Mr Colton on leave offered the following resolutions, which were read a first and by special order the second time unanimously adopted and sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "concurred in"

First. Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That we highly approve the action of the Independent Blues and all others concerned therein, and fully appreciate the motives which inspired and prompted them to send for the remains of our beloved townsman and gallant soldier William H. Watson, and for those other heroic citizens of our State, and fellow countrymen, who fell at the battle of Monterey, in an action nobly sustained by our valiant and gallant troops, in an engagement against such odds and numbers of forces on the side of the enemy.

Second. Resolved, That we deeply feel the loss sustained by the family of Col. Wm H. Watson, and sympathise with them and the families of our noble citizens, who have been deprived of husbands, fathers, sons and brothers, by the calamities of war.

Third, Resolved, That we will suspend the operations of the Council on the day set apart by the convention for the burying of Lt. Col. Wm H. Watson and that we will attend the funeral of the same.

Fourth. Resolved, That these resolutions be signed by the Presidents of both Branches of the City Council and his Honor the Mayor, and be transmitted to the widow of Col. Wm H Watson.

Mr Davis called up the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets on the petition of Ashton Alexander and others.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Reynolds presented a petition from Wm E Beale and others, praying that a part of the Old Joppa Road may not be closed, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

Mr Davis called up the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets, on bill No 4. entitled An ordinance providing for the offset of damages against benefits in certain cases, in the extension of Fayette street.

Mr Foran moved to refer the bill to the City Counsellor for his opinion and that he be requested to report without delay, which was determined in the affirmative

Mr Hack called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on ways and means on the petition of the Columbian Riflemen

Mr Colton offered the following as a substitute

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Commissioners of Finance be directed to rent to the Columbian Riflemen

Riflemen, the use of the upper room of the Eastern District Watch House for a drill room, every Monday evening, and as a place of safety for their equipments, for the sum of $30 per annum, — the use of said room at all other times, to be in the hands of the Commissioners of Finance for the use and benefit of the city treasury.

The substitute was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Hack

Yeas.— Messrs Colton, Wells, Abrahams, Foran, Spurrier, Spedden, Key and Gross — 8.

Nays.— Messrs President, Cockey, Creamer, Hager, Reynolds, Connolly, Collins, Peters, Davis, Simms, Gardner and Hack 12.

The resolution was adopted.

A resolution appropriating money for funeral expenses of Watson, Ridgely &c. was received from the Second Branch and read.

Mr Spurrier moved that the resolution be read a second time by special order. which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Spurrier.

Yeas.— Messrs President, Colton, Wells, Abrahams, Cockey, Connolly, Foran, and Spurrier — 8.

Nays.— Messrs Creamer, Hager, Reynolds, Peters, Davis, Simms, Spedden, Gardner, Key, Hack and Gross 11.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint committee on the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance endorsed "concurred in"

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer the petition of William Alexander, to a joint select committee and nominating Messrs Page, Green and Stansbury, as the committee on their part.

This Branch assented and appointed Messrs Hack, Creamer, and Colton as the committee.

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

Office of the City Commissioners
Baltimore February 4. 1847

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

Gentlemen

The City Commissioners have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of your Branch directing them to prepare a plat of the two squares of ground purchased by the city for the extension of the Belle Air Market &c. — and in reply thereto