Mr. Collins on leave submitted the following resolution
Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. That the city commissioners be and are hereby authorized to employ a surveyor to locate on a permanent plat the proposed opening of Fayette street to Pitt street said opening to be of the width of Fayette street at Gay street provided the expense for making said location and permanent plat does not exceed forty dollars and said commissioners are hereby required to obtain and report said permanent plat with all practicable despatch and the Register is hereby authorized to pay said forty dollars to the order of the said city commissioners
The resolution was read a first and by special order the second time concurred in and sent to the First Branch

On motion of Mr. Boyd the bill entitled "An ordinance to appoint a superintendant of the mud machines and to prescribe his duties" was taken up for consideration
Mr. Barnes moved to insert in the first section eighth line after the word "harbor" printed bill the following
"Under the direction and controul of the port wardens and"
The amendment was agreed to
Mr. Barnes moved to strike out all after the word "harbor" in the first section tenth line to the end of the section — which was agreed to
The bill was then put on its passage and will not pass by the following vote — the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Caughey
Yeas Messrs Loudermann Stansbury Boyd Effender — 4
Nays — Messrs President Barnes Bolton Caughey Collins Wright Reese Forman Baker Richardson — 10

The following communication was received
Robert Howard esq
Dear Sir: The indisposition of the secretary of the board of commissioners of public schools has thus far delayed the answer of our board to your branch requiring the number of free scholars in all the schools and also the amount of tuition fee unpaid for 1844 would respectfully answer that there were 174 free scholars in all the schools on the last of December 1844
The absence of our secretary prevents me giving the amount

of tuition fee unpaid at the same date
Very respectfully
Your obt. servt
J. B. Emery President
The communication was read
On motion of Mr. Caughey the branch adjourned untill tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock
By order
A. A. Pennington
Clerk

Wednesday March 19th 1845

The branch met pursuant to adjournment
Present — Robert Howard esq President and all the members

Mr. Loudermann, on leave, submitted the following order
Ordered that the city commissioners examine and report to this branch if in their opinion the property belonging to the city and known as the fish house property would be a suitable place to repair the machinery belonging to the city, or can be made to answer the purpose of the present city yard, and if so, at what time this board could vacate the lot now occupied by them
The order was read and adopted

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of Charles Howard and others for an appropriation to enclose the square around the Washington monument
The petition was read and on motion of Mr. Richardson referred to the joint committee on streets

On motion Mr. Effender the resolution relative to Little Ross street was read the second time.
Mr. Richardson moved to strike out all after the word "authorized" and insert
"To pave the north side or one-half of Little Ross street between