Resolution relative to the joint committee appointed to visit Washington upon the subject of fortifications at Sollers' Point;
Resolution relative to the Eastern Square at Mount Vernon Place;
Resolution relative to alterations at the Hanover Market.

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

By order
Geo P. Woodward, Clerk

Thursday April 30. 1846.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob S. Cohen Junr Esq President and all the members except Messrs Dutton and Neilson.

Mr Collins presented a petition from Robert Gilmor in relation to taxes on Bank Stock, which was read.

Mr O'Leary moved to refer the petition to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Collins moved to amend the motion by striking out "claims" and inserting "ways and means" which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins:

Yeas. – Messrs President, Hickman, Bishop, Turner, Collins, Davis Hooper, McCauley and Hack – 9.

Nays – Messrs Colton, O'Leary, Soran, Watkins, Buchanan, Starr and Gross – 7.

Mr Watkins from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on streets, to whom was referred the petition of William Davy and others requesting the City Council to authorise them to close a part of the Old Pappa Road running diagonally across the square bounded by Broadway, Bond, Monument and Hospital Streets, report that they have examined the same and have not been furnished with any proof that the provisions of the act of assembly, relative to extending and widening streets, have been complied with by the petitioners; we therefore submit the following resolution.

J Wesley Watkins
Wm Colton
George A. Davis
Committee of the First Branch.

Isaac M. Denson
John Green Jr.
Committee of the Second Branch

Resolved

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

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

Resolved That the joint committee on police inquire into the circumstances under which Jno W Pentz has erected a slaughter house on Pennsylvania Avenue between Wilson and Pressman Streets – and whether any, and what authority has been given to erect said house; and if any authority has been given to him; and to ascertain and report the names of the parties in the neighbourhood who have either consented to, or protested against it; and further to report whether each and every property holder between Wilson and Pressman Streets, except the said Pentz, has not remonstrated against the erection of said slaughter house; and said committee is hereby requested to make their report at the earliest practicable period.

Mr O'Leary, on leave, offered the following bill which was read a first and by special order the second time and laid on the table

An ordinance for the further preventing of fires.

Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that it shall not be lawful after the passage of this act for any person or persons to erect, build, or have put up any steam planing machine, or machinery, in the city, without first obtaining the consent of all the property holders in the square where the said building is to be erected or put up.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted and ordained, That if any person or persons shall erect or set up a machine, or machinery, in violation of the first section of this ordinance, such person or persons, shall forfeit and pay a penalty of twenty dollars for each and every day until such machine or machinery shall be removed.

Mr Collins asked leave to insert on the Journal.

"That if he had voted yesterday on bill No 79. which relates to the square of the Messrs Donnell in the Western part of the city, he would have voted in the negative".

The Branch granted the leave.

A resolution limiting the City Commissioner to the appropriation made for flag and stepping stones, was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order the second time.

Mr Hack moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Soran.

Yeas. – Messrs Colton, O'Leary, Turner, Soran, Watkins, Buchanan, Hooper