On motion of Mr Willson, the branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past three o'clock.

By order
Jno A Thompson clerk

Friday April 6th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present,- Wm A Hack Esqr President, and all the members, except Mr Warner.
The following communication was received from the Mayor, by the hands of V H Kalkman Esqr secretary to the Mayoralty, read, and on motion of Mr Shaffer was sent to the First Branch, with a message proposing its reference to a joint special committee, and naming on the part of this branch,- Messrs Shaffer Ware and Willson

Mayors Office, Baltimore April 6th 1849

To the Members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen

I deem it respectful to the council to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution which passed your honorable bodies on the third day of April inst. having relation to the alleged misconduct of Captn J H. Magruder, of the western district watch - and requesting the Mayor, "to discharge the said J H Magruder forthwith for having violated the trust reposed in him by the Mayor and City Council, in disgracing the office he now holds as captain of the night watch" Any expression of opinion by the members of the council in relation to a subject in which our common constituency is interested, shall at all times receive the most respectful consideration by me, either when made in their individual or legislative capacity. I must be permitted however in justice to myself as well as in support of the power reposed in the executive of the city to exercise an independent judgement in all matters of removal from office, and while paying a due regard to the expressed wish of the council. I must be careful to do full justice to the officer whose conduct is impeached.

It is due to Captn Magruder to say, that reposing confidence in his better knowledge, derived from his experience of the manner in which the watchmen of his district performed their respective duties, I authorised him to designate such individuals as in his opinion, were unfit to discharge the duties of watchmen, in order that their places might be filled by competent men. Finding that much dessatisfaction

has been created by the action of the captain of the watch in the premises. I have thought it advisable to restore all such persons as have been removed, with a view to a full examination of the rights and interests of all parties, and a final determination of the subject, after a full investigation.

Very Respectfully
Elijah Stansbury, Mayor

On motion of Mr Shaffer a message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the council adjourn this day it stand adjourned until Monday next at half past three o'clock, which was returned from the First Branch concurred in.
The following message was received from the First Branch and read

In First Branch, Baltimore April 6th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully assent to your request to refer the enclosed communication from the Mayor to a joint select committee and in compliance with your request, have appointed as said committee on the part of this branch, Messrs Grindall, Pinkney and Shipley.

By order
Wm A Stewart clerk

The following communication was received from the City Counsellor, read and laid on the table

Baltimore, April 6th 1849

To the President of the
Second Branch of the City Council

Sir:

I have made the examination required by the following resolution which passed the Second Branch of the City Council on the third day of April:
"Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the Counsellor be requested to inform this branch what claim the city has, for the ground designated on Poppleton's plat as Chatsworth market, and if any what are its conditions"
I cannot find by examination of the title held by the city to real estate, that any claim exists in the corporation of Baltimore to the lot in question, by any deed or conveyance whatever.
Under the provisions of the act of Assembly of 1817. ch 148. sec 12, commissioners were appointed to lay out streets, lanes, and alleys, within the limits of the city of Baltimore, and to