taking of the sense of the people, on the propriety of furnishing a better supply of water.

The question pending was the motion of Mr Mearis, to refer the whole subject to the first special committee on the supply of pure water to the city, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Beale:

Yeas.— Messrs. Honey, Blanford, Shelley, Mearis, Beale, Wilson — 6.

Nays.— Messrs. President, Dukehart, Young, Bowie, Thomas, Morris, Whelan, Davis, Miles, Dushane — 10.

The question recurring on the reception of the substitute offered by Mr Thomas, to the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Mearis moved to amend the substitute, by striking out all after the word "resolved", and inserting the following words:

"By the Mayor and City Council, that

he and they are hereby constituted commissioners to have such surveys made, as in their opinion may be necessary, to ascertain the most available stream of water, and the cost to introduce the same into the city, &c., &c., to report at the earliest day practicable; that to carry out the object of the foregoing, there shall be appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of dollars, or so much thereof, as may be necessary for the purpose. After the said report shall have been made by the commissioners, the Mayor shall give notice, through the daily papers, calling upon the citizens to assemble within thirty days thereafter, at their respective places of holding elections, to determine by ballot, shall a supply of water be introduced by the corporation? Those voting for, shall cast a ballot "For a supply of water by the corporation"; those opposed, shall cast a ballot "against a supply of water by the corporation", — and a majority of the votes cast shall be deemed a majority of the entire vote of the city, and the next Council, whether in special or annual session, shall discharge the duty enjoined upon them as expressed by a majority of the votes cast."

Pending the question,

On motion of Mr Morris, the whole subject was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Second Branch, by message, concurred in the proposition of this branch to appoint a joint committee of conference on the resolutions in reference to the communication of the State Senator, N. Williams, Esq., and named on said committee, on the part of that branch, Messrs. Cohen, Norris and Page.

The Second Branch returned the resolutions authorising the refunding of certain taxes to John McClerman and C. Senzner, severally endorsed "concurred in".

On motion of Mr Morris, the branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

By Order,
Joseph M. Feegy, Clerk.

The following resolutions were this day presented to the Mayor:

Resolution for a memorial to the Legislature in relation to an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor;

Resolution in favor of the legal representatives of Robert Gilmore, deceased;

Resolution for a fire-plug in the south-west corner of Broadway and Gough Street; and

Resolution in favor of E. & S. Stone.

Friday, April 9, 1852.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John S. Brown, Esq., President, and all the members except Messrs. Blanford, Shelley, Mearis, Lucas, Tewksbury, Davis and Griffith.

There being no quorum at half past 4 o'clock, Mr Beale moved that the branch adjourn, which motion was seconded by Mr Young, and determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Morris:

Yeas.— Messrs. Honey, Young, Beale, Wilson, Thomas, Whelan, Brooks, Dushane — 8.

Nays.— Messrs. President, Dukehart, Bowie, Morris, Miles — 5.

The branch accordingly adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

By Order,
Joseph M. Feegy, Clerk.

The following resolution was this day presented to the Mayor:

Resolution in favor of Isa Needham.