The branch accordingly adjourned until to morrow afternoon, at half past three o'clock.

By order.

Wm. A. Stewart Clk.

Friday, March 8. 1850.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,- Jacob S. Cohen Jr. Esq. President, and all the members, except Mr. Quinlin.

Mr. Glass presented the annual report of the Franklin fire company, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr. Suter presented a petition from Henry Powell, and others, against granting permission to James Coppuck to establish a soap and candle factory on Long Dock, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Davis, referred to the Second Branch.

Mr. Leloup, chairman of the committee on ways and means, submitted the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The joint standing committee on ways and means, to whom has been referred the memorial of William Wilson & Sons, Jas. Corner & Sons, Hooper & Chesebrough, and Thomas R. Matthews & Co., praying for the return of taxes respectively paid by them, under protest, into the city treasury, for alien passengers, beg leave to report, that taking into consideration the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in the matter of taxes levied upon alien passengers, the time when the taxes asked to be returned as aforesaid were paid, and the fact that they were paid as stated under protest, they are of opinion that said taxes should be returned as prayed for in every case, where the parties who have paid the same shall produce the proof that they have not received any tax or head money from the alien passengers in respect of whom such payments into the city treasury have been made;- they therefore submit the

following resolution:

Chas. A. Leloup.	First Branch	Elias Ware Jr.	Second Br.
M. Grafton		F. Littig Shaffer	
J. S. Suter		John Dukehart	

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Register of the City be and he is hereby directed to refund and pay respectively to William Wilson and Sons, James Corner & Sons, Hooper & Chesebrough, and Thomas R. Matthews & Co., out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and with the approbation of the Mayor, the several amounts paid by them under protest, into the city treasury, for alien passengers, upon their filing with the said Register an affidavit that they have not directly or indirectly, received any tax or head money from the alien passengers in respect of whom the amount hereby directed to be refunded, was paid.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on highways and bridges, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways and bridges to whom has been referred the petition of P. A. & L. Small and others, for the opening and condemnation of a street thirty feet wide, from Rofs street to Pennsylvania avenue, and situated between Hoffman and Preston streets, and also the adverse petitions of Aaron Hoffman and others, and Richard Holmes and others, beg leave most respectfully to report that they have given the petitioners' application consideration and a personal examination of the land through which the proposed street would pass, and your committee are of opinion that the application should not be granted, for the following reasons:- First, The petitioners propose to take thirty feet of ground from the rear of the property fronting on Hoffman street, for the proposed street, against the consent of nearly all the owners. Secondly, The applicants are the owners of nearly all the property fronting on Preston street, and would be equally benefitted (by the proposed opening of said street,) with the parties owning on Hoffman street, yet they do not offer to take any of their own ground for the street; and Lastly, we do not think the Mayor and City Council should use the authority given