	No of Vessels	Tons	Men
Entries of American vessels from Foreign Ports	359.	84.620.	3.372
" " Foreign " " " "	137.	27.882.	1.246
Total entries, year 1849.	496	112.502	4.618
Clearances of American vessels to Foreign Ports	461.	111.026	4620
" " Foreign " " " "	163	34.523.	1636
Total clearances. year 1849	624	145.549	6.256

In conclusion gentlemen; our city has shared the unparraleled prosperity which has distinguished the progress of our common country. If however, we contemplate our favorable geographical position, so universally conceded, we must admit that valuable time has been lost. no contest ever existed between independent nations, that was marked with more active energy or unceasing enterprise, than has influenced the action of the atlantic cities, in their efforts to secure the immense and increasing trade of the great west, and thereby coin a destiny which would ultimately make one or the other the commercial depot of the world. Fortunately this rivalry has been a national and generous one, where no party could be greatly benefitted without conferring some advantages upon all. If adventitious circumstances, great ascendency in private, and the concentration of foreign capital, has given the lead to other points, we have the comfort to know, that far behind in the start, our progress has been rapidly upward and onward, each succeeding year, adding to the wealth population, power, and distinction of our city. In turning then from the past or present to the future, we may reasonably hope, with the continuation of our great works of internal improvements, the developments which they cannot fail to realize, with the shortest and most direct route to the west; the attention of capatalists must be attracted to this point, thus adding all that is necessary to make Baltimore no common rival to any other city in the union. It is scarcely necessary to add, how much pleasure it will give me to cooperate with you in any action which will promote the happiness, welfare, and prosperity of our common constituency

Respectfully submitted
Elijah Stansbury Mayor

On motion of Mr Ware the branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at half past three o clock

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Tuesday January 22nd 1850.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present William A Mack Esq President and all the members
Mr Ware presented a petition from W. G Shipley, which was read.
Mr Farlow offered the following resolution, read a first and by special order a second time and adopted:
Resolved that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to furnish this branch with an estimate of the cost of tunnelling Harford run, from Orleans street to Fayette street; also from Fayette to Pratt streets - the work to be done in a good and substantial manner.
Mr Shaffer proposed the following message to be sent to the First Branch, which was read, and on motion of Mr Dukehart laid on the table,

In Second Branch
Baltimore January 22. 1850

Gentlemen of the First Branch
We propose with your concurrence, that the revised ordinances be taken up for consideration by the respective branches in the following manner, so as to prevent any unnecessary legislation on the part of either of the branches, by having accidentally the same bill in both branches under examination at the same time:
The Second Branch will commence on Tuesday next, the 29th inst. with bills No 1. 3. 5. &c &c. taking all the odd numbered bills: and the First Branch to commence with bills Nos 2. 4. 6. &c &c. taking on their part the even numbers.
And we further propose to set apart and appoint Tuesday and Thursday of each and every week, of the present session of the council (commencing with next week) after petitions and memorials have been received; exclusively for the purpose of considering and passing on said revised ordinances, until such time as all of them may be acted upon and passed or rejected.

By order Jno A Thompson Clerk

The following message was received from the First Branch, read, concurred in, and Messrs Ware, Kelso, and Stewart appointed on the part of this branch and the First Branch informed by message;

In First Branch
Baltimore January 21. 1850

Gentlemen of the Second Branch
We respectfully propose with your concurrence, to —