Gentlemen:

The "preamble and resolution of request to the members of the General Assembly from Baltimore, looking to an expansion of the limits of the city," were presented to me for my consideration on Friday afternoon, the 10th inst., but as the Legislature adjourned on that day, I have deemed it proper for that reason only, to return it without my approval to the branch in which it originated.

J. Smith Hollins, Mayor.

On motion of Mr Rogers, the resolution was reconsidered, and laid on the table.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner, in answer to a resolution, stating that $2,000 will be required to renovate the Eastern watch-house, which was read and referred to the joint committee on police and jail.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor inform this branch why the watchmen of the Western district do not cry the hour; and also, the reason why the bell at said watch-house is not rung during time of fire.

Mr Magraw presented the annual report of the Friendship Fire company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Hunt 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 the same are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of having stepping stones placed across Eastern avenue, on the east side of Central avenue.

Mr Hunt called up substitute bill No. 5, a supplement to an ordinance to provide for exercising certain powers vested in the corporation, which was read.

The question pending was on the amendment proposed by Mr Boulden, on the 8th inst.

The amendment was adopted.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

Mr Norwood called up the resolution authorising the Mayor to compromise the cases of B. Marriott and T. Dempsey, which was read.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Hunt called up the resolutions providing for public school buildings on Barre street, S. Charles Street, &c., which were read.

On motion of Mr France, the first resolution was amended, by inserting after the word "dollars", in the 5th line, the words "or so much thereof as maybe necessary".

The first resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

Mr Boulden moved to amend the third resolution, by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines, the words, "in the neighborhood of the intersection of Charles and Hamburg streets."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Weathers moved to fill the blank in the 6th line, with the words "three hundred"; also the blank in the 7th line, with the words "three hundred".

The amendments were adopted.

The resolutions, as amended, were adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Weathers:

Ayes.—Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Weathers, Peters, Boyd, Boulden, Spicer, Groves, Hintze, Magraw, Cox, Roche, Barry, Timms, Tepson, Norwood, Zimmerman—18.

Nays.—None.

On motion of Mr Norwood, the branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

Joseph M. Peregoy, Clerk.

Tuesday, March 14, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—John S. Brown, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr Reese.

The President presented the petition of B. F. Willis and others, favorable to the establishment of a new hose company in South Baltimore, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.