1853. By balance December 31, 1852,		$105,720 07
By cash received of City Register,	306,146 24	
By cash received of City Register in full of principal and interest of Court House Stock, (City's levy of 1852,) and on account of 1853,	4,198 56	
By cash received for city rents collected,	17,659 85	328,004 65
		$433,724 72
1853. Dec. 31 – By balance,		$118,304 76

The joint committee charged with the duty of examing the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, have carefully discharged the duty assigned them, and find the accounts all correct, and satisfactorily attested by the proper vouchers, according to the above statement.

Joseph Simmons, Rll Magraw, Saml S Spicer, } First Branch. M N Falls, Jno Stewart, } Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged.

Mr Magraw, chairman of the joint committee on internal improvements, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint Standing Committee on internal improvements, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Gallagher and others, owned respectfully report that the application of said petitioners is for the opening of streets, belonging properly to the committee on highways – they therefore offer the following resolution:

Rll Magraw, B F Zimmerman, F E B Hintze, } First Branch. Jno T Farlow, John Stewart, M Richardson, } Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee on internal improvements be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Chas Gallagher and others, and that said petition be referred to the committee on highways.

The following message was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, April 3, 1854.

To the Members of the
First Branch City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed – "resolution for establishing a public school on Linn Street," – "Resolution in favor of J A Shriver," – "Resolutions making certain appropriations for public school purposes," – "Resolution in favor of Henry Reisman & Son," – Resolution appropriating fifty thousand dollars to the House of Refuge," – "Resolution for the sale of the butcher's stalls in the new Hollins Street market," – and "Resolution to purchase the use of a wall for public school No. 8," – all of which originated in your branch.

J Smith Hollins, Mayor.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner, in answer to a resolution requiring, giving the cost of a sewer on Saratoga Street; also a similar communication giving the cost of sewers on Liberty, Gay and other streets, which were read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

The following communication was received, read and laid on the table:

Baltimore, April 1, 1854.

To the President of the
First Branch City Council, Baltimore,

Sir:

The Directors for the City of Baltimore in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the First Branch of the City Council, in the words following – to wit:

"Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Directors on the part of the city in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, inform this branch what dividend, if any, it is calculated or supposed, will be declared in October next, on the Stock held by the city".

In reply to the foregoing we respectfully state, that before the 1st of October, the Board of Directors will probably be changed by the election of the members on the part of the State. Besides this, the events of the next six months, which may effect the subject of your enquiry, cannot possibly be anticipated.