Friday, Feb. 17, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – John S Brown, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Groomes and Rogers.

Mr Cox presented the petition of Coloson & Littig, asking permission to extend the rail road track in Paca street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on internal improvements.

Mr Simms presented the petition of James Shriver and Richard Sands, asking the privilege of driving piles to seperate the city and State wharves, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Roche, from the joint committee on police and jail, presented the following report, with a bill, entitled "A supplement to an ordinance No. 37, approved April 5, entitled an ordinance to provide for the appointment of watchmen, &c., which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on police and jail, to whom was referred a resolution adopted by the First Branch of the Council, January 26, 1854, directing the committee to "enquire into the propriety of having the lieutenants of the night watch on duty every night," respectfully report, that under the present arrangement of the watch department, four lieutenants are attached to each of the four district stations; of these two are on duty every alternate night in each district, – that it is the habit of one lieutenant to oversee his district one part of the night, say from ten o'clock until about one; on his return, the other goes out and returns between three and four o'clock. Your committee are of opinion that the time from the present customary hour for the active duties of the lieutenants to cease in the morning, until sunrise, is the most favorable for the operations of the incendiary and the burglar, and consequently the more dangerous to the householder. Yet your committee cannot recommend the keeping all the lieutenants on duty every night, but as the present system is susceptible of improvement, they would offer for consideration the following supplement to ordinance No 37, in which it will be seen there

will be always one fresh man on duty every night:

Jno A Roche, Chas C Norwood, } First Branch. Jno Stewart, Hy. Webster, Jno Richardson, } Second Branch.

Mr Hunt called up the resolution making an additional appropriation for the erection of a public School house, corner of Gough and Stiles streets, which was read and adopted.

A message was received from the Second Branch, proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next, at 5 o'clock, which was concurred in, and the Second Branch informed by message.

The following communication was received from Dr. J J Graves, City Register, which was read and laid on the table:

City Register's Office,
Baltimore, Feb. 17, 1854.

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

Gentlemen:

In reply to your resolution I have to state, that the whole amount of dividend stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company sold previous to the 1st of January has been delivered, and there remains at date, subject to future disposal, three thousand nine hundred and eighty-two (3982) shares.

Respectfully,
John J Graves, Register.

The following communication was received from Dr J J Graves, City Register, which was read and referred to the joint committee on commerce:

Register's Office,
Baltimore, Feb. 17, 1854.

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

Gentlemen:

By ordinance No. 10 of 1850, it is made the duty to contract for the printing for the city, advertisement having been made for the same. So far as the newspapers are concerned, offers have been generally made only by three of these – the "American", the "Argus", and the "Patriot",