the Public Walk, and report to this branch, the alter-
-ations or improvements necessary to be made, and the
probable cost of the work

Mr Shaffer on leave offered the following resolution,
read a first and by special order a second time.- and on
motion referred to the joint committee on water;

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Balti-
-more, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby di-
-rected to have a fire plug erected on the north-west
corner of Gough and Caroline streets, (all the necessary
fixtures having been placed there at the time of putting
down the main pipe) and the sum of seventy five dolla-
-rs; or so much ~~thereof as~~ may be necessary, is hereby ap-
-propriated out of the annual appropriation for fire
plugs, to pay for the same.

The following communication was received from the Mayor,
by the hands of V H Kulkman secretary to the Mayoralty and read:

Mayors Office
Baltimore January 24th 1850

To the members of the Second Branch
of the City Council:
Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed a resolution for the pur-
-chase of a flag for the City Hall- which originated in your
branch,

Respectfully
Elijah Stansbury, Mayor

Mr Parlow on leave, offered the following resolution, read
a first and by special order a second time.- and on motion
it was referred to the city commissioner

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore
that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed
to have a lamp erected on the north side of Lancaster street
between Bethel street and Broadway, and draw on the
register for twenty five dollars, or so much thereof as may
be necessary, to be taken out of the annual appropriations for
the erection of lamps.

A report and resolution from the joint select committee
to distribute the mayors message and accompanying doc-
-uments, were received from the First Branch, read a first
and by special order a second time, concurred in, and
returned to the First Branch

Mr Shoffer offered the following resolution which was
read and adopted:

Resolved that the clerk of this branch be and he is hereby di-
-rected to withdraw from the public archives of the city all
the unfinished business of the last annual and extra
sessions, and that he distribute the same to the appro-
-priate committees.

On motion of Mr Parlow the branch adjourned until
to-morrow afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By order
Jno A Thompson, Clerk

Friday January 25th 1850

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present Wm A Hack Esq. President and all the members
The president presented the following communication
from B. C. Prestman Esq. which was read:

January 24th 1850

To the President of the
Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore
Sir

In compliance with resolution No 98. of the last sessi-
-on of the City Council, requiring the City Counsellor to
prepare a law to be submitted to the Council at the
present session, amending the city charter in relation
to the mode of appointing corporation officers, and
providing for the election of said voters by the voters of
the city, I have prepared the draft of a law which,
if passed by the Legislature of Maryland, will au-
-thorize the passage of an ordinance to carry out the
objects contemplated by the resolution.

Very respectfully
B C Prestman
Counsellor for the city

An act to provide for the election of certain municipal
officers of the city of Baltimore.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the
Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be and they are hereby auth-
-orised and empowered to provide, by ordinance, for the election
of such municipal officers of the corporation of Baltimore, by the
voters of said city as they shall designate, and ~~at such time~~ and
manner as they may appoint; any thing in any act of Assem-
-bly of Maryland, now in force, to the contrary notwithstanding