without unnecessary delay on our part is very desirable, for until the appointment is made to represent the city of Baltimore, the executors cannot hand over the estate, as the transfer of the trust can only be made to the joint commission constituted by the Mayors and Councils of New Orleans and Baltimore.

J. Smith Hollins, Mayor.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner, in answer to a resolution of enquiry, relative to the condition of Arch Street, at its intersection with Saratoga Street, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr Hunt called up bill No. 5, an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance providing for exercising certain powers vested in the corporation, which was read.

Mr Hunt presented a substitute for said bill, which was read and received by the Branch.

Mr Boulden offered the following, as an additional section to the substitute, to come in as the fifth section:

Section 5. And be it enacted and ordained, that where property is held under lease for 99 years, or renewable forever, the assessment for benefits shall be so imposed as to preserve the interest of the lessor.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr Hunt, the substitute was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed in bill form.

Mr Weathers called up the resolution relative to the widening of Mr Elderry's dock, which was read.

Mr Roche offered the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was read:

Whereas, in executing the provisions and enactments of ordinance No. 42, approved May 20, 1853, entitled "an ordinance to widen McElderry's dock" a difficulty has arisen between the Port Warden and James Mullen, contractor for doing the work therein specified — therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Port Warden be, and he is hereby directed to re-open the contract with James Mullen, and make such an one with him as may be proper, for the purpose of carrying out the ordinance to which this is a supplement; provided no greater sum be expended on the work than is authorised by said ordinance No. 42 — and providing said Mullen give a sufficient bond, to be

approved by the Mayor, for the faithful performance of the work; the whole work to be done under the supervision of the City Commissioner.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, that the present bond of said Mullen, given for the faithful performance of this work, shall not be released until the new and approved bond be executed and delivered by said James Mullen.

The substitute was not received by the Branch.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Boyd:

Yeas. — Messrs. Hunt, Weathers, Peters, Boulden, Grooms, Hintze, Cox, Barry, Simms, Reese, Sepsom, Norwood — 12.

Nays. — Messrs. President, France, Boyd, Spicer, Roche, Zimmerman — 6.

Mr Hunt moved to reconsider the vote on the message to the Second Branch, relative to the McDonough bequest, which was determined in the negative.

Mr Reese offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, that the Register be requested to furnish this branch with whatever copies of the McDonough will, and memoranda of instructions connected therewith, he may have in his possession.

The following message was received from the Second Branch, and read:

In Second Branch,
Baltimore, March 6, 1854.

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that a joint committee be appointed to proceed to Annapolis to-morrow, the 7th inst., to present to the Legislature of Maryland, a copy of an act of Assembly in relation to a new City Hall, with a view to obtain its enactment; said committee on the part of this branch to consist of Messrs. Gill, Webster and Vickers.

By Order.
J. M. Griffith, Clerk.

Mr Hunt moved that the branch concur, which was determined in the affirmative.