your proposition, that when the council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until next monday afternoon at 5 O. Clock

By order

Richard R. Patter Clerk

On motion of Mr McComas, the Branch adjourned until the afternoon of Monday next, at 5 O. Clock

By order

Isaac Coriell Clerk

Monday January 31. 1859

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present. William McPhail Esq. President and all the members, except Mr Cathcart.

Mr Colton informed the Branch, that the absence of Mr Cathcart was occasioned by a death in his family

Mr Colton offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the city council, That the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to have flag stones placed across Orleans Street, at its intersection with the east side of Broadway.

A report from the joint standing committee on Highways, and an ordinance relative to changing the name of neighbor street to Chew street, were received from the First Branch and read.

An ordinance relative to authorizing the City collector to employ an additional Bookkeeper, was received from the First Branch, and read.

Mr Snull presented the petition of Joseph Carter (colored) asking to be refunded $50 pump tax; which on motion of Mr Snull, was referred to the joint standing committee on Claims.

Mr Colton, from the joint standing committee on Commerce, to whom was referred that portion of the Mayor's Message, as relates to the deepening of the channel of the Patapsco river, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were read:

The joint standing committee on Commerce, to whom was referred that portion of the Mayor's message, calling the attention of the Council to the necessity of a further improvement of the channel of the Patapsco river, and suggesting the propriety of a memorial to Congress, asking an appropriation from the general government for that purpose,

Beg leave to report that they have had the subject under careful consideration, and find it to be one of unusual interest and importance,

and thoroughly identified with the prosperity of the trade and commerce of the City.

Our Merchants have long felt the necessity and importance of having an unobstructed channel of sufficient depth of water to admit the ingress and egress, of the largest class of shipping to our wharves, and hence have looked with solicitude to the progress of the efforts being made to deepen the channel; and have been prompt to render any aid in their power when called upon to ensure its completion.

The work was commenced some several years ago, under the supervision of able and experienced gentlemen, and the progress made has been truly gratifying, and warrants the belief that with an additional appropriation of $100000 from the General Government, the entire work will be completed in one year, and Baltimore have a channel deep enough for the largest ships of the Navy to approach her Coal wharves, as well as for the uninterrupted passage of mercantile vessels of the heaviest tonnage.

Your committee being informed that an application was being made, by the Engineering Department to the General Government, for an additional appropriation, of $100000, in order to complete the work, deemed it advisable to consult with the Board of Trade in reference to the matter, and invite their co-operation in such measures as the Council might take in the premises: Accordingly the chairman of the Committee waited upon the Board, who seemed deeply interested in the matter and readily assented to the proposition of the Committee. The Board will therefore, through their worthy President, F. C. Brune, Esq. if authorized by the Mayor and city Council, cooperate in behalf of and in the name of the citizens of Baltimore with the Committee, and as the commissioners appointed by the City of Baltimore, for the improving the channel of the Patapsco river, have memorialized Congress to grant the application of the Engineer Department for an additional appropriation of $100000, your committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Wm. Colton
James H. Cook } Second Branch
Evan T. Ellicott

Geo. A. Henderson
John H. Glanville } First Branch
Saml T. Houston

Resolved by the Mayor and city council of Baltimore, That the joint standing committee on Commerce, be instructed to prepare a suitable memorial to be forwarded to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from the State of Maryland, respectfully urging them to use all the means in their power to enable the Engineer Department, to