Wm A Hack Esq President appeared and took the chair.
The President presented a petition from Charles S Carter and Edward Otis Hinkley, proposing to digest the revised ordinances of the city and all the Acts of Assembly, relating to the city from 1839 to 1849 inclusive,- which was read and on motion of Mr Shaffer referred to the joint committee of ways and means.
Mr Shaffer from the joint committee on health, presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted
The joint committee on health to whom was referred the petition of William Bendorgast, Thomas Harris Hodges, and others, asking the removal of a nuisance said to be caused by the business of James Bains, and others, at the corner of French and Front streets, beg leave to report that the committee repaired to the designated place, and after dil-igent search with eyes and noses failed to find any "noxious and offensife smells and stinking stuff" and so far from its being "an annoyance to the whole neighbourhood", more than one of the committee deemed it to be a healthy busi-ness.
The committee would feign believe that the said petitioners did not design to hoax the City Council,- but, from the abs-ence of every cause of complaint, they are at a loss to find a motive; and should their names be found on any other petition it will require some strong assurance to draw the committee's attention to it.
Before closing their report, they would recommend the health officer to examine a cow stable adjoining Mr Bains establishment on the south. therefore we beg leave to offer the following resolution

John Disney — F Littig Shaffer
R G Wells — Elias Ware Jr
Charles Farquharson — Second Branch
First Branch

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the fur-ther consideration of the subject.
Mr Dukehart presented the annual report of the Mechanical Fire Company, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on fire companies.
Mr Taylor offered the following resolution, which was read and on his motion, referred to the joint committee on streets
Resolved, that the city commissioners be, and they are hereby

directed to have flag stones placed across Madison street, at the intersection of Garden street.
Mr Farlow presented a petition from the members of the Co-lumbian Rifle Company, soliciting the use of the upper room of the Eastern district watch house, for an armory free of rent, which was read, and on motion of Mr Shaffer, referred to the joint committee on police.
Mr Stewart presented a petition from John Knoblock, ask-ing permission to erect a slaughter house on Point Lane, adj-oining the Methodist burying ground, which was read and on motion referred to the joint committee on health.
On motion of Mr Dukehart, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past three oclock

By Order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Tuesday January 30th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present- Wm A Hack Esq President and all the members.
The President presented a petition from C D Bamitz proposing to compile all the acts of the assembly of Maryland relating to the city; also all the ordinances of the City, with index,- read and on motion of Mr Shaffer referred to the committee on ways and means.
The President presented the following communication which was read and laid on the table.

Health Office
Baltimore January 30th 1849

To the President and members of the
Second Branch of the City Council
Gentlemen; In answer to the resolution adopted by your branch on the 22nd inst. I would respectfully state, that as I have again and again notified the contractors that unless their districts were pla-ced in proper condition by specified times, their contracts would be forfeited,- it is evident that in my opinion the contracts have not been complied with, In one instance the monthly pay was withheld from one of the contractors; and finally, notices were issued, that at a specified time, all the contracts would be forfeited unless the streets &c were placed in a proper condition, At the end of that time by the approbation of the Mayor, based upon the utter inabil-ity on the part of the contractors, from the weather, and the