A report and resolution from the joint committee on water, on the petition of Alfred Griffith, in relation to the sale of the Charles street Springlot, were received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr Boulden offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that Messrs. Murray, Peters and Evans, commissioners for opening Streets, inform this branch upon what authority they proceeded to make a second assessment and return, in the condemnation of Bel-air avenue.

On motion of Mr Zimmerman, the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of the northwestern section, in relation to the extension of the Richmond market, was referred to the joint committee on markets.

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

By Order,
Joseph M Peregoy, Clerk.

Friday, February 24, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John S Brown, Esq. President, and all the members, except Messrs. Peters, Spicer, Magraw and Rogers.

A message was received from the Second Branch, concurring in the proposition of this branch, to go into convention this afternoon.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, and read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, Feb. 24, 1854.

To the Members of the
First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed "resolution for the erection of a fire-plug, corner of Camden and Eutaw Streets", - "Resolution of request to the Representatives of the city, in the Legislature", -

"Resolution providing for the accommodation of the Southern police station", - "Resolution in favor of Wm H H Turner", - "Resolution in favor of Stephen Woolford", - "Resolution empowering the Commissioners of Public Schools, to lease a lot of ground for a Public School", - "Resolution in favor of John W D Pentz and others", - "Resolution repealing a certain resolution therein named", - "Resolution in favor of J A McKillop", - and "Resolution for improving the Hollins Street market", - all of which originated in your branch.

J Smith Hollins, Mayor.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, with accompanying letters, which were read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, Feb 24, 1854.

To the Members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith transmit a letter received by me from Mr Farver, Esq., of St Louis, together with proceedings in relation thereto by the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, all of which I would respectfully press upon your consideration.

The object of the memorial presented to Congress, is the appropriation of a portion of the public lands, to be held in trust, for the establishment and perpetual support of Reform Schools or Houses of Refuge. The object is a most worthy one, and if anything can be accomplished by casting the influence of your body in aid of the measure, it would seem desirable that the action suggested by the Managers of the House of Refuge, be adopted by the Council.

J Smith Hollins, Mayor.

St Louis, February 1st, 1854.

To the Honorable Mayor
of the City of Baltimore:

Dear Sir:

I have taken the liberty of forwarding to your address, a copy of the December number of the "Western Journal", containing (at page 186) a memorial to Congress, asking for a grant of land in aid of Juvenile Reform Schools for large cities.