An ordinance to open and condemn French alley, from Charles street to Short alley:
Resolution in favor of the clerk of the Richmond market
Resolution to widen the bridge over the canal at Gough street:
An ordinance to allow the proprietors of ground fronting on the north side of Ross street, to make a private contract for the paving of a part of said street:
An ordinance to prohibit the use of fire plugs except by those having authority.
Mr Ware from the joint special committee on the Assembly rooms, presented the following report and resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch, and afterwards returned endorsed concurred in.
The joint select committee appointed to examine into the practicability and probable expense of converting the building known as the Assembly rooms into a City Hall, respectfully report, that in consequence of the advanced stage of the session when they were appointed, they have not had sufficient time to make the necessary examination, and would respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution:

N T Dushane
L G Quinlin } First Branch

Elias Ware Jr
David Taylor } First Branch

Resolved that the subject be referred to the next annual session of the City Council.
Mr Farlow presented a petition from Charles Woodward and others, for washing the streets at Centre Market, read and referred to the joint committee on health.
The following communication was received from the city counsellor, read and on motion of Mr Farlow, referred to the joint committee on streets:

Baltimore April 19th 1849

To the President of the
Second Branch of the City Council:
Sir.
I have received the following resolution, which passed the Second Branch on the 13th ult.:
"Resolved, that the counsellor of the city be requested to inform this branch if the securities of the contractors for cleaning the streets, have been released by granting the

contractors further time to comply with their several contracts."
By section 5 of ordinance No 3. entitled "An ordinance relating to cleaning streets and alleys in the city of Baltimore by Contract," it would appear to have been the design of the council to vest in the commissioner of health, with the approbation of the Mayor, the power to abrogate the contracts entered into under the provisions of said ordinance, and this it appears has been done. When the contract has been declared broke by the health commissioner, the securities are only responsible for the failure and its consequences to the period of time antecedent to the abrogation, and such damages as are supposed to follow upon such failure. Any variation of the terms of the contract, or the time at which it is to be enforced, would vitiate the bond. I would suggest the propriety of the council passing such a resolution as I shall append to this communication.

Very respectfully
Benjamin C Presstman
Counsellor for the city of Baltimore.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the contractors for cleaning the streets and alleys of the city, under ordinance No 3. entitled "An ordinance relating to the cleaning of the streets and alleys of the city," passed at the January session, 1848. be and they are hereby released from any violation of said contract, prior to the passage of this resolution: provided, that the said contractor or contractors shall renew the bonds heretofore given by them, with such security or securities as may be approved by the Mayor of the city for the faithful discharge of said contract.
On motion of Mr Shaffer, the rules were suspended, and he offered the following supplement to ordinance No 16. approved March 16th 1843. read a first, and by special order a second time, will pass, and was sent to the First Branch.
A supplement to ordinance No 16. approved March 16th 1843.
Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that in the annual advertisement of the City Register for printing &c. as provided for by ordinance No 16. approved March 16. 1843. the said Register shall also ask for seperate proposals for prin