Monday, April 19, 1852.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John S Brown, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Bowie and Tewksbury.

Mr Shelley, chairman of the joint standing committee on Water, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on water, to whom was referred the resolution requesting them to ascertain from the Water Company if fire plugs could not be inserted at a less cost than the price now charged to the city (seventy-five dollars, ($75), — have addressed the enquiry to the Water Company, and would respectfully submit the answer of the President of that company to the branch, with the following resolution:

William H Shelley, Chas Z Lucas, D Blanpin, } First Branch. Chas Lowson, Wm B Norris, Wm J Page, } Second Branch.

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Baltimore, April 14, 1852.

To Wm H Shelley, Chair. Com. on Water:

Dear Sir:

I received your note this morning, requesting to know if the Baltimore Water Company could not reduce the charge for erecting fire plugs. In answer, I would state that if the City Councils would direct the fire plugs to be placed when the pipes of the company are about being extended, the price for fire plugs on the new mains could be reduced to fifty dollars each — but the cost is being much increased when the company are required to place fire plugs after the water-pipes are layed, — as much injury is done to the main pipes by breaking out the pipes to place fire plug branch pipes — frequently, two or three pipes are broken, and lost to the company, — and in some cases, the cost of erecting fire-plugs are more than double the amount charged to the city. If authority was given to the City Commissioner to place fire-plugs when the pipes are layed, the charge would be reduced on such fire-plugs to fifty-dollars each.

The Water Company have always charged for plugs the amount only sufficient to cover cost and charges, without looking to profit, — and would make any arrangement with the city that would tend to reduce the cost.

Respectfully, Yours,
Columbus O'Donnell.

The President presented the following communication from the City Register, which was read and laid on the table:

Register's Office,
Baltimore, April 19, 1852.

To the Members of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present the result of the sale of 3,048 shares of Baltimore and Ohio RR Stock, — as directed by ordinance No 13 of your present session.

Very Respectfully,
John J Graves, Register.

Sale of 3,048 shares of Baltimore and Ohio RR Stock.

Register's Office.
Baltimore, April 7, 1852.

In compliance with ordinance No 13, of 1852, the undersigned will receive sealed proposals until Monday, the 19th inst, at 12 o'clock, M, for the sale of three thousand and forty eight (3,048) shares of the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio RR Company, being part of the amount received as dividends from said company. The terms of sale prescribed by ordinance are, that no bid for less rate than seventy dollars per share shall be received, and that the payments for the same shall be ten dollars in each share on the day after the award; ten dollars on the first day of May; ten dollars on the first day of June; ten dollars on the 20th day of August, and the balance on the first day of October, the shares to be delivered whenever full payment shall be made, at the option of the purchaser, at any time previous to the dates above specified. The proposals to be opened by the Register immediately after the time above specified, in the presence of the Mayor and the parties making proposals, should they think proper to attend; the shares to be awarded to the highest bidder; but in case that two or more bids be at the same rate, or the offers be for more shares than are hereby