinance to extend the limits of direct taxation" was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr Hack the bill was referred to the joint committee