can perform that duty with but little additional expense to the city and a considerable saving to the property holders concerned.
The committee are further of opinion that opening of streets is a general benefit to the city to a certain extent. The city commissioners performing that duty would be a small equivalent on behalf of the city, for such general improvements, and to that extent lessen the expense of the property holders. The committee beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance

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| George A Davis | First Branch | David Taylor | Second Branch |
| J. J. Grindall | | Joseph J Stewart | |
| N T Dushane | | John R Kelso. | |

A message was received from the First Branch proposing that when the council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past three O'clock, which was concurred in and the First Branch informed by message.
A report and resolution from the joint committee on the jail were received from the First Branch read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in, and returned to the First Branch.
A report and resolution from the joint select committee on the Registers accounts, were received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.
A report and resolution from the joint committee on claims on the petition of Murray & Hazlehurst, were received from the First Branch read a first and by special order a second time concurred in and returned to the First Branch
A report and resolution from the joint committee on police, in relation to the revision of the city ordinances, were received from the First Branch read and on motion referred to the joint committee on ways and means.
A resolution was received from the First Branch relating to an iron railing at the Calvert street spring – read and laid on the table.
A report and resolution from the joint committee on streets, in relation to tunnelling Shroeders run from Baltimore to Lombard street, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.
On motion of Mr Taylor Bill No 5. entitled "a supplement to an ordinance to provide for exercising certain powers vested in the corporation. in relation to streets in the city of Baltimore" was taken up and read a second time.
Mr Hack (Mr Ware in the chair) proposed the following addition



to the second section as an amendment.
"And that in lieu of the five dollars hitherto granted the city counsellor for examination of titles of property taken for the opening of streets, that the commissioners assess what they shall deem a reasonable compensation for the services of the city counsellor in the same manner as is provided for compensation of the city register in each respective street."
Which was negatived by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Shaffer.
Yeas. – Messrs President, Willson, Taylor, Dukehart, – 4.
Nays – Messrs Farlow, Shaffer, Stewart, Warner, Kelso, Ware 6.
On motion of Mr Dukehart the first section was reconsidered.
Mr Dukehart proposed to amend by striking out all after the word "that" in the second line, and insert the following – the commissioners for opening streets so soon as they have shall have completed their work on each street, shall deposit all papers and books relating thereto in the office of the city register. – which was adopted.
The bill as amended will pass and was returned to the First Branch.
On motion of Mr Farlow the branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past three O'clock

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

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| Appropriations to February 2nd | $165. |
| " Mary Wheeler | 7.52 |
| " Murray & Hazelhurst. | 1010.00 |
| | $1,182.52 |

Monday February 12th 1849
The branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present, – Wm A Hack Esq President, and all the members.
The following communication was received from Joseph Carson. captain city night watch western district and read:

Baltimore February 7th 1849

To the honorable the
Second Branch of the City Council
Gentlemen
In compliance of a resolution of enquiry which was adopted on the first inst directed to the captains of the night watch, asking them to inform your honorable body as soon as practicable the