City Commissioner's Office,
Baltimore February 6. 1850.

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

Gentlemen:

In answer to the resolution adopted by your honorable body on the 4th instant, propounding a certain query in relation to the paving of Pennsylvania avenue, the city commissioner has the honor respectfully to report,

That there is in the office no information that would enable him to assign the reason why, upon the paving of Pennsylvania avenue, the curb stones between Union and Preston streets, were not set upon a line with those west of Preston street.

The curb stones were set when that portion of the avenue was paved, in 1832; whether it originated from a mistake of the pavers, or the surveyor, the undersigned is unable to say, but it was evidently owing to neglect on the part of the city commissioners, then in commission, to permit the curb stones to be so set. Many similar instances might be cited, affording a wide margin for critical observation: the occurrence of such errors the undersigned has carefully endeavored to avoid, and will continue to do so, while in the discharge of his official duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Reeder, City Commissioner

The report and resolution of the joint committee on claims, on the petition of Dr. Wm. C. Knowles, were received from the Second Branch, and read a first, and by special order, a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dushane, the resolution was amended by inserting at the end thereof, the words "in making a post mortem examination of the body of Richard Gibson."

The resolution as amended was concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution, which was read, and adopted:

Resolved, that the joint committee on highways and bridges, inquire into the necessity of having stone piers erected on each side of Jones' Falls, at the crossing of Charles street.

A message was received from the Second Branch, announcing its assent to the proposition to refer the memorial in relation to the removal of the bethel ship, William Penn to a joint select committee, and naming as said committee on the part of that branch, Messrs. Shaffer, Taylor and Farlow.

Mr. Davis in the chair.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Surveyor be, and he is hereby permitted to make such extracts, and to take copies of such public papers relating to real property in the city, in the city commissioner's office as he may deem necessary to him in the prosecution of his duties.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dushane:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Horney, Glass, Suter, Green, Lovering, Dobler, Woodward, Shaffner, Quinlin, Grafton, Davis, Carpenter, Disney, Leloup, - 15.

Nay - Mr. Dushane - 1.

Mr. Dobler offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the city commissioner be requested to inform this branch what would be the cost of tunnelling McKim's run, situate between York and Harford avenues, from Madison to Eager street.

On motion of Mr. Leloup, the resolution in relation to making provision for the payment of the salaries of the teachers of public schools, due on the 1st. instant, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Cohen moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "to" in the 2nd line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words following: "pay to the commissioners of public schools in anticipation of the collections from arrearages due from the levies for the support of public schools, a sum not exceeding nine thousand, five hundred dollars, for the exclusive purpose of paying salaries due the teachers up to the first day of February 1850."

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted, and sent to the Second Branch.