Mr Hooper presented a petition from John Showace and others praying that the ordinance to prevent swine going at large, may not be passed, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr McCauley move to reconsider bill No 22.

Mr Hickman moved to take up bill No 50. entitled "An ordinance providing for building and renting school houses" which was determined in the negative by the following vote – the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Brown.

Yeas. – Messrs Hickman, Collins, Hooper, Brown and Hack – 5 –

Nays. – Messrs President, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Bishop, Turner, Goran, Buchanan, Davis and Gross – 10.

Mr Walsh presented a petition from William Burton, Bailiff of the Orphan's Court, requesting that some mode may be established for the collecting his fees, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Hooper presented a petition from Isaac Reynolds & Son and others against the inspection of butter and hogs lard, which was read and laid on the table.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on streets, relative to grading and gravelling a part of Centre Street, were received from the Second Branch, read the first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

A bill entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance relating to swine in the City of Baltimore" was received from the Second Branch, read the first and by special order the second time, on motion of Mr Hack referred to the joint committee on police.

A bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor" was received from the Second Branch, read the first and by special order the second time and passed.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint committee on streets, against the opening of Southland Street; and The resolution relative to paying the expenses of the election held in the sixth ward on the 9th March 1846. severally indorsed "concurred in"

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the payment of the new Market House on Broadway" endorsed "will pass"

The Second Branch by message, assented to the message of this Branch, proposing to refer the communication from the City Commissioners, relative to the office of Superintendent of mud machines – and naming Messrs Keene, Denson and Londeman as the committee on their part.

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled "A supplement to

to an ordinance relating to the public schools" endorsed "will pass"

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint committee on the harbor, relative to renting the wharf at the foot of Gay Street; and

The report and resolution from the joint committee on the harbor, relative to renting the wharf on Light Street – severally endorsed "concurred in"

The following communication was received from the Mayor, read and referred to the joint committee on police:

Mayor's Office
Baltimore, March 16. 1846.

To the Members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen,

Herewith enclose and refer to you a certified copy of an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, entitled "An act to authorise the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to cause a new appointment to be made of the property in said city"

Respectfully
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read

Mayor's Office
Baltimore, March 16. 1846.

Gentlemen of the First and Second
Branches of the City Council:

I beg leave respectfully to call your attention to an address, published in the different newspapers, to the citizens of Baltimore, from a number of the military officers of the city, in which, for the reasons therein set forth, they declare their intention to resign their commissions, and to disband the military organization of their corps.

Without intending to express an opinion, whether the grievances of which these officers complain are well founded, or not, I yet deem it a duty I owe, as Chief Magistrate of the city, to call your attention to the subject, in the hope that something may be done to avert this evil from us. I look to our volunteer force as to the great aid to the civil authority, in the event of insurrection and riot, and calculated to keep alive the military spirit of the citizen soldier, on whose arm the defences of our country depends. It strikes me then, that it is the duty of the Council, as the guardians of the property of their fellow citizens, and as their immediate representatives, to encourage our military companies