return plats &c to the Register of the city of Baltimore. Under this authority Poppletons plat of the city of Baltimore, was made and certified to by the commissioners.
On that plat a certain lot was marked out for a market, and designated as Chatworth market and when regularly condemned (which has not yet been done) and the owners thereof compensated, may be used by the city for the purpose indicated

Very respectfully
Benjamin C Presstman
Counsellor for the City of Baltimore

The following message was received from the First Branch and read

In First Branch Baltimore April 5th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully concur in your proposition, that when the council adjourns on Friday evening the 13th inst. it stand adjourned to Friday evening 20th inst. and then adjourn sine die

By order
Wm A Stewart Clerk

The President presented the following communication from the inspectors of beef and pork, in answer to the resolution of the 5th ult. which was read and laid on the table;

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

Gentlemen:

In reply to a resolution of your honorable body, passed on the fifth instant, the undersigned as Inspectors of Beef and Pork beg leave most respectfully to state, that the first charge contained in the handbill in said resolution referred to, they most positively deny. In no instance have they placed their branding irons on any barrel without knowing what it contained. Since the first appointment of Inspectors of Beef and Pork in this city, to wit: the time of Mr Barrows, it has been the custom of the inspector to pass meat packed in the west, and afterwards repacked in this city by gentlemen of undoubted veracity and respectability, to take their guarantee for the quality of the meat so repacked, but your respondents, zealous in the performance of the trust imposed in them have not been satisfied with this guarantee alone, but have had their deputies who were persons of skill and judgement, and in whose honesty they had the strictest confidence, present during the time of said repacking, whose report of the quantity and quality of the meat, they have required and listened to, in connection of the guarantee of said packer, before they passed or branded the article, and

and when it has been practicable they have also attended said repacking in person.

To the second charge your respondents also most respectfully offer a flat denial; and hope that their character for knowledge in the business they have undertaken, is too well known to every individual member of your honorable body, to require any other refutation of the charge "that they would not know what meat was when they saw it.

The utility of the inspection laws must be apparent to your honorable body by an inspection of the rank and character which beef and pork inspected in this market holds in foreign ports, with that from other places, They also beg leave to reiterate their denial of the charge of their ever having passed any meat without first inspecting it. And they further aver that all Baltimore packed meat which has been passed by them, they have personally attended the inspection of.

In answer to the questions propounded in the resolution of your honorable body, they most respectfully deny the charges set forth in the handbill

They have endeavored to fulfil the ordinances, by giving their whole time to the business of inspection, and using their best judgement to detect imposition, as also to place correct brands on such articles as they have been called on to inspect, without fear or partiality; that they have always carried with them a copy or copies of the ordinances, which they have made their study, and it has been their utmost endeavour to enforce them.

They have not passed all the meat they have been called on to inspect, for in one instance one of your respondents (Kauffman) was called on, on a saturday by Messrs Pence & Brothers, to inspect a lot of beef by eleven o'clock on that day, at which hour it was to go on board the vessel, they were then told that the inspectors with all their hands were engaged elsewhere, which was a fact, and that the persons for whom they were then engaged inspecting were very pressing to have their work finished, The party then applying for Messrs Pence and Brothers, requested the inspector to write his name in pencil on the barrels, which was refused, and he referred to the ordinance, On a former occasion, application had been made by Mr Pence to the inspector to allow him to have the names of your inspectors in stencil, so that he might use it at his pleasure, which was also most respectfully but firmly and positively refused.