The following message was received from the First Branch, read, the request granted, and Messrs Dukehart, Kelso and Willson appointed on the part of this branch and the First Branch informed thereof by message:

In First Branch, Baltimore March 23d 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully request that a committee of conference may be granted on bill No 39 entitled "An ordinance for the relief of the York and Maryland Line Rail Road Company" and have appointed as the committee on the part of this branch Messrs Soran Stewart and Stansbury

By order
Wm A Stewart clerk

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

In First Branch, Baltimore March 23d 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully return, in compliance with your request, bill No 30. entitled "A supplement to an ordinance for collecting the taxes in the city of Baltimore"

By order
Wm A Stewart Clerk

Bill No 30 entitled "A supplement to an ordinance for collecting the taxes in the city of Baltimore" on motion of Mr Dukehart, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr Shaffer the bill was amended by inserting in the fourth line of the third section, after the word "persons" the words "or left on the premises"

On motion of Mr Kelso the bill was further amended by adding to the third section after the word "thereof" the following "provided that this law shall not effect any notice or distraint commenced by the collector before its passage".

The bill as amended was put on its passage, will pass, and was returned to the First Branch.

On motion of Mr Dukehart, the branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at half past three o'clock

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Appropriations to March 16th	$22.122.82
Daniel B Banks	35.98
Fire plug corner of Boyd and Parkin streets	75.00
Fire plug at Bel Air market	75.00
Foward	$22.308.80

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Fire plug corner of Frederick street and Etna lane	75.00
Revision of city ordinances	800.00
Marine hospital	500.00
Iron safe for Registers office	100.00
Fire plug corner of Howard and Camden streets	75.00
	$23.858.80

Monday March 26th 1849.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. Wm A Hack Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs Warner and Ware.

The following communication was received from the board of health, and read

Office of the Board of Health.
Baltimore March 22nd 1849.

To the Members of the Second Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen

Your resolution of the 20th inst asking "whether or not sulphurous and other noxious gases, such as are used in the bleaching of straw goods, are deleterious to health, and is the cause of disorder to the throat and lungs,—and if yea, whether or not the board of health have not sufficient authority to suppress the nuisance? and if nay, what authority is required?" has been this day received.

In answer to the first query contained in the resolution, I will state that sulphurous acid and chlorine gases, which it is believed are generally used in bleaching straw goods, are ranked among the gaseous poisons, and if incautiously inhaled will destroy life; consequently they may be more or less injurious to the health of those respiring an atmosphere impregnated with them. At the time of inhaling these gases, cough is produced, and if frequently repeated, the irritation will cause the developement of serious pulmonic disease, particular in persons of delicate lungs. Nevertheless, many persons follow this employment without appearing to suffer any material injury. This no doubt, is in consequence of the gases being largely diluted with atmospheric air before inhilation.

These gases may be used in bleaching ~~of straw~~ goods or any other business, if proper arrangements are made by the persons following occupations requiring their use, without producing any injurious or unpleasant effects either to the operators themselves or to persons living in the vicinity of such establishments.

The answer to the second query is, that the board of health possesses full power and authority to abate any nuisance destructive to health.

There is no law however, prohibiting or regulating the bleaching of straw goods by the gases alluded to above, or by any other acrid vapours.