on the petition of Charles L Edgerton Jr. for the erection of a fire plug were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time.

Mr Dukehart moved to amend in the second line, by striking out the word "commefsioner" and insert "commifsioner" which was concurred in.

Mr Dukehart moved to further amend by striking out in the second line the words "they are" and inserting "he is" which was concurred in.

The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on streets on the petition of Wm A Moale and others, for the closing of Mason alley, 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 of the joint committee on police on the communication of the city Register, relating to the maps in his office, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, and laid on the table.

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

By Order

Jno a Thompson Clerk

Tuesday March 13th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Dukehart called up Bill No 17. entitled A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to divide the city of Baltimore into Five Wards and Districts," approved March 23. 1848, read a second time.

Mr Dukehart offered Bill No 22. as a substitute, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed in bill form.

The following message was received from the Mayor, by the hands of V H Kalkman Esq secretary to the Mayoralty, and read

Mayors Office

Baltimore March 12th 1849

To the President and Members of the
Second Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed 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 allowing a deduction on taxes paid on or before the first of April - a resolution directing the paving of the footway on Eden street adjoining the Eastern fountain - a resolution directing the erection of a fire plug at the corner of Fremont and Boyd streets - a resolution permitting William Linton to reconstruct a pottery - and a resolution authorising Joseph Wilkins to use the north wall of the United Suction and Hose Companys Engine House - all of which originated in your branch

Respectfully

Elijah Stansbury, Mayor.

Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order a second time, adopted, and sent to the city commifsioner:

Resolved that the city commifsioner be requested to make an estimate of the expense that would attend the erection of a suitable fire proof safe for the preservation of maps and papers in the office of the city Register, and report to this branch.

Mr Taylor presented a petition from James Wilson and others, for the paving of Ross street, and on his motion it was referred to the joint committee on health.

On motion of Mr Shaffer the rules were suspended to enable him to offer the the following ordinance, which was read and laid on the table:

An ordinance supplimentary to ordinance No 5. approved May 25th 1838, prescribing the duties of the City Register.

Sec 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that so much of the second section of ordinance No 5. of 1838, as directs that the Register "shall cause to be recorded in a book or books, all ordinances and resolutions of the city" be and the same is hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof the said Register shall cause the original engrofsed copies of the said ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council, to be suitably bound in a volume, labelled with the year or years of the several sessions during which the same were passed, and properly paged and supplied with an index of the table of each of said ordinances and resolutions

Sec 2. And be it enacted and ordained that the clerks of each branch of the City Council, in engrofsing the said ordinances and resolutions, shall cause the same to be done on paper of good quality and of uniform size, each sheet with an inner margin of at least two inches in width, the better to enable the same to be bound as provided for in the first section.