Monday, February 1. 1847.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present Jacob I. Cohen Junr. Esq President and all the members.

Mr Colton presented a memorial from Wm & Geo Gardner and others, praying that the tax on omnibus may not be increased, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Cockey presented the annual report of the Vigilant Fire Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Collins presented a petition from Thomas Richards and William Robertson, praying that the tax on omnibuses may not be increased, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Mr Spunier presented a petition from Susan C. Lythicum asking restoration of a market stand at the Centre Market, which was read and referred to the joint committee on markets.

Mr Simms presented a petition from Canby & Bartlett asking the removal of a fire plug, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Saraner presented a petition from Hugh Jenkins and others, praying permission to extend a wharf, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Hack presented a bill from John Singenfelter for extra services, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Groff presented a petition from William Cocks, relative to an alley running from Biddle to Ross streets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

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 the petition of Robert W Pendleton, asking authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the privilege of arching over an alley therein mentioned beg leave to report, that they have examined the premises, and are of opinion that the proposed improvement would seriously injure the property adjoining thereto, by the obstruction of light and air; but independently of private objections your committee are of opinion that public highways, under no circumstances, should be appropriated to private uses; for even admitting, that in this case as the petitioner states the public travel would not be incommoded by granting his prayer, it would

would nevertheless be establishing a dangerous precedent in our municipal regulations, and, which in time would prove a serious evil to our community — entertaining these views, your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

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

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

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 the petition of Joseph F. Perkins and others, praying that Chatsworth Street may be tunnelled from Pierce Street northerly to some point which in the opinion of the Mayor and City Council, will relieve the owners of property on Chatsworth Street from the grievances therein mentioned, beg leave to report that they have examined Chatsworth Street, and find that a large body of water from Pennsylvania Avenue and the streets adjoining flow over the bed of said street, and in addition thereto, there is a constant stream from Perkins' Spring, — from these causes during heavy rains, the citizens are much incommoded — but your committee beg leave to state, that in their opinion the chief cause of complaint arises from the offal and filth made at the many slaughter houses in the neighborhood, and which in warm weather is very offensive — for these, and many other reasons the committee could enumerate, they are of opinion, that a tunnel should be made along the bed of Chatsworth street at no distant day, but at the same time regret that they cannot recommend an appropriation for the same at this session of the Council, as they believe the City treasury will not admit of heavy special appropriations without additional taxation. Your committee, therefore, ask leave to offer the following resolution.

George A. Davis	John Green Jr
William Colton	Wm Sineberger
Edward Spedden	John M Pherson
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Resolved That the petition of Joseph F. Perkins and others, asking that Chatsworth Street may be tunnelled, be referred to the favorable consideration of the next annual session of the City Council.

Mr Colton