the refunding of certain taxes to John Bonner, which was read and adopted, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr Brooks called up bill No 32, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of money to the trustees of the Poor of Baltimore City and County".

The question pending was the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr Dushane, on the 15th inst., which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Sewksbury:

Yeas:- Messrs. Abney, Blanford, Shelley, Burkhart, Beale, Bowie, Sewksbury, Griffith, Dushane-9.

Nays.- Messrs. President, Means, Young, Wilson, Lucas, Whelan, Brooks, Davis-8.

The ordinance, as amended, was rejected.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, April 26, 1852.

To the Members of the First Branch
of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed the following, which originated in your branch: An additional supplement to an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to restrain evil practices therein mentioned, and to remove nuisances"; A supplement to an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance for the better regulation of railroad cars", approved June 3d, 1851; Preamble and resolutions asking the return of auction duties to the city of Baltimore; Resolution in favor of the Lafayette Hose Company; Resolution in favor of John G. Medinger; Resolution for furnishing the Eastern Female High School; Resolution in favor of Frederick Keitzinger; Resolution for rebuilding a portion of the wall of Jones falls. All of which is respectfully submitted.

John H. I. Jerome, Mayor.

The resolution in favor of F. Little Shaffer, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the resolution, discharging the committee on obtaining an act of the Legislature for permission to grant aid to the N.W. Virginia

R R Company,- the resolution discharging the committee of ways and means from the further consideration of the old Tobacco inspection property; and the resolution authorising appropriations for the Lazaretto and Marine Hospital, severally endorsed "concurred in".

Mr Thomas called up the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on health, authorising the examination of the pneumatic machine of C W Bond, which was read and rejected.

Mr Thomas called up the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on health, adverse to the petition of Christian Schmidt, which was read, and on motion of Mr Brooks, laid on the table.

Mr Abney called up the resolution in favor of F. Little Shaffer, which was read, on motion of Mr Abney, by special order a second time and adopted.

The Second Branch returned the resolution in favor of the Deptford Fire Company, endorsed, concurred in with proposed amendment:

Amendment proposed:

Add to the end of the resolution, the words "1855 and 1856".

On motion of Mr Shelley, the amendment was concurred in.

The Second Branch returned the resolution in favor of Bonn & Bros.; the resolution providing for the improvement of Union Square; and the resolution in favor of John Bonner, severally endorsed "concurred in".

Mr Dushane called up bill No. 42, entitled "an ordinance to provide for the construction of a drawbridge to connect West falls avenue with Block St", which was read.

On motion of Mr Dushane, the first section was amended, by inserting in the 9th line, after the word "clear", the words "or of such width as the committee hereinafter provided, shall determine".

On motion of Mr Dushane, the blank in the 12th line of section 1, was filled with the words "ten thousand five hundred".

On motion of Mr Dushane, the first section was further amended, by adding to the end thereof the words, "to be appointed by the Presidents thereof, respectively".