the balance now in possession of the city:

1853.	50	shares	at	60 1/2
	1275	do	do	61
	50	do	do	61 1/4
	275	do	do	61 1/2
	700	do	do	62
	300	do	do	62 1/4
	325	do	do	62 1/2
	50	do	do	62 3/4
	100	do	do	63
	200	do	do	63 1/4
	500	do	do	63 1/2
	50	do	do	63 3/8
	125	do	do	64
Shares	4000			

In a communication of the 17th of February, and in reply to your resolution enquiring, the Register stated that the number of shares then on hand was 3982. Since that date, and in order to meet advances made by the bank to cover the deficiency of last year, as will be seen by his annual report of 31st December, and to facilitate arrangements for the payment of the quarter's interest accruing on the 1st of April, he has disposed of one thousand shares on time, and from necessity, at the first advanced opening, at the following rates:

475	shares	at	63 1/2
400	do	do	63 3/4
125	do	do	64
1000			

and thus leaving on hand at date, 2982 shares.

It may be mentioned, that the power conferred upon the Register to sell this stock ceased with the last sale, as the resolution went no farther than to provide for the interest accruing in 1853, but as nothing new is left at his control to meet the April interest, he will be under the necessity of borrowing under the general ordinance, providing for the payment of the interest on the city's stock debt. As no tax for the payment of the internal improvement debt was levied last year, it will be seen that there is thus no revenue for him to fall back on, and that without other means, he must, of course, borrow up to the full margin for the April quarter.

Respectfully,

Jno. I. Graves.

Mr Lepson offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be, and he is hereby directed, to offer at public sale the butcher stalls in the new Hollins market; provided the said stalls will bring the sum of not less than one hundred dollars each, and the purchaser thereof shall occupy the same with meat at least twice in each week; and should they not be all sold at such time as the Register may offer, the clerk of the said market is directed to sell upon application for the same, on the above conditions, with the approbation of the Register.

The Second Branch, by message, requested the return of the resolution in favor of J. A. Shriver, which was read and assented to.

The Second Branch, by message, refused to recede from the amendment to the resolutions providing for the purchase of the church on Aisquith Street.

Mr Hunt moved to concur in the amendment, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Boyd:

Yeas.– Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Peters, Boyd, Spicer, Thomas, Rogers, Cox, Barry, Lepson, Norwood, Zimmerman – 13.

Nays.– Messrs. Hintze, Magraw, Roche, Simms – 4.

Mr Rogers called up bill No. 2, a supplement to an ordinance providing for the extension of the Richmond market, which was read.

Mr Cox moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The Second Branch returned the resolution in favor of J. A. Shriver, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendments":

Amendments proposed:–

Add to the end of the resolution the words "provided said piling be removed by the lessee after thirty days notice being given by the Mayor and City Council".

Strike out the word "seventy", and insert "fifty".

On motion of Mr Simms, the amendments were concurred in.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the joint committee on highways be, and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of having stepping stones placed across the gutter on the west side of Liberty, on a line