on the Register for the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any unap-propriated money in the treasury, to pay for the same
Mr Farlow on leave offered the following resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time, and referred to the joint committee on highways and bridges:
Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the tunnelling of Harford run from the north side of Eastern avenue to the south side of Fayette street, and the lowest responsible bidder, who will give sufficient security, to be approved by the Mayor for the faithful performance of the work, shall be awarded the contract, - and the Register of the city be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the order of the city commissioner, the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and sixty five dollars ($15.165.) or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the said contract.
Mr Shaffer presented a petition of Samuel Kramer, in reference to the "Bethel Ship" which was read and on motion referred to the joint select committee on the Bethel ship.
Mr Dukehart offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted:
Resolved, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby requested to inform this branch whether the obstruction to the water at the intersection of South and Pratt streets cannot be removed, and if practicable what measure he may deem necessary to effect the same
Mr Taylor offered the following resolution, read a first and by special order a second time and adopted:
Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the city commissioner be directed to inform this branch the cost of renewing the roof on the middle Market house on Lexington street, adjoining the east side of Paca street.
Mr Dukehart offered the following preamble and resolution which were read a first and by special order a second time adopted
Whereas it is desirable that in all large cities that grounds should be reserved for public squares, or parks: and whereas, the attention of the city council has been called to this subject by the Mayor in his last annual communication - therefore
Resolved by both branches of the city Council, that the joint select committee on a public square or park be, and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency and practicability of

securing all that peice of ground known as Federal Hill, lying east of William street and north of Hamburg street, and report the cost of the same, that it may be forever held as a public square or park
A resolution relating to the public schools, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time.
Mr Shaffer proposed the following amendment which was read and adopted:
Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert "that the Register of the city be, and he is hereby directed to pay out of any money in the treasury the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars in anticipation of the levy for public schools in eighteen hundred and fifty: said sum to be for the exclusive purpose of paying salaries due the teachers up to the first day of February 1850.
The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch
Report and resolution of the joint committee on claims on the claim of Jacob Kreider, were received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and on motion of Mr Farlow was amended by inserting after the word "Council" the words "of Baltimore"
The resolution as amended was concurred in and returned to the First Branch.
The President this day presented to the Mayor for his approval Preamble and resolution for a block of granite for the Monument at Washington D.C.
Resolution of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Dr Wm G Knowles, was returned by the First Branch endorsed concurred in with proposed amendment;
At the end of the resolution add the words "in making a post-mortem examination on the body of Richard Gibson"
On motion of Mr Farlow the amendment was concurred in.
On motion of Mr Farlow the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past three o'clock
By order
Jno A Thompson Clerk.

Friday February 8th 1850
The branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present - Wm A Hack Esq President and all the members
Mr Ware called up Bill No 2. entitled an ordinance to extend the limits of direct taxation, which was read a second time