to you a memorial from citizens of Baltimore relative to obstructions in our harbor, and hope it will receive your early attention and consideration.

Respectfully

Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office

Baltimore March 27, 1846.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed "An ordinance to provide for the closing of a part of Scott Street and for opening a part of the same street in the City of Baltimore" — "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the use of the State for the year eighteen hundred and forty six" — "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore" — "An ordinance relating to the non-appointment of members of the City Council to office" — "An ordinance relating to the public high schools" — "An ordinance to provide for the payment of certain expenses of the courts, coroners, jails &c." — "An ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the public schools in the city of Baltimore" — "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to appoint superintendents of streets and pumps and to enforce useful regulations" — "A resolution in favour of C. & R. M. Cloud" — "A resolution relative to certain bridges over Jones' Falls" — "A resolution relative to the purchase of oak timber" — "A resolution relative to building a wharf at the termination of Hughes' Street" — "A resolution in favour of the Eagle Artillery Company" — "A resolution relative to the conveyance of paupers to the Alms House" — "A resolution in favour of John T. Davis" — "A resolution relative to repairs of viaduct over Schroeder's Run at Pratt Street" — "A resolution in favour of James Kirby" — "A resolution relative to the Eastern Square at Mount Vernon Place" — All of which originated in your Branch:

Respectfully

Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

A resolution directing the payment of money therein named, was received from the Second Branch, read the first and by special order the second time.

Mr Davis moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The resolution was "concurred in"

Mr Doran on leave offered the following resolution, which was

was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That in all cases where the purchasers of property which has been, or may be sold for taxes due the city of Baltimore, are unable to procure deeds for such property, when it is not in existence, or cannot be located, the Register be and he is hereby authorised to refund to such purchasers the amount of taxes paid by them on such property.

Mr Colton moved to reconsider the vote had on the adoption of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on markets, relative to the extension of the Belle Air Market.

Mr Walsh moved to lay the motion on the table, which was determined in the negative.

Mr Walsh move a call of the house.

Upon calling the roll Messrs Dutton, Neilson and Starr were found to be absent.

The President ordered the door keeper to go after the absent members.

Mr Jack in the chair.

On motion of Mr Doran, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table:

Mr. Hickman from the committee submitted the following report, which was read a first and by special order the second time & adopted.

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Wm Burton Bailiff of the Orphans' court, praying the Councils to pass an ordinance for the payment of money due him as bailiff to said court, and also to pay him quarterly hereafter, respectfully report: that upon enquiry of the Register, your committee find that the late Bailiff, Elisha Randall, was not paid quarterly for many years, as officer of that court, but received his money of the Register whenever it suited the convenience of the city to pay. Your committee cannot see any good reason to change the mode of payment to this officer — and therefore recommend the following resolution

William A Jack	Wm Butler
N Hickman	B W Richardson
Felix McCurley	John Green Jr
First Branch	Second Branch

Resolved That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The President resumed his seat.

Mr Watkins moved to reconsider the vote had on the adoption of the resolution providing for the extension of the Belle Air Market which was