the city of Baltimore, the draft of a law as prepared by the city counsellor, entitled "An act to provide for the election of certain municipal officers of the city of Baltimore" with a request that they will urge the passage of the same at an early period during the present session of the legislature.

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

Ordered that the city commissioner inform this branch of the probable cost of constructing a new market house from the west end of the Hollins street market house to Dewberry alley.

Mr Farlow from the joint committee on claims, on the petition of T J Lovegrove, ~~presented~~ the following report and resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time adopted and sent to the First Branch.

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of T J Lovegrove, asking the Council to pay him nineteen dollars and sixty eight cents, for work done on a crane, the property of this corporation, and situated at the foot of President street, report that they have inquired into the matter, and find that the work was done by order of Mr Thomas Hellen, who was harbor master of the first district at that time. The committee believe it inexpedient to pay all bill contracted by officers of the city, without authority, yet they are of opinion that cases do sometimes occur, that an officer would be justified in having light repairs done, and they believe this to be one of those cases and they respectfully offer the subjoined resolution:

J S Shepley	First Branch	Jno T Farlow	Second Branch
Wm C Carpenter		John W Willson	
Edward Honney		John R Kelso	

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the city be and he is hereby directed to pay T J Lovegrove out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, nineteen dollars and sixty eight cents, for work done on a crane, in 1847

On motion of Mr Duhehart the following message was sent to the First Branch:

In Second Branch, Baltimore January 29th 1850

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, to appoint a joint committee of three members, to enquire into the expediency of paving East and West Falls avenues from Pratt street to the basin: also, into the expediency of deepening the falls from Pratt street bridge to its mouth, so as to admit the passage of canal boats, with instructions to

report the number of feet on said avenues owned by the city, and the probable amount that would accrue to the city from wharfage, and have appointed Messrs Duhehart, Taylor and Shaffer as said committee on the part of this branch.

By order

Jno A Thompson, clerk.

On motion of Mr Ware, the branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at half past three o'clock:

By order

Jno A Thompson clerk

Wednesday January 30th 1850

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The following communication was received from the judges of the Appeal Tax Court read, and on motion referred to the joint committee on ways and means:

Office of Appeal Tax Court
Baltimore January 29th 1850

To the Hon. the President and Members of the
Second Branch City Council

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your order of the 21st inst requiring "A report of the amount of property within the city limits, which, under a recent act of the General Assembly of Maryland, is liable to be brought within the limits of direct taxation".

The following statement and accompanying plat, are respectfully presented, shewing in the

Sixth Ward.- Two squares, embracing property assessed at the sum of one hundred twenty six thousand two hundred and sixty five dollars ($126.265)

Seventh Ward.- Eight squares, embracing property assessed at the sum of One hundred and eighty seven thousand nine hundred and seventy one dollars ($187.971)

Eighth Ward.- Fifteen squares, embracing property assessed at the sum of two hundred twenty three thousand one hundred and eleven dollars ($223.111)

Eighteenth Ward.- Eighteen squares, embracing property assessed at the sum of five hundred sixty thousand four hundred and sixty five dollars. ($560.465).

Nineteenth Ward.- One square, embracing property assessed at the