Yeas Mr Sewell 1.

Nays Mess President France Mullen Gore Boyd Kirk Wright Tilly Carroll Ridgely Thomas Price Simms Duer Delaney Hines Cranson 17.

On motion of Mr Boyd the Branch adjourned

By order
Edward Clayton clerk.

Thursday March 13th 1856

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present John F McKitrick Esq Prest and all the members except Mess Pennington & Harris

Mr Boyd presented the petition of the National Guards asking that the annual appropriation be paid them which was read and referred to the committee on claims

Mr Boyd presented the petition of Saml Taney Jr asking permission to maintain a frame wash house on his premises on N Baltimore street which was read and referred to the committee on Fire Cos.

Mr Duer presented the petition of John Moss and others asking for a change in the Port Wardens line at Locust Point which was read and referred to the committee on the Harbour,

Mr Boyd called up the resolution in favor Ellen Dunn which was read and adopted

Mr Boyd called up ordinance No 2 of the Revised ordinances which was read

Mr Ridgely offered the following as a substitute for sec 2 which was read and adopted

Sec 2 Be it enacted and ordained That in case of the happening of any vacancy in either Branch of the city council or on the death of any person or persons who shall be returned as elected to said council by the judges of election the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed immediately upon such vacancy or such death or resignation being made known to him to issue his warrant to the Judges of election in the ward where such vacancy shall have occurred authorizing and directing them or a majority of them to hold an election in said ward to fill said vacancy And that previous to said election the said Judges shall cause three days public notice thereof to be given in two or more daily newspapers in the city of Baltimore of the time and place of such election

On motion of Mr France the ordinance was laid on the Table

Mr Boyd called up ordinance No 3 of the revised ordinances which was read

Mr Boyd moved to amend sec 6 by adding after the words "City Council the words "or City Council in convention" which was determined in the affirmative,

The ordinance was then passed.

Mr Boyd called up ordinance No 4 of the Revised ordinances which was read,

Mr Ridgely moved to amend the 1st sec by striking out in line 5 after the word "Register" the words "or any other officers for whom a different term of office shall be prescribed in the ordinance making the appointment" and inserting the words "and any other person holding any office