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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the Clerk of this Branch be, and he is hereby authorised to draw from the archives of the city, the papers of Charles Myers, relating to the bed of Walsh street.

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

Resolved, that the clerk of this Branch, be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the joint standing committee on water, the originals of the reports of the late Water Commissioners, together with the originals of the accompanying reports of the engineers and chemists, just printed; and that said originals be referred to said committee.

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

By Order,

Joseph M Peazey, Clerk.

The following were this day presented to the Mayor:

Resolution in favor of Henry Reiman & Sons;

Resolution making certain appropriations for Public School purposes;

Resolution appropriating fifty thousand dollars to the House of Refuge.

Wednesday, March 22, 1854.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – John S Brown, Esq, President, and all the members, except Messrs. Peters, Stevens and Magraw.

Mr Norwood presented the petition of the trustees of the Orphan Asylum and others, asking the opening of Norris alley &c., which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr Sepson, Chairman of the joint committee on markets, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on markets, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to examine into the condition of the Hanover market, and the communication of the city Commissioner in reference to its cost, &c.-

Beg leave to report, that they have duly considered the subject, and find it in a most uncomfortable dilapidated condition, and the repairs are so numerous, that your committee would not recommend any further expenditure upon the old building, believing the day not far distant when the entire market will have to be rebuilt. But from the present state of your finances and the high state of taxation under which the people are groaning, your committee would not recommend the expenditure of so large amount on that building at this time, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Daniel Sepson, Joseph Simms, Saml S Spicer, } First Branch. J M Gill, M N Falls, } Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

A resolution authorising the payment of the expenses of a committee to Annapolis, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and on motion of Mr France, by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner, in relation to the grade of certain streets, at Broadway, &c., which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr France called up bill No. 21, a supplement to the ordinance regulating the markets, which was read and passed.

Mr Hunt moved to take up bill No. 15, an ordinance in execution and fulfilment of the will of the late John McDonough, which was determined in the negative.

Mr Rogers called up bill No. 20, a supplement to an ordinance to enforce useful regulations, which was read.

Mr Rogers moved to amend the first section, by adding to the end thereof, the following words:

"And provided always that nothing in this ordinance contained, shall be so construed as to interfere with any right or privilege in relation to signs, or devices upon awnings, heretofore granted or permitted".