Mr Dukehart called up the resolution requesting the city counsellor to prepare an amendment to the city charter relative to the election of city officers. read a second time adopted and sent to the First Branch.

Mr Taylor from the joint committee on streets presented the following report and accompanying ordinance being bill No 45. on the petition of Johns Hopkins and others praying that French alley may be condemned, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on streets to whom was recommitted the petition of Johns Hopkins and others, asking that French alley from Charles street to Short alley, may be opened and condemned beg leave to report, that they are of opinion the said alley should be opened and condemned as prayed: when the same subject was before the committee and reported on adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, it was on the ground that there was no evidence before them that the notice as required by act of assembly had been given: such notice of application now accompanies this petition.

Your committee beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance

George A Davis	First Branch	David Taylor	Second Branch
J J Grindall		John R Kelso	
N T Dushane		Joseph J Stewart	

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

By order

Jno A Thompson clerk

Thursday April 12th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment,

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

The following message was received from the First Branch read, assented to, and Messrs Dukehart, Shaffer, and Stewart were appointed a committee thereon on the part of this branch.

In First Branch Baltimore April 12th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully request a joint committee of conference on the resolution relative to repairs in the ante-room of the Mayors office, and the resolution in favor of the city collector, and have appointed as said committee on the part of this branch. Messrs Shipley, Leloup and Hindes

By order

William A Stewart clerk

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

In First Branch Baltimore April 11th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully concur in the amendments proposed by your branch to the 35th and 175th lines of the first section of bill No 31. entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the year 1849" and dissent from the amendments proposed to the 56th 59th 66th and 73d lines. We therefore respectfully request your branch to reconsider the amendments proposed to the 56th 59th 66th and 73d lines, and recede therefrom.

By order

Wm A Stewart, Clerk

Mr Dukehart moved to non concur in the 56th line.

Mr Shaffer rose to a point of order-

Whether it is competent for the branch to take up any single line without reconsidering the whole bill, and appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question was put as follows: Shall the decision of the chair be sustained? which was concurred in.

The motion of Mr Dukehart was agreed to.

Mr Dukehart moved to non-concur in the 58th and 59th lines, agreed to.

Mr Dukehart moved to reconsider the 66th line, which was concurred in by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Shaffer.

Yeas- Messrs President, Farlow, Stewart, Willson, Kelso, Dukehart, Ware,- 7.

Nays- Messrs Shaffer, Taylor. 2.

Mr Dukehart moved to recede from the amendment to the 66th line, which was concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Shaffer.

Yeas-Messrs President, Farlow, Stewart, Willson, Kelso, Dukehart, Ware, 7.

Nays, Messrs. Shaffer, Taylor- 2.

On motion of Mr Shaffer the 73d line was reconsidered,

Mr Shaffer moved to rescind the amendment to the 73d line which was concurred in, and the following message sent to the First Branch;

In Second Branch, Baltimore, April 12th 1849

Gentlemen of the First Branch

We respectfully decline to recede from the amendments to the 56th 58th and 59th lines of bill No 31. entitled "An ordinance