would be to close the engine houses of all companies guilty of riotous conduct. To this the committee do not assent; the city has from time to time made large appropriations towards the support of the fire companies, and our citizens are entitled to the services of the fire companies to preserve their property from destruction when threatened by fire, which service could not be rendered if the engine houses were closed. If a fire should occur in the first district, the companies there would in most cases be able to extinguish it or keep it in check until the arrival of other companies not districted, and so with the second, third, and fourth districts, a part of each of which are distant from the apparatus of other companies. The committee propose a supplement to the ordinance dividing the city into fire wards and districts, changing the bounds and limits of the districts so as in its opinion, making them more equal; they have also proposed additional sections, the operation of one of which is to relieve the Mayor from responsibility, and make it obligatory on him to district companies guilty of riotous conduct. The committee are of opinion that that part of each company opposed to riots (and which we believe is a majority in each company) will at once acquiesce in the necessity of the measure, when districted by the Mayor. From the conviction of the permanent good that will result from it, the other sections are believed to be necessary to supply omissions in the original ordinance.

N J Dushane
Evan M Forman
Edward Horney
First Branch

John Dukehart
John W Willson
Second Branch

The following message was received from the First Branch, enclosing an invitation from Weston G Haynes to attend a public meeting in behalf of American seamen to be held at Brown's buildings at 7 o'clock this evening which was accepted and the First Branch informed by message

In First Branch
Baltimore March 6. 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully propose, with your assent, that the enclosed invitation be accepted by the council

By order
William A Stewart Clerk

The President this day presented to the Mayor for his approval the following resolutions.



A resolution permitting William Linton to reconstruct his pottery
A resolution directing the erection of a fire plug at the corner of Fremont and Boyd streets:
A resolution allowing a deduction on taxes paid on or before the first of April:
A resolution in favor of Bull and Tuttle:
A resolution in favor of A. S. Abel & Co:
A resolution relative to books for the office of the city collector:
A resolution directing the paving of the footway on Eden street, adjoining the Eastern Fountain.

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

By Order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Wednesday March 7th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment
Present. Wm A Hack Esq President, and all the members, except Mr Warner.

Mr Dukehart called up the resolution of the joint committee on fire companies, on the propriety of abolishing the present system, and introducing the play system, which was read a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch, read, concurred in, and Messrs Ware, Taylor, and Dukehart appointed on the part of this branch and the First Branch informed by message:

In First Branch
Baltimore March 7th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch;

We propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint committee of conference on the resolution in favor of Goldsborough, Shannon and Neimsee, and have appointed as the committee on the part of this branch Messrs Davis, Farquharson, and Spilman,

By order
Wm A Stewart Clerk

Mr Taylor called up Bill No 9. entitled, "An ordinance to declare Chase street, Eager street, and Morton street public highways, and to provide for the opening of Decker street from Chase to Oliver street" read a second time, will pass and was returned to the First Branch,

The President this day presented to the Mayor for his approval,