Resolved that the clerk of this branch be requested to send a copy of this resolution, on each of the captains now in commission.

Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, that the joint committee on water be directed to enquire into the expediency of placing a fire plug at or near the intersection of St Paul's lane and Lexington street; and at or near the intersection of Lexington and Courtland streets; – also that they enquire into the expediency and practibility of placing two or more fire plugs in Holiday street in the immediate vicinity of the City Hall, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr Taylor, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at half past three O'clock.

By Order

Jno A Thompson Clerk

Friday February 2nd 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – Wm A Hack, Esq. President and all the members.

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

Resolved, that the petition of Daniel B Banks, praying to be refunded money expended for repairs to tunnel at the corner of Pine and Lexington streets, be withdrawn from the archives of the city, and referred to the joint committee on streets.

On motion of Mr Shaffer, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing with their concurrance, that when the council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past three oclock. – which was returned from the First Branch, assented to.

An ordinance entitled "an Ordinance to provide for the accommodation of house keepers and to preserve the health of the city" was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and being put on its passage, was rejected by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Ware appeared as follows;

Yeas Mr Farlow. 1.

Nays Messrs. President, Shaffer, Stewart, Willson, Warner, Taylor, Kelso, Ware. 8.

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

Resolved by the Second Branch, that the city commissioners report to this branch, why the gutters across the footways are not constructed according to ordinance, to the great annoyance of the citizens generally.

The President this day presented to the Mayor for his approval, a resolution for the erection of a fire plug in front of the Deptford engine house.

On motion of Mr Ware, the branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past three oclock

By Order

Jno A Thompson Clerk

Appropriations to January 26th	$90
" For fire plug in front of Deptford Engine House	75
to February 2nd	$165 –

Monday February 5th 1849.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – Wm A Hack, Esq. President, and all the members.

The following communication was received from Dr William T Leonard, city physician, read and laid on the table;

Health Office

Baltimore February 5th 1849.

To the Honorable Second Branch
of the City Council;

The undersigned, city physician, having had his attention called to a resolution of enquiry, directed by your branch to the commissioner of health, one portion of which relates to the manner in which the city physician has performed the duties devolved upon him by the ordinances of the city, and as it is a matter of delicacy, even if the commissioner knew all the facts, to comment with freedom upon the conduct of a colleague, the city physician volunteers his own testimony and answers, at once, he has not obeyed the entire letter of the ordinance, the spirit of it, however, which is to afford as sure a guarantee to the citizens against the inroads of disease as vigilence, under the guidance of the lights of science, will allow, he has performed with fidelity, not asking whether, the duty called him to the office at "nine oclock A.M." or to the most remote portion of the city at midnight; for the proof of this he confidently appeals to all who have had occasion to meet him in the discharge of his official duties, but especially to both the former and the present Mayor, and to his colleagues in office.

Respectfully, Wm T. Leonard M.D.
City Physician