they shall deem it desirable, and where they shall be the sole owners of the respective squares or blocks of ground, or where all the owners shall consent to the same, in such manner as to give a greater depth to the lots fronting on one of the sides of said squares or blocks of ground than on the other – and that the provision in said before mentioned ordinance, requiring said alleys to run in all cases through the centres of the squares, be and the same is hereby repealed; provided always, that the John S. Donnell and J. J. S. Donnell, have the proposed alterations of such alleys on said blocks and squares platted on the atlas of the City, under the supervision of the City Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Davis the proposed amendment was "concurred in".

Mr Hager presented a petition from Archibald Stirling and others praying for the opening and extending of Canal Street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Streets

Mr Hager from the committee submitted the following report which was read and laid on the table

The joint committee on water to whom was referred the memorial of Tonas M'Pherson, proposing to cede to the corporation a pump and well in front of his dwelling, on Biddle Street near George Street, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject into consideration and submit the following resolution:

Geo W Hager	William Lineberger
Michael Gross	David Taylor
Joseph Simms	John Green Jr
First Branch	Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the proposition of Tonas M'Pherson, to cede to the Corporation a pump and well in front of his dwelling, on Biddle Street near George Street be and the same is hereby accepted – and the City Commissioners are directed to adopt measures to keep said pump and well in proper repair.

Mr Reynolds offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore That the Commissioners of Public Schools be, and they are hereby requested to report to this Branch, the propriety and expediency of establishing public night schools, for the education of minors and adults; and also the probable expense of the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and

and nays being called for by Mr Collins

Yeas. – Messrs Melton, Wells, Cockey, Creamer, Hager, Reynolds, Connolly, Collins, Peters, Spurrier, Davis, Simms, Gardner, Key and Nack – 15

Nays. – Messrs President, Foran and Spedden – 3.

The President this day handed to the Mayor for his approval "A resolution in favour of John Singenfelter"

On motion of Mr Foran, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 O'Clock

By order

Geo. F. Woodward Clerk

Friday February 5. 1847.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. Jacob I. Cohen Junr Esq President, and all the members except Mr Abrahams.

Mr Peters presented a petition from Philip E. Thomas and others praying that the tax on omnibuses may not be increased, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police

Mr Davis presented the annual report of the New Market Fire Company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Fire Companies.

Mr Reynolds, from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Emanuel Stockett, one of the City police, praying the Mayor and City Council to pass an ordinance, authorising him to receive the reward offered by the Mayor of the City, for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer of Elizabeth Carles, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Lindsay H. Reynolds	John M'Pherson
William A. Nack	James C. Linde
Joseph Simms	Elijah Stansbury
First Branch	Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register of the City be, and he is hereby authorised to pay, with the approbation of the Mayor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Emanuel Stockett, two hundred dollars, being the amount of the reward offered by the Mayor for the arrest and conviction