June 19th 1839, for distruction of Corp, $575,25, leaving a balance of $424,75 unexpended —

The experience of past years has furnished numerous proofs of the necessity of providing a sufficient contingent fund to meet the payment of expenses for necessary purposes which cannot be foreseen and will not admit of delay without injury to the public welfare — The recent heavy fall of snow, so unusual in our climate, which rendered some of our streets almost impassable, and requiring much expensive labor to remove the obstruction, to pay for which no appropriation had been made, because of its late occurrence, furnishes an instance of the great inconvenience that may be caused for want of such a contingent fund —

The annual reports of the several City officers accompanying this message, and the residue will be laid before you when receiving —

In conclusion, I have only to state, that it will give me pleasure to unite with the Councils, in all their efforts to advance the prosperity of our City, and the Health, comfort and general welfare of our constituents —

Yours respectfully,
S. C. Leakin — Mayor

A Message was receiving from the first branch, proposing the adoption of the joint rules for the government of the Councils of the last year, until other rules are substituted —

This branch agreed

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon —

By order W. Belt Clerk

Tuesday January 7th 1840

The branch met pursuant to adjournment, present J. Lucas Esqr. President and all the members —

A Message was receiving from the First Branch covering a communication from George M. Gill and Joseph S. Berman Esquires and proposing to refer the same to the two branches in convention —

This Branch informed them that they agreed —

A Message was receiving from the first branch, announcing the appointment of the following Gentlemen on the joint standing Committees — To wit —

On Ways & Means Messrs. Brown, Keyser and Hooper
On the Harbour — " Landsman, Hanson and Donovan
On Streets — " Watkins, Meyer and Stansbury
On Health — " Mommonier, Beatty and Burns
On Water — " Pinkney, Jackson and Powell
On Police — " Snyder, Walsh and Lucas
On Education — " Beatty, Jackson and Callam
On Fire Co's — " Keyser, Meyer and Pindell
On Internal Improvements " Jackson, Snyder and Lucas
On Bridges — " Brown, Bender and Powell
On the Alms House — " Pindell, Burns and Hooper
On the Jail — " Snyder, Stansbury and Bender
On Markets — " Bender, Burns and Powell
On Enrollments — " Powell and Brown
On Claims — " Walsh, Brown and Pindell
On Commerce — " Callam, Keyser and Hooper

Joint Select Committees

On the Registers accounts Messrs Hanson, Meyer and Mommonier
On Acts of the Commissioners of Finance Messrs. Donovan, Keyser and Brown
do Commissioners of Health — " Lucas, Landsman and Beatty
do City Commissioners — " Snyder, Stansbury and Burns —

This branch informed them that they had made the following appointments, to wit

On Ways and Means Messrs Jones, Harden and Wright
On the Harbour " Frazier, Reany and Barnet
On Streets — " Wright, Hooks and Boyd