The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office
Baltimore April 1. 1846.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council.

I have approved and signed. "An ordinance to extend the limits of direct taxation" "An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore and for the City poor in the alms house of Baltimore City and County;" "an ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on loans obtained by the City for the purpose of prosecuting the works of Internal Improvement;" "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1846;" "An ordinance to pay for the new market house, Broadway, East Baltimore;" "An ordinance to change the name of Potter Street, in the City of Baltimore" "A supplement to an ordinance relating to the public schools" "A resolution to pay expenses of election held in the Sixth ward" "A resolution relative to paying the expenses for dividing the City into twenty wards" "A resolution relative to fire companies and insurance against fire by the City" All of which originated in your Branch

Respectfully
Jacob G. Davis, Mayor.

On motion of Mr Watkins, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the resolution from the joint committee on police, relative to renting the room over the Western Market house to a joint committee of conference, and naming Messrs Watkins, Hickman and Davis as the committee

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

By order
Geo P. Boorman Clerk

Thursday, April 2. 1846

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob Hechen Pres. Esq. President and all the members except Mr Neilson

Mr Colton presented a petition from Richard R. Bishop asking an increase of salary as clerk of the Fells Point Market, which was read and referred to the joint committee on markets.

Mr Slade presented a petition from Daniel M. Adams, asking the passage of an ordinance permitting him to continue his brick yard, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Brown presented a petition from the Watchman Fire Company, asking for a special appropriation, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

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

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob C. Nicholson, praying the Council to return him money paid for taxes on Merchants Bank Stock, respectfully report that they have learnt from the Appeal Tax Court that Mr Nicholson can obtain the amount by making application to the Bank; and they therefore offer the following resolution.

Wm. A. Hack	William Baker
N. Hickman	B. H. Richardson
Felix McCauley	John Green Jr
First Branch	Second Branch

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers

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

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Wm C. Spindler, praying the Council to pay him for services rendered as one of the assessors in the year 1844. respectfully report.

That from information received, they have learnt that the petitioner returned as neat and correct a set of books as any of the other assessors did at that time; and as all the other individuals engaged in the same service received extra compensation, your committee believe it to be only an act of justice to the petitioner that he should also be paid. Under the law giving them their appointment they could not have received from the city legally, and as the Council determined to make them an extra

allowance