Tuesday, March 12th 1850.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present,- All the members except Jacob I. Cohen Jr. Esq. President.

On motion of Mr. Seloup, George A. Davis Esq. was unanimously elected President pro tempore.

Mr. Suter presented a petition from the Maryland Institute asking permission to build a hall over Centre market, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Dushane, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer the same to a joint select committee, said committee on the part of this branch consisting of Messrs. Dushane, Suter and Lovering.

The Second Branch by message assented, and named as said committee on the part of that branch, Messrs. Shaffer, Dukehart and Farlow.

Mr. Dobler, chairman of the committee on education, submitted the following report, which was read, and laid on the table:

The joint committee on education to whom was referred the annual report of the public school commissioners, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said report, and have given it all the attention its importance requires. That our system of public schools should be sustained by all the means in the power of the city, the committee are not prepared to doubt, but to grant at the present time, under the pecuniary difficulties under which the board labors, all that the board ask for, would in the opinion of the committee be inexpedient.

The committee find as the result of its deliberations that the furnishing of school No. 10. is absolutely necessary, and before it is so furnished it cannot go into operation. They also find upon examination that school No. 1. is in want of repair to such a degree that further delay would be detrimental to the prosperity of the school; the committee would therefore offer the following resolutions:

J. Dobler Chas. A. Seloup M. Grafton	First Branch	John R. Nelso John W. Willson Elias Ware Jr.	Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the sum of one thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the furnishing of school No. 10. to be taken from the general school fund.

Resolved further that the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be and hereby is appropriated to place in repair, and make such alterations as may be required in school No. 1. to be taken out of the general school fund.

Mr. Shipley presented a petition from George Suter, relative to a stall occupied by him in the Hanover market house, which was read, and referred to the joint committee on markets.

Mr. Dushane presented a petition from William E. Thomas and others asking that they may be allowed to pave certain streets therein named by private contract, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges.

Mr. Dushane from 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 memorial of the Baltimore Cemetery Company asking the assent of the Mayor and City Council to the fourth section of their act of incorporation closing certain streets which would pass through their grounds, and diverting the course of the Northern avenue as laid out by the extension commissioners, beg leave respectfully to report that they have given the subject due investigation, and are of opinion that the assent of the Mayor and City Council ought not to be given as prayed by the petitioners.

The aforesaid fourth section provides that no streets, lanes or alleys shall be opened through the said cemetery, provided the managers shall agree to open when required by the city of Baltimore the continuation of the Northern avenue, along the western and southern boundary of their grounds fifty feet wide to intersect the Eastern avenue. If the proposition were simply to close the ordinary streets passing through the cemetery grounds, your