panies, and to prevent, if possible, their disbandment. This desirable result I think may be accomplished, by the Council appointing a committee to confer with these officers, and requesting them to withdraw their resignations until such proper measures can be devised for their encouragement.

Respectfully
Jacob G. Davis, Mayor.

On motion of Mr Walsh a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the communication to a joint select committee, and naming Messrs Watkins, Bishop and O'Leary as the committee.

A sealed package, addressed "to the members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council in Convention assembled" was received from the Mayor.

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

Messrs Hooper and Turner were appointed the committee.

The two branches met in convention and after sitting a short time thereon adjourned.

The following communication was received from the City Commissioners and read

City Commissioners Office
Baltimore March 16. 1846

To the President and Members of the
First Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen

In answer to the resolution adopted by your Branch, directing the City Commissioners to report under what authority the grade of the pavement on the North side of Lombard Street, between Frederick and Gay Streets, has been altered, they respectfully report

That they have caused the established grade of Frederick Street at its intersection with Water street, to be ascertained by the Surveyor, and which grade, was fixed by the town commissioners, on the 8th day of October 1793; and the Gutters of Water and Frederick Strats as paved, is found to be five inches lower than the grade thus fixed, and the curb stones is four and a half inches above the proper height.

They would also state that the grade has been altered without any authority from this Board.

Respectfully submitted
By order
C. M. Cole, Clerk
to the City Commissioners

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On motion of Mr Walsh, the communication was referred to the joint committee on streets, with instructions to consult the City Counsellor in regard to the premises.

Mr McCauley moved to reconsider bill No 22. entitled "An ordinance for the opening of Caey, Hollins and Goodloe or Lombard streets", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr McCauley moved that we nonconcur in the amendment proposed to the second section.

Mr Soran moved to lay the bill on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The question being on "non-concurring" it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Watkins.

Yeas. — Messrs Colton, O'Leary, Hickman, Bishop, Turner, Collins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Brown, McCauley, Hack and Grof. 13.

Nays. — Messrs President, Walsh, Soran, and Watkins — 4.

Mr Turner moved to take up bill No 58. entitled "An ordinance directing the inspection of butter and hogs lard" which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Hooper.

Yeas. — Messrs Colton, Bishop, Turner, Watkins, Buchanan, McCauley and Hack — 7.

Nays. — Messrs President, Hickman, Soran, Collins, Davis, Hooper, Brown and Grof — 8.

Mr Brown called up bill No 30 entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the year 1846."

Mr Brown moved to strike out the 72d and 73d lines, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr O'Leary, moved to strike out the 78th line, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Hickman moved to insert in the 72nd and 73rd lines, "for incidental expenses in the office of the City Commissioners, one hundred dollars" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Brown moved to strike out in the 81st line, the words "one thousand and sixty dollars and twenty nine cents" and insert the words "five hundred and sixty five dollars" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Brown moved to insert after line 111. "for the salary of the clerk of the Grof Street market fifty dollars" which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Brown, the bill was laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint