Monday April 5th 1858

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. John T. Ford Esq. President, and all the members, except Messrs Beacham and McComas.

Mr Harvey presented the petition of James S Barrett and others, asking that the fish dealers may be prohibited from occupying the streets adjoining the market on Lexington street, between Green and Pearl streets, with fish, which was referred to the joint standing committee on markets.

Mr Glanville called up the ordinance entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to guarantee the bonds of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Rail Road Company", approved June 24 1853". The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Glanville.

Yeas Messrs President, Hynes. Dutchant, Slayter, Hampson. Hamilton Dunnock. Dryden. Wood, Addison, Harvey and Clark — 12.

Nays. Messrs. Bandel. Maddox. Talbott, Beale. Cunningham and Glanville - 6

The Second Branch returned the resolution relative to authorizing the Mayor to employ, in his discretion, additional counsel in the case now pending in the Court of Appeals, between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, endorsed "concurred in".

A report from the joint standing committee on water, with a resolution relative to allowing Janus Hodges and others, to remove the pump standing at the north east corner of Howard and Monument streets, they paying the expenses of said removal; the whole work to be done under the supervision of the City Commissioner, were received from the Second Branch and read.

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the water stock". which was read and passed.

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay a direct tax for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty eight," which was read.

Mr Talbott moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "Eighty," in the fourth line, and inserting the words "fifty five and a half". which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Glanville.

Yeas. Messrs President, Bandel. Talbott, Beale. Cunningham and Hamilton. Dryden, Wood. Addison, and Harvey — 10

Nays Messrs Hynes. Maddox, Dutchant, Slayter. Hampson Dunnock. Glanville and Clark — 8

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the use of the State for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty eight." which was read and passed.

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on loans obtained by the city for the purpose of prosecuting the works of internal improvement," which was read and passed.

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools in the city of Baltimore, for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty eight," which was read and passed.

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, arrears due on account of the late Baltimore City Court, for the city poor in the Almshouse of Baltimore City and county, the House of Refuge, the Aged Women's Home, and for the Dispensaries," which was read and passed,

Mr Dutchant called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, and the necessary grading and masonry required for the construction of the same." which was read and passed.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Marshal of Police,

Marshals Office
Baltimore April 5. 1858

To the Honorable the President and Members
of the First Branch of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

In relation to the enclosed resolution, I will state to you that from observation and other information received by me, knowing that the establishment referred to has been in operation for some five or six years without any complaint having been made in regard to it being a nuisance — that the parties supposing it to be so far out that it would not be necessary to make any application for its continuation, I will further state that upon examination that I found the establishment in a perfectly cleanly condition.

Very Respectfully, Your obedient Servant
Benjamin W Herring Marshal of Police.