Bill No 49. entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the use of fire plugs except by those having authority," was returned from the First Branch, endorsed, will pass.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on water on the resolution for a fire plug at Centre market on Lombard street, were returned from the First Branch endorsed concurred in,

Resolution in favor of the clerk of the Richmond market was returned from the First Branch, endorsed, concurred in.

A report and ordinance of the joint committee on ways and means on the memorial of C. A Shaffer and others, asking the redemption of city five percent stock, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The resolution enquiring of the Mayor whether legislation was necessary to suppress fire riots, was returned from the First Branch, endorsed concurred in

On motion of Mr Shaffer, the branch adjourned until Friday afternoon next the 20th inst at half past 3 oclock

By order.

Jno A Thompson Clerk

Appropriations to April 6th	$50.155.68
General appropriation bill	260.903.65
Bridge over Jones falls at Canton avenue	100.00
Contractors for removing coal ashes &c.	500.00
Widening bridge at Gough street	50.00
Abutments at Eager street bridge.	636.00
($200 of which is provided for in highway and bridge tax the remainder in appropriations for paving and repaving cross streets)	
Erection of Public School No 10.	5.000.00
(to be Taken out of next years levy)	
Improvements at Franklin square	440.00
Repairs in Public School No 4.	500.00
Clerk of Richmond market	25.00
Sewer across Division street	310.00
Bridge over Schroeders Run at Hollins alley	150.00
Isaac Brooks	23.25
Removing dirt from Great Hughes street	100.00
	$318.893.58

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The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. Wm A Hauck Esq President, and all the members.

Mr Shaffer called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to the five percent stock of the City of Baltimore" read a second time, will pass, and was returned to the First Branch.

The following communication was received from the Mayor, by the hands of V H Kalkman, Esq Secretary to the Mayoralty, read, and a message sent to the First Branch proposing its reference to the joint committee on police, which was returned assented to:

Mayors Office, Baltimore April 20th 1849

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

Gentlemen

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the following resolution:

"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 the city, and whether the ordinance dividing the city into fire wards and districts does not vest in him full power to prevent fire riots, and the consequent destruction of fire apparatus which the city has to pay for"

I beg leave to communicate herewith a proclamation or notice of mine to the public, which sets forth the existing laws of the State of Maryland, which, under their respective titles of "An act for the protection of firemen, and of the property of fire companies in the city of Baltimore" and of "A supplement to the act for the protection of firemen, and of the property of fire companies in the city of Baltimore," were, without doubt, intended to meet the contingency referred to in the foregoing resolution of inquiry, and to provide the means deemed necessary and sufficient to enable the Mayor of the city of Baltimore "to prevent the disgraceful scenes and fire riots which are now of daily occurrence in our city." Under these enactments, it will be observed that the power and authority of the Mayor of the city of Baltimore is not invoked any further than it is incidental to his municipal and police functions, looking to the arrest of the offenders and their