Mr Soran, called for the second reading of the resolution relative to refunding certain taxes.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Watkins, called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on police, relative to raising the salary of the high constable.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Collins, called for the second reading of the resolution relative to gas lamps.

On motion of Mr Watkins the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr Collins, called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on police, relative to huckstering wood.

On motion of Mr Colton the resolution was laid on the table.

A message was received from the Second Branch asking this Branch to return the bill, entitled "An ordinance fixing the quorum of the Board of Public School Commissioners."

On motion of Mr Collins this Branch assented.

The following message was received from the Second Branch and read.

In Second Branch
Baltimore April 2, 1846.

Gentlemen of the First Branch,

We respectfully dissent from your message, asking a conference on the resolution authorising the renting of a room in the Western Watch House; the resolution not having been acted on in your Branch, and this Branch being in possession of said resolution, we do not deem it a fit subject for conference.

By order
A S Pennington Clerk

The Second Branch returned bill No 67, entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the appointment of a Collector of the City of Baltimore and prescribing his duties" endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed – "Provided that the office thus created shall expire on the first day of April 1847."

Mr Collins moved that "we concur" which was determined in the affirmative.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on the harbor, relative to deepening the harbor, were received from the Second Branch read a first and by special order a second time.

Mr Brown moved to strike out the second resolution, which was

was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Hooper.

Yeas. – Messrs President, Bishop, Turner, Soran, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Brown, McCurley and Hack – 12.

Nays. – Messrs Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, and Hickman – 5.

The resolution was concurred in with the proposed amendment.

Mr Walsh on leave offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

Whereas, it is the duty of those who enjoy the blessings of freedom to hold in grateful remembrance the sacrifice and sufferings of their fathers, by whom that freedom was established – and Whereas, a most effective means of keeping alive, in the hearts of our people, a pure devotion to liberty is in the consecration, throughout all time, of the periods made illustrious by the trials and triumphs of their sons, therefore be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That a committee of three members from each branch of the Council be appointed by the respective Presidents, whose duty it shall be to make all necessary arrangements for a public celebration of the ensuing anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved further, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution, payable with the approbation of the Mayor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Hickman offered the following resolution, which was read the first and by special order the second time and adopted:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register of the city be, and he is hereby authorised to rent the upper room of the Western watch house to the First Mechanical Volunteers for an armory and drill room, for the sum of thirty dollars per annum.

Mr Colton offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on health be requested to inquire into the propriety and necessity of purchasing a vehicle for the use of the sexton of the Eastern Potter's Field, to convey such dead in, to their resting place, as may be committed to his charge, and report the same to this Branch.

Mr Hickman called for the second reading of the resolution relative to leasing or selling the small pox hospital.

On motion of Mr Hickman, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr Watkins called up bill No 74. entitled "An ordinance providing for the widening of Little Asquith Street."

Mr.