to such advances to be paid over to the Commissioners of Finance of the city of Baltimore

A report and resolution appropriating $75 for the preservation of the Elm trees at the eastern spring. and

A preamble and resolution relative to Monument Street were received from the first branch which were read and laid on the table.

The two branches met in Convention and after seperating this branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 3. O clock

By order
J. H. Belt clerk.

Monday February 10th 1840

The branch met pursuant to adjournment, present J. Lucas Jr. Esqr President and all the members

The Resolution relative to the Elm Trees in the Eastern fountain Lot was read the second time, and on motion of Mr Keany, recommitted to the Committee on Claims

A Report & Resolution making the annual appropriation to the several fire Companies was received from the first branch which was read the first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the first branch

The Bill relative to the members of the City Council was returned from the first branch endorsed indefinitely postponed

A Report & Resolution relative to trying the engines on public foot ways was received from the first branch which was read the first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the first branch

A Report & Resolution relative to the removal of obstructions from Monument Street was received from the first branch which was read and laid on the Table

Mr Frazier submitted the following Resolution, which was read and concurred in.

Resolved that the joint Committee on water and hereby directed to examine into the necessity of having the fountains at the Falls Point marked, so constructed that they shall not (almost) continually be out of order and under repair

The resolution requiring the committee of ways and means to prepare a memorial to the general assembly of Maryland in relation to the Susquehanah rail road. was returned from the first branch concurred in

The resolution making an appropriation of $75 for the preservation of the elm trees in the eastern fountain lot was returned from the first branch corrected which was read the first and by special order the second time. Mr Hook proposed to strike out 75c and substitute 50c which was concurred in and the resolution as amended returned to the first branch.

A resolution relative to repairing the dwelling &c. of the keeper of the public walks was received from the first branch which was read and laid on the table

Mr Howard submitted the following preamble and resolution which was read the first and by special order the second time

Whereas surplus capital in Europe and this country has been absorbed to such an extent by the extraordinary amount of State and Corporation stocks issued for purposes of internal improvements as to produce a scarcity of money in both Hemispheres and a consequent disorganization of monetary affairs such as must preclude the possibility of States or corporations embarking in new works of relieving themselves from present difficulties (as heretofore) by new issues of stock.
And whereas our city having embarked her credit in works of internal improvements is now involved in the general difficulties of the times and having pledged her faith to the amount of three millions of Dollars to the Baltimore & Ohio rail Road company in addition to a previous subscription to said work it now behoves us to ascertain in what manner we can best redeem our pledge of faith and avert the evils consequent on a stoppage of said work it being impossible to sell stocks as originally contemplated except at a ruinous