In First Branch, Baltimore May 24th 1849

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose with your assent, that the Mayors communication and accompanying paper be referred to the joint committee of ways and means.

By order
Wm A Stewart Clerk

Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Resolved that the joint committee on health be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of prohibiting the watering of the streets, by scoops &c &c. from the gutters and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr Ware offered the following resolution which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have flag stones placed across Baltimore street, midway between Pine and Fremont streets, and pay for the same out of the appropriations for flag and stepping stones.

Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, which was read, and adopted.

Resolved that the joint committee on education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting by ordinance the practice of the public school excursions by steam boat or other water conveyance, and report by bill or otherwise

A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to open Tessier street from Orchard street to St Mary street" approved April 9th 1849. was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, — will pass and was returned to the First Branch

Mr Shaffer offered the following resolution which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that no charge be made by the members of either branch, for their attendence during this extra session of the Council.

The following communication was received from the board of health, and read:

Office of the Board of Health, May 24. 1849

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

Gentlemen

The communication of W Reside, which was referred to this board, has been received, and we have to say, in answer, that the cause of complaint was on yesterday for the first time made known to the board of health, and directions were immediately given to the captain to observe the health laws. On to day we learned that he had not complied with these directions, an order was then placed in the hands of a police officer, requiring the subject to be attended to forthwith.

Very Respectfully
Jno F. Monmonier City Physician
J F C Hadel Health Commissioner

A resolution authorising the erection of a fire plug at the corner of Forrest and Hillen streets, 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 Dukehart moved to adjourn which was concurred in by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Shaffer.

Yays.- Messrs President, Stewart, Warner, Kelso, Dukehart, Ware, - 6.

Nays.- Messrs Farlow, Shaffer, Taylor. - 3.

The branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past three o clock

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Friday May 25th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present- Wm A Hack Esq. President, and all the members.

The President presented a petition of John Higham, relative to a claim for furnishing stone, which was read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Ware presented a petition of John Webb, complaining of being prevented from performing his duty as superintendent of the City yard, which was read, and on motion of Mr Ware, referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Shaffer from the joint committee on health presented the following report and resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch:

The joint committee on health to whom was referred the resolution passed by this branch, instructing the said