The President appointed the following gentlemen on the joint special committee, on the part of this branch, to employ an engineer to make surveys, &c., — Messrs. France, Roche and Norwood.

A communication was received from George Griggs, harbor master of the first district, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, in reference to lumber piles on Falls avenue, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

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

Resolved, that the City Physician be requested to inform this branch whether the different dispensaries have complied with the requirements of the 11th sect. of ordinance No 18, of Revised Ordinances, entitled "an ordinance to preserve the health of the City of Baltimore".

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

Register's Office,
Baltimore, April 5th 1854.

To the
President and Members of the
First Branch of City Council:

Gentlemen:

In reply to your resolution of yesterday, I have to state, that there is no duty pertaining to this Office that will enable me to give the information required as to the number of fire plugs now erected, or their location.

The Water Company was chartered in 1808, and to give a statement of the number annually paid for, and the sum total of the cost from that date, will necessarily cause an examination of the books of accounts for forty-six years. With the pressure of the ordinary and urgent business of those having constant daily communication with the Office, this examination can only be made as opportunity may offer, and of course a report on the remaining questions so far as they can be answered, will be delayed for some considerable time.

Respectfully,
John I Graves.

Mr Norwood called up the amendments of the second Branch to the resolution in favor of T. Dempsey and B. Marriott, which were read and concurred in.

Mr Reese offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, that a message be sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence, the appointment of a joint committee of three from each branch, to inquire into the expediency of selling to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, all the stock held by the city of Baltimore in said company; taking therefor the bonds of said company, to be secured by mortgage, in exchange; and that said committee report to the Council the most favorable terms upon which such exchange may be negotiated.

On motion of Mr France, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Rogers, bill No 3, was taken up.

On motion of Mr Roche, the bill was laid on the table, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

Mr Peters, chairman of the joint committee on fire companies, presented the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on fire companies, to whom was referred the petition of Geo Kipner for the privilege of erecting a pottery on Chappel street beg leave to report, that they have examined the subject fully, and are of the opinion that no inconvenience or nuisance will result from granting the privilege as prayed for by the petitioner. They therefore offer the following resolution:

William Peters, } First Branch. M N Falls, } Second Branch.
F H B Boyd, } C S Griffith, }
Saml Lepson, }

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that George Kipner be, and he is hereby permitted to erect a pottery or kiln, on Chappel street, for the purpose of manufacturing earthenware.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the board of health be, and they are hereby requested to report to this branch, if resolution No. 83, approved April 1, 1853, relative to procuring fresh vaccine matter for the use of vaccine physicians, has been carried out, and that they name the physicians to whom the matter furnished.