We are therefore unable to inform the First Branch whether a dividend will be declared in October or not. No calculation has been, or can be made at this time, with certainty upon the subject, and we conceive it to be vain to venture a supposition in so important a matter.

All we can now say relating to the subject, is that the revenues of the road have greatly increased, and are still increasing; and we think that this great work promises to realize for the city of Baltimore, the benefits anticipated by its most sanguine friends.

We are,
Very respectfully,
Your Obed't Servants,
Joshua Vansant,
J J Turner,
John Hoffman,
G T Tewksbury,
H May,
Martin Stewart,
Hugh A Cooper,
James A Bruce.

The ordinance to close S. alley, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The resolution instructing the City Counsellor to sue certain parties, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The ordinance to extend the Port Warden's line at Locust Point, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and on motion of Mr Weathers, by special order a second time, and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

The Second Branch returned the resolution authorising sheds to be erected at Fells' Point market, endorsed "concurred in".

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

In Second Branch,
Baltimore, March 24th, 1854.

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have appointed on the joint special committee to appoint an engineer to make surveys, &c, with a view to the introduction of an abundant supply of water into the city — Messrs. Webster, Farlow and Stewart.

By Order,
J M Griffith, Clerk.

Bill No. 15, the ordinance in execution and fulfilment of the will of the late John McDonogh, in so far as they relate to the city of Baltimore, (the unfinished business) was taken up.

Mr Boulden moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the negative.

Pending action on the ordinance,

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

By Order,
Joseph M Perregoy, Clerk.

Tuesday, April 4, 1854.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Spicer presented the petition of Joseph Podesta, asking compensation for services rendered, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Hintze presented the petition of Morris & Trimble and others, in favor of the city leasing a wharf on West Falls avenue to Robert Carickson, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Roche presented the petition of Alex. McLean and others, adverse to the steam mill of Gray & Bro, on Carpenter's alley, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

Mr Simms presented the petition of Smith & Burnet, asking permission to rent the east ends of Montgomery and Hughes Streets, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Magraw presented the petition of J Meredith, asking the payment of interest on taxes paid in error, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.