Mr Shaffer on leave, offered the following preamble and resolution, read a first and by special order a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch;

Whereas, the citizens of the United States have determined to erect at the capital of the Union, a monument to George Washington the illustrious founder of American Independence And Whereas the citizens of Baltimore, many of them, the decendents of patriot fathers whose blood was freely poured out and whose lives and fortunes were as freely peiled in the desperate and glorious struggle which under the guidance of their great leader resulted in a nations birth, cannot consent to be surpassed in unaffected devotion and profound reverence for his memory; eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity now presented of offering an enduring testimonial thereof;

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor of the city, together with the Presidents of both branches of the City Council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, and they are hereby authorised and requested to cause a suitable block of Maryland marble to be conveyed to Washington city, to take its proper place in the monument now being erected to the memory of the father of his country, and have a suitable inscription engraved thereon; and draw upon the city register for the expenses of the same, who is hereby authorised and directed to pay said draft out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Farlow on leave 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 substituting gas lamps in place of the oil lamps now in use, on the following streets; Beginning at the intersection of Bond street and Eastern avenue, running east to Broadway, thence south to Thames street, west to Bond street, north to Eastern avenue, thence west to High street, thence north to Baltimore street,— and also the number of lamps required in each street, and the cost of each lamp; the information required, to be given as soon as possible.

On motion of Mr Ware, a message was sent to the First Branch proposing, with their absent to adjourn over to Monday next, which was assented to by message from the First Branch.

Mr Ware proposed the following message to the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and adopted:

In Second Branch,
Baltimore January 25, 1850

Gentlemen of the First Branch

We respectfully propose with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint select committee of three members, to enquire into the practicability and probable expense of converting the building on the N. E. corner of Fayette and Holiday streets, known as the Assembly rooms into a City Hall, and have appointed on the part of this branch, Messrs Ware, Taylor and Willson.

By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk

Mr Dukehart on leave, offered the following preamble and resolution read a first and by special order a second time, and laid on the table:

Whereas, the citizens of Baltimore have at all times freely contributed their proportion of their means towards the support of the State, by the prompt payment of their State taxes: And Whereas, the constituted authorities of the city have, from time to time, enacted such laws as were deemed most effectual in facilitating the collection of the State taxes in the city, and have paid the State tax on the city loans, held by the citizens of Baltimore;

And whereas, the citizens and authorities of the city of Baltimore beleive that all should contribute in proportion to their means; And Whereas, an application of the holders of State stock is now before the legislature, praying to be exempt from the payment of city taxes on said stock; And Whereas, to grant the prayer of the petitioners would exempt the wealthy, who have invested their surplus capital in said stock, and continue the heavy burdens now paid by the holders of real estate and personal property for both State and city purposes— Therefore resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city counsellor be and he is hereby requested to prepare a memorial to the legislature, praying that no law may be enacted exempting State stock, held by citizens of Baltimore, from the payment of city taxes, and that the commissioner of loans be directed to furnish the city collector with a list of persons citizens of Baltimore, holding State stock, and the amount held by them respectively.

And be it further resolved, that the said memorial be signed by the Mayor and Presidents of the First and Second Branch of the City Council, and transmitted to the representatives from the city in the legislature, and to the State senator, with a request that they will lay the same before their respective bodies.