Wednesday, January 27. 1847.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob S. Cohen Junr Esq President and all the members except Mr Soran.

Mr Colton presented a petition from Emanuel Stockett, praying the passage of an ordinance directing the paying over the reward for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer of Elizabeth Earles, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Hager presented a petition from J. W. Rountree, asking permission to erect a porch, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Connolly presented a petition from William A Kimberly, asking permission to build a Slaughter house, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Mr Spurrier presented a petition from S. Peters and others asking that no additional license be charged on omnibuses, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Simms presented a petition from H. F. Slater and others praying for the opening of Dover Street, from Sharp to Hanover Street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

Mr Gardner presented a petition from J. S. Gittings and others, counter to the petition of Thomas McAlroy for erecting a Brick Kiln — which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Key presented a petition from John S. Donnell and others asking for further privileges than was granted by ordinance, approved February 21. 1843. in relation to the width of an alley or alleys, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

Mr Cockey presented a memorial from the Board of Control and Review, praying the payment of the Surveyor employed by the Assessors of the fifth district, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred ordinance No 4. entitled "An ordinance providing for the offset of damages against benefits, in certain cases in the extension of Fayette Street", have had the same under consideration, and as they deem it just and proper, that persons now owning the property assessed for the opening of Fayette Street, (whether for damages or benefits) should have the benefit of the offset, as provided for in the original ordinance, whether they are on the plat returned by the Commissioners to the Register or not, provided they are the bonafide

bonafide owners, beg leave to report the same with an amendment.

George A. Davis — John Green Jr
Edward Spedden — Wm Sineberger
William Colton — John M'Pherson
First Branch. — Second Branch.

Amendment proposed — In the 15th line, strike out the words, "that satisfactory evidence" — and insert in lieu thereof the words, "a certificate from the City Counsellor."

Mr Collins on leave offered the following resolution which was read a first and by special order the second time, adopted and sent to the Seconds Branch, who returned the same endorsed, "concurred in"

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the time for obtaining possession of the room in the High School building, now in the occupancy of the Library Company of Baltimore, as provided for in resolution No 26. Approved February 17th 1846. be and the same is hereby extended to the 1st day of January 1848, provided, that the President and Directors of the Library Company of Baltimore, give to the Board of School Commissioners, a written pledge that they will deliver to said board possession of said room on or before said 1st day of January 1848.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins

Yeas. — Messrs President, Colton, Wells, Abrahams, Cockey, Creamer, Hager, Connolly, Collins, Peters, Spurrier, Davis, Simms, Spedden, Gardner, Key, Mack and Groff — 18.

Nay. — Mr Reynolds. — 1.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on streets on the petition of Ashton Alexander and others, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening, it adjourn until Monday afternoon next at half past 3 O'Clock

This Branch assented and informed the Second Branch thereof by message.

The following communication was received from the City Commissioners, read and referred to the joint committee on water.

Office of the City Commissioners
Baltimore January 27, 1847.

To the President and Members of the First Branch of the City Council.

Gentlemen — In answer to the resolution of inquiry adopted by your Branch, in relation to the prices