Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the Mayor be requested to inform the Council, if in his opinion any further legislation is necessary to enable him to prevent the disgraceful scenes and fire riots which are now of almost daily occurrence, in our city, and whether the ordinance dividing the city into fire wards and districts does not vest in him full power to prevent riots, and the consequent destruction of fire apparatus, which the city has to pay for.

A resolution relative to paving the entrances to Franklin square, was received from the First Branch read a first and by special order a second time concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

Mr Ware offered the following resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time, and adopted:

Resolved that the Register be and he is hereby directed to pay John A Thompson the sum of six dollars ($6.00) per day, for his services as clerk to the Second Branch of the City Council, during the present session.

Mr Kelso offered the following resolution, read a first and by special order a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Register of the city be and he is hereby authorised to pay the clerk of the Richmond market, the sum of twenty five dollars in addition to the sum named in the general appropriation bill, for the salary of said clerk, making in all the sum of seventy-five dollars as heretofore paid for said office.

Mr Dukehart in the chair. Mr Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of the Second Branch, are due and are hereby tendered to the president of this branch, for the impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to all the members.

Mr Ware offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this branch are due and are hereby tendered to the reporters for the press in this branch, for the explicit and satisfactory manner in which they have reported the proceedings of the branch

during the present session of the council.

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

Mayors Office, Baltimore April 13th 1849

To The President and members of the
Second Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed an ordinance to divide the city of Baltimore into fire wards and districts, and to repeal an ordinance to divide the city of Baltimore into fire wards and districts, approved March 23th 1848, - a further supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the appointment of a high constable, city bailiffs, and for other purposes. - a supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to prevent the erection of frame and wooden buildings within certain limits, and for other purposes. - a resolution for a fire plug at the corner of Eden and Pratt streets, - a resolution directing the sale of a certain lot. - and a resolution in favor of Andrew & Warner. - all of which originated in your branch.

Respectfully
Elijah Stansbury Mayor

Mr Farlow offered the following resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time, and adopted;

Resolved that the city counsellor be requested to inform this branch, if the securities of the contractors for cleaning the streets have been released, by granting the said contractors further time to comply with their several contracts.

A report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of George H R Leffler, 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 of the joint committee on water on the application of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, for the surplus water from the public fountain in Union square, and bill No 44 entitled "An ordinance to dispose of the surplus water arising from the public fountain in Union square" were received from the First Branch read a first, and by special order a second time will pass, and was returned to the First Branch.