On motion of Mr Starr the first section was reconsidered.

Mr Starr moved to amend the first section by inserting in the 8th line, after the word "property", the words "excepting houses for public worship, burial grounds, and such as is exempted from taxation by the acts of the General Assembly of this State", which was determined in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Walsh offered the following as a new second section.

Sec 2. And be it enacted and ordained, that if any property exempted from taxation by the act of Assembly, and not assessed according to the provisions of this ordinance, should hereafter be sold and diverted to purposes, other than those which furnished the ground of their exemption from taxation, that then the amount which would originally at the time of the assessment, have been assessed upon said property, shall be paid over, equitably and proportionably to the parties originally assessed in such assessment, and the commissioners for opening streets are hereby directed to assess the amount in which such property will be benefitted, and keep the same on record; for future reference, and the carrying out the provisions of this ordinance.

Mr Brown moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Starr.

Yeas — Messrs Colton, Soran, Buchanan, Hooper, Brown, McCauley and Stack — 7.

Nays. — Messrs President, Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Hickman, Bishop, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Davis, Starr and Gross — 12.

Mr Turner moved to amend the proposed second section by striking out all from the word "paid" in the ninth line, to the word "and" in the 11th line, and inserting the words, "into the city treasury" — which was determined in the affirmative.

The section as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Soran.

Yeas — Messrs. President, Colton, Dutton, Walsh, Hickman, Bishop, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Hooper, Starr, Brown, McCauley and Gross — 15

Nays. — Messrs O'Leary, Soran, Davis and Stack — 4.

Mr Brown offered the following as the fourth section, which was adopted.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted and ordained, that the investment provided for in the twelfth section of the ordinance to which this is a

is a supplement, shall be made in city stock, bearing an interest of five per cent any thing in said ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr Walsh offered the following as the fifth section.

Sec 5. Be it enacted and ordained, that no corporation or body politic shall be exempted from assessment of the payment whereof, under the provisions of this ordinance; unless the corporate authorities thereof, pledge themselves, under the corporate seal or in the corporate name, that the property of the said corporation or body politic, shall forever remain devoted to the purposes, on account of which it is exempted.

Mr Stack moved to lay the bill on the table, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins:

Yeas. — Messrs Dutton, O'Leary, Walsh, Davis, Hooper, McCauley and Stack — 7.

Nays. — Messrs President, Colton, Hickman, Bishop, Turner, Soran, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Starr, Brown and Gross — 12.

Mr Starr moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, which was determined in the negative, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Soran

Yeas. — Messrs Walsh, Soran, Davis, Starr, McCauley & Stack — 6.

Nays. — Messrs President, Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Hickman, Bishop, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Hooper, Brown and Gross — 13.

The section was lost.

The bill being on its passage, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Soran:

Yeas. — Messrs President, Colton, Dutton, O'Leary, Bishop, Turner, Collins, Watkins, Buchanan, Hooper, Starr, Brown, McCauley and Gross — 14.

Nays. — Messrs Walsh, Hickman, Soran, Davis and Stack — 5.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office
Baltimore May 7, 1846.

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

Allow me to call your attention to two enclosed communications from the City Commissioners on matters of great importance to the city — one relative to repairs of streets; and the other to the preservation of the harbor; Certain it is, if the executive is deprived of the means of keeping the

Streets