The object of this communication is to solicit your co-operation in urging the subject upon the attention of Congress, provided you shall regard such an Institution as an object to be desired by your citizens.

The Memorial has been confided to Col. Benton in the House, and to Mr Guyer, of Missouri, in the Senate. I have received a communication from Col. Benton, stating that he "concurs very fully" in the object; and, that the memorial had been referred to the committee on public lands.

I entertain a strong hope, that if the larger cities will move in the matter, the object of the memorial will be obtained.

You will confer a favor by advising me, of such steps as you may be pleased to take in the Matter.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, &c.,
M. Tarver.

Baltimore, Feb. 23, 1854.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of M. Tarver, of St. Louis, beg leave to report,

That the document was received by his Honor, the Mayor, and by him submitted to the consideration of the Board of Managers, who referred the same to this committee for examination. After due deliberation they are fully satisfied that the object of the memorializing of Congress, to set apart a portion of the public lands to Institutions for the reforming of Juvenile delinquents in large cities, is in itself a very desirable object, and may result in great good to such Institutions, and through them to our broad country. This object, in their view, is perfectly germain with the nature and design of the House of Refuge, and eminently worthy of being pressed upon the attention of the General Government. The committee would therefore recommend that this Board do hereby express to the Mayor and City Council, their earnest desire, that they send such memorial as is proposed, to the two Houses of Congress, at as early a day as may be practicable, and bespeak for it the advocacy of our Senators and Representatives.

Respectfully submitted, G. Brown, President,
James G. Hammer,
John T. Graves,
Committee.

On motion of Mr Weathers, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing the reference of the communication to a joint special committee.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, Feb. 24, 1854.

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

Gentlemen:

The "resolution authorising a contract to be made with James Mullin, for widening McElderry's dock", is returned without approval to the branch in which it originated, for reasons communicated to a special committee of your Honorable body.

J. Smith Hollins, Mayor.

On motion of Mr France, the resolution was reconsidered.

The question was then taken, "Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor?" which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Boyd:

Yeas.— Messrs. Weathers, Hintze, Simms — 3.

Nays.— Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Boyd, Bouldin, Brooms, Cox, Roche, Barry, Reese, Sepson, Norwood, Zimmerman — 13.

Mr Simms called up the resolution from the joint committee on fire companies, in favor of Cottingham & Johnson, which was read.

On motion of Mr Boyd, the report and resolution were recommitted to the joint committee on fire companies.

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

On motion of Mr Hunt, a message was sent to the Second Branch, inviting the Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor, and Messrs. Hunt and Barry were appointed on the committee.

The Council went into convention, and after remaining sometime therein, the convention rose.