Mr Kelso presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved that the joint committee on fire companies be and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the present system of the fire department, and establishing the pay system, and the probable expense thereof.

On motion of Mr Shaffer the resolution of the joint committee on ways and means on the subject of the revision of the city ordinances was reconsidered, and laid on the table.

Mr Stewart from the joint committee on water presented the following report and resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted.

The joint committee on water, to whom was referred the resolution of enquiry passed in the Second Branch on February 1st 1849 in relation to the necessity of erecting fire plugs in various parts of the city, have examined the localities referred to, and believe there is at present no necessity existing for fire plugs at either of the places named; they think however that it would be advisable to place a plug at the south east corner of Holiday street and Orange alley and with that view beg leave to offer the accompanying resolution:

J J Grindall.
John Disney.
Moses G Hindes.
First Branch

Joseph J Stewart.
David Taylor.
Elias Ware Jr.
Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioners be and he is hereby directed to cause a fire plug to be placed at the south east corner of Holliday street and Orange alley; and that for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the same, he be authourised to draw on the Register for the sum of seventy five dollars, to be taken out of the annual appropriation for the erection of fire plugs.

Mr Stewart from the joint committee on water, presented the following report and resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted:

The joint committee on water to whom was referred the annexed resolution, beg leave to recommend its adoption, as the are satisfied that public necessity calls for the erection of a fire plug at that point.

J J Grindall
John Disney
Moses G Hindes
First Branch

Joseph J Stewart
David Taylor
Elias Ware Jr
Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioners be and they are hereby directed to have a fire plug placed at or near the corner of Fremont and Boyd streets

and the sum of seventy five dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay for the same.

Messrs Farquharson and Shipley appeared as a committee from the First Branch, and invited this branch to meet in convention.

On motion of Mr Shaffer the invitation was accepted, and the branch proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch, and after remaining in convention some time this branch returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr Ware, the branch adjourned until half past three o clock, to morrow afternoon.

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Friday February 16th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.- Wm A Hack Esq.- President, and all the members except Mr Kelso.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on Water, on the expediency of placing fire plugs at sundry places.- also the report and resolution on placing a fire plug at the corner of Fremont and Boyd streets were this day sent to the First Branch.

On motion of Mr Stewart a message was sent to 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 returned assented to.

Mr Ware presented a bill from Bull & Suttle for advertising, which was read and on motion referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Shaffer called up a supplement to "An Ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate the inspection of Beef and Pork" approved March 4th 1836. which was read, and adopted and sent to the First Branch.

Mr Stewart presented a petition from Henry S Pentz, asking permission to continue a Slautherhouse heretofore erected on Point lane, read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Mr Dukehart from the joint committee on fire companies presented the following report and resolution on the petition of William Linton and others, in relation to the alleration of a pottery corner of Lexington and Pine streets, read a first, and by special order a second time adopted and sent to the First Branch

The joint committee on fire companies to whom was referred the petition of William Linton and others, for permission to reconstruct a pottery at the north west corner of Lexington and Pine streets, respectfully beg leave to report that they have