Mr Rogers offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Representatives and Senators in Congress from the State of Maryland be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to introduce and to advocate and urge the passage of an Act to make a donation to the city of Baltimore, of the site of the old battery in the seventeenth ward, known as "Fort Covington", together with the ground adjacent thereto, now the property of the United States, for the purpose of being improved by said city, and made a public square, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

A supplement to the ordinance fixing the rents of the stalls in the several markets, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

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

By order,

Joseph M Penegor, Clerk.

Thursday, April 6, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Rogers presented the petition of Joseph Thompson and others, asking for a fire plug at Center and North streets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on water.

Mr Rogers presented the petition of John H Barnes and others, relative to a railway on Baltimore Street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on internal improvements.

Mr Rogers, chairman of the joint committee on water, presented the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint standing committee on water, to whom were referred the resolution of inquiry in relation to the "Elkridge Milling and Manufacturing Company," beg leave to report, that they have addressed the accompanying note pursuant to said

resolution, and have received the reply submitted herewith.

E Law Rogers, E G Reese, } First Branch. Jno Stewart, Jno T Farlow, } Second Branch.

Copy of a note addressed to George W Dobbin and others, Commissioners, by the Joint Standing Committee on water.

Baltimore, April 4, 1854.

To George W Dobbin and others,
Commissioners, &c.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, composing the joint standing committee on water, appointed by the Council of Baltimore, beg leave to submit for your consideration the following copy of a resolution adopted by the First Branch, and to request a reply to the queries contained therein, at your earliest convenience:

"Resolved, that the joint committee on water, inquire of the Commissioners named in the Act incorporating the Elkridge Manufacturing and Milling Company, when said company will be organized, and whether or not it is the intention of said company to propose to furnish the city of Baltimore with water."

E Law Rogers, Jos Weathers, E G Reese, } First Branch. Jno Stewart, Jno T Farlow, } Second Branch.

Baltimore, April 6, 1854.

Gentlemen:

The "Elkridge Manufacturing and Milling Company" being fully organized under its charter, have received through Geo W Dobbin, Esq., and other Commissioners, the resolution of the First Branch of the City Council, asking "whether or not it is the intention of said company to propose to furnish the city of Baltimore with water", and in reply thereto we have the pleasure to say, that one of the primary objects in the formation of this company was the supply of water to the large and growing population of this city.

We have concentrated at tide water, under the charter of this company, the whole volume of the Patapsco River, with a fall of fifty feet, and consequently a power equal to the largest requirements of the city for a full supply of water, and which the late analysis now before you shows to be better than any other water within reach.