Resolved, that the board of commissioners of public schools be, and they are hereby authorised to purchase the property on Aisen Street, referred to in the memorial of the Trustees of the German Church, and that the sum of be appropriated for that purpose, the same to be paid by the City Register out of the levy of 1854.

Resolved, that the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of fitting up and furnishing said building, under the direction of the Commissioners of public schools, and that the City Register be directed to pay the same to the said Commissioners, out of the levy of 1854.

The resolution from the joint committee on the harbor, in relation to the widening of Mr Elderry's dock, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendments":

Amendments proposed:

Strike out the words "committee on the harbor", in 2d and 3d lines, and insert "city commissioner".

Strike out all after the word "released", in 13th line.

Insert after the word "released", in 13th line, the words "the work under said contract to be done under the supervision of the city commissioner".

On motion of Mr Weathers, the amendments were concurred in.

On motion of Mr Reese, the branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By Order,
Joseph M Peregoy, Clerk.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – John S Brown, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr Rogers.

Mr Spicer presented the petition of Thomas J Sippiss, asking compensation for the loss of a horse, killed on the 2d of January, in the street, which was read and referred

to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Simms presented the petition of John Lockerd and others, in favor of the continuance of the glue factory on Washington avenue, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Mr Sepson presented the petition of Joseph S Colliday and others, asking the opening of Vine street, from Schroeder street to Republican street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr Sepson presented the remonstrance of Thomas M Keerl, against the opening of Vine street, from Schroeder to Republican street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr Sepson presented a remonstrance from John Castle, against the opening of Vine street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

The following communication was received from the City Commissioner, read and laid on the table:

City Commissioner's Office,
Baltimore, Feb. 15, 1854.

To the First Branch City Council:

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your resolution of the 10th inst, relating to the size of the water pipes, and if they have been laid according to contract:–

I would respectfully state, that I have carefully examined the subject, and find the pipes are too small to afford the necessary supply of water, and that the city authorities have no control over the matter.

The agent of the water company informs me, that they intend at an early date, to lay large pipes in lieu of those now down, which will remove the cause of complaint.

There is no contract existing between the city and the water company, except an implied one in the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, incorporating the Water Company, and to be found in the fourth volume of the Laws of Maryland, chap. 79, sec. 10, which secures to the city a right to have as many fire-plugs inserted to the