inquiry of the 19th. inst, the register has obtained from the office of the American a measurement of the printed ordinances and resolutions of the last session, and also of the advertisements, published during the year, for the mayor's, register's, and city commissioner's office, which is as follows:

Ordinances and resolutions,	450 squares.
Advertisements, as above,	200 squares.
	650 squares.

Which at the ordinary rate of fifty cents per square, would amount to three hundred and twenty five dollars. For this work they have actually been paid $166.66⅔, as per appropriation. It is proper to observe, that this is exclusive of the amounts provided for by special appropriations, annually.

Should the present system be continued of publishing in those papers, the sum required to be appropriated at a rate per square, as above, would be $975, or say, in round numbers $1000 – which would require just double the amount now paid, to be provided for among the general appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Graves, Register.

Mr. Cooper presented a petition from Fell & Robinson and others, in relation to obstructions at the mouth of Harford run, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon, at half past three o'clock.

By order.
Wm. A. Stewart
Clerk

Wednesday, February 27th. 1850.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. – Jacob I. Cohen, Jr. Esqr. President, and all the members, except Messrs. Horney, Clap, Suter, Gilmore and Quinlin.

Mr. Green presented a petition from William Chesnut and others in relation to the condition of the gutter at the

corner of Pratt and South streets, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

The President presented a petition from John E. Howard, asking permission to construct a drain from the bed of Lombard street to Uhler's alley, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, bill No. 4, entitled "An ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbor of Baltimore, to appoint a port warden, and to prescribe his duties," was taken up, for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Shipley, the letter "s" at the end of the word "commissioners" in the 18th. line of the first section was stricken out.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the words "at his office, which shall be located at the City Yard", were inserted after the word "books", in the 10th. line of the same section.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the words "for the general use", were stricken out of the 23rd. line of the same section.

On motion of Mr. Dushane, the words "separate and distinct from the board of city commissioners, which port warden," in the 5th. and 6th. lines of the same section were stricken out, and the word "who" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the second section was amended by inserting at the end thereof, the words "and in case the owner or agent of such sunken vessel cannot be found, then the port warden shall be and he is hereby authorised and directed to proceed to remove said vessel, and draw on the Register for the sum necessary to perform that duty – said sum of money to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and as soon as the owner or owners, or agent of such sunken vessel so removed, shall be found, the city counsellor shall be directed by the Mayor to proceed and recover by law, the amount expended for the removal of said vessel".

On motion of Mr. Dushane, the third section was amended by striking out the words "heretofore having obtained", in the 3rd. and 4th. lines, and inserting in lieu thereof "who has obtained, or may hereafter obtain".

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the fourth section was amended by adding at the end thereof, the words "the