The following message was received from the First Branch and read

In First Branch. Baltimore January 21st 1850

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that this branch is organised by the election of Jacob I Cohen Jr Esq. President William A Stewart, Chief Clerk – Joseph Barling Assistant Clerk – John Ritts Door Keeper; and concur in your proposition to appoint a joint committee to wait upon the Mayor, and inform him that the Council is now organized, and prepared to receive any communication he may have to make, and have appointed as the committee on the part of this branch, Messrs Davis and Dobler.

By order
Wm A Stewart Clerk

On motion of Mr Shaffer the following resolution was adopted

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council that the rules of the last session for the government of this branch be adopted until others are substituted

Mr Dukehart on leave 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 city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to procure a new flag for the City Hall, and that twenty five dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay for the same, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Ware on leave offered the following order, which was read a first and by special order a second time, and adopted:

Ordered, that the Appeal Tax Court report to this branch at as early a day as possible, the amount of property within the city limits, which is liable, under a recent act of the General Assembly of Maryland, to be brought within the limits of direct taxation.

Mr Shaffer on leave, offered the following preamble and resolution read a first, and by special order a second time

Whereas, the city authorities have so graded the streets, from Baltimore street to Monument street and from Broadway street to Chester street including some forty five squares so as to empty the entire drainage of said squares into Ann

street, at its intersection with Baltimore street, thereby rendering this great thoroughfare impassable on every rain or thaw of snow. – Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have stepping stones placed forthwith across Ann street, at its intersection with Baltimore street, on its south side, and the sum of forty dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Taylor moved its reference to the joint committee on streets which was negatived

The question was taken on the resolution of Mr Shaffer which was adopted and sent to the First Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch, read concurred in, and Messrs Taylor, Ware and Farlow appointed thereon, and the First Branch informed by message:

In First Branch Baltimore January 21st 1850

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We propose with your concurrence the appointment of a joint committee of three members from each branch, to take into consideration the committees necessary to be appointed by both branches for facilitating the business of the corporation and we have appointed on our part Messrs Davis, Dushane and Gilmore.

By order Wm A Stewart clerk

The following message was received from the First Branch read, assented to, and the First Branch informed by message

In First Branch Baltimore January 21st 1850

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that the joint rules which governed the last council be adopted, until others be substituted

By order Wm A Stewart Clerk

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

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the per diem of the clerk of this branch, be fixed at five dollars; and that of the door keeper at one dollar and fifty cents.

Mr Shaffer from the joint select committee to wait upon the Mayor and inform him that the council was organized, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and the Mayor would send in his