out the words, "cause the same to be", and insert in lieu have all the booths, stands or stalls now erected", and add at the end of the section, "such fine or fines to be collected as other fines and forfeitures are now collected," and in 8th line strike out the words "of the same."

The President appointed Messrs. Walsh and Watkins, as the committee on the part of this branch, under the resolution for the celebration of the coming anniversary of American Independence.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office.
Baltimore, April 16, 1846

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

I herewith enclose a letter I received from the President of the Commercial Exchange Company, withdrawing the offer of the Exchange property, and would respectfully ask the return of the plat of the property.

Respectfully,
Jacob G. Davies, Mayor.

His Honor, Jacob G. Davies,
Mayor of the city of Baltimore.

Baltimore, 15 April, 1846.

Sir

In conformity to an order of the board of directors of the Commercial Exchange Company, passed this day, I have the honor respectfully to announce to you that the offer of the Exchange property to the city, contained in a letter of the president of the company of the 6th January last is hereby withdrawn.

I am further instructed to request the return of the plat of the property, which accompanied that letter.

I have the honor to be, sir
very respectfully, &c.
Jas. T. S. Donnell,
Pres. Com. Ex. Co.

On motion of Mr. Hickman, the request of the President of the Exchange company was granted.

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

On motion of Mr. Hickman a message was sent to the Second Branch, inviting them to meet this branch in convention.

Messrs Hickman and Doran were appointed the committee.

The two Branches met in convention, and after setting a short time therein, adjourned.

Mr Watkins from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read a first and by special order the second time:

The joint committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Cromwell, asking the City Council for a remuneration for damages sustained in altering the grade of Arm street, between Gough and Bank streets, report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion after examining the grade book in the City commissioner's office, that the grade of said street was not made before 1843, consequently long after the building of said Cromwell was erected, - such being the case, the City is not bound for any damages relative to his building.

We ask permission to submit the following resolution:

J Wesley Watkins
Geo. A. Davis,
First Branch.
Henry Myers,
John Green, Jr.,
Second Branch.

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

Mr Colton offered the following as a substitute.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay unto Joshua Cromwell, the sum of five hundred dollars, for damages sustained to his property, from re-grading the street, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

On motion of Mr Colton, the resolution and substitute were laid on the table.

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

Mr Brown moved to strike out in the 144th line, "seven hundred and fifty," and insert "one thousand" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Collins moved to strike out — the 70th and 71th lines, — which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr O'Leary moved to strike out the word "five" in the