the herring and shad season of each and every year.
Mr Duklehart from the joint committee to wait on the Mayor, to inform him that the council were about closing the session, and to ascertain if he had any further communication to make, reported that the Mayor had no further communication to make to the council, and expressed a hope that the action of the council during its session would prove satisfactory to the citizens
A message was sent to the First Branch, informing them that this branch had closed the business before them, and with their concurrence were prepared to adjourn sine die.
The following message was received in reply:

In First Branch, Baltimore April 20th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your message in relation to an adjournment of the Council and duly recognize your courtesy in transmitting the same, and in reply thereto, would state that this branch has no further business to transact, and is now ready to adjourn.

By order
Wm A Stewart, Clerk

On motion of Mr Shaffer, adjourned sine die.

By order
Jno A Thompson, Clerk

Appropriations to April 13th	$318,893.58
Board of Health for cleaning streets	500.00
Susan Craggs	10.00
Samuel Ready	13.00
Incidentals, city commissioners office-additional	80.00
Printing revised ordinances	300.00
Total during the session	$319,796.58

Extra Session

Thursday, May 24th 1849.

The Second Branch of the City Council assembled in their chamber this day in pursuance of a special call from the Mayor, when were present:
William A Hack, Esq President and all the members except Mr Willson.
On motion of Mr Shaffer, the following message was sent to the First Branch, which was concurred in and Messrs Farquharson and German appointed on the part of the First Branch:

In Second Branch Baltimore May 24th 1849

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have organized, and propose with your concurrence, a joint committee to wait on the Mayor and inform him thereof, and are ready to receive any communication he has to make. We have appointed as said committee on the part of this branch, Messrs Shaffer and Ware.

By order
Jno A Thompson, Clerk

Mr Shaffer from the joint committee to wait on the Mayor, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and the Mayor would communicate with the Council forthwith.
The following communication was received from the Mayor, by the hands of U H Ralkman, secretary to the Mayoralty, and read;

Mayors Office, Baltimore May 24th 1849.

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

Gentlemen;

I have been induced to convene the Council at this time, by the persuasion that the public sentiment demands that the city authorities should adopt speedy and effective measures for the preservation of the health of the city.
We are admonished by the prevalence of that fearful epidemic, the Cholera, in various sections of our country, and its near approach to our city, that we can hardly permit ourselves to indulge the hope, that we shall escape from its visitation. Experience has demonstrated that by the adoption of wholesome sanitary measures in reference to the purification of the city, that this scourge may, if not averted, be disarmed of its most alarming feature, more especially, if the efforts of the public authorities are seconded by the action of the citizens, so far as it is within their power to co-operate.
The duty of providing ample means to enable the proper officers of