-mend and submit for your adoption the following resolution:

E Law Rogers, Henry Webster,
Jos Weathers, } First Branch. Jno J Farlow, } Second Branch.
Eb Reese,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to have a fire plug erected in Center market space, at a point formed by the intersection of the exterior line of the eastern wall of the Hall of the Maryland Institute, and a line drawn westwardly through the centre of Swan Street, and parallel with the sides of said street until it meets said line of the wall of the Hall of the Maryland Institute, or to have said fire plug erected as near as possible to said point herein before directed, so that it shall not project beyond the line of the curb, or interfere with the free ingress to and egress from the Center market, and the City Register is hereby directed to pay out of the annual appropriation for fire plugs, the sum of seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of erecting the fire plug hereby directed to be established.

On motion of Mr Rogers, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner, asking an appropriation to construct fenders at the drawbridge, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mr Hunt offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the directors on the part of the City of Baltimore, in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, be and they are hereby instructed to vote for the adoption of the policy of declaring for the future regular cash dividends by said company, out of the net earnings of the road, after reserving a reasonable sinking fund for the gradual liquidation of the funded debts of the company, whenever the question shall be brought up for the consideration of the Board of Directors of said company.

Mr Rogers moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "instructed" in the 6th line, and inserting the word "requested."

Pending the question,
Mr Simms moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Hunt:

Yeas. — Messrs. France, Peters, Spicer, Meagraw, Rogers, Cox, Roche, Barry, Simms, Reese, Lepsom, Norwood, Zimmerman — 13.

Nays. — Messrs. Hunt, Weathers, Boyd, Storms, Hintze — 5.

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

Mayor's Office.
Baltimore, April 7, 1854.

To the Honorable the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

An ordinance in execution and fulfilment of the provisions of the will of the late "John McDonogh, in so far as they relate to the city of Baltimore" is herewith returned to the branch in which it originated, without my approval, for the reasons that the manner of appointing the agents and commissioners is in conflict with the charter of the city, depriving the chief magistrate of the most important prerogative, and virtually conferring upon the First Branch of the Council a power that should not be, and was never intended to be intrusted to any one branch of the city government. Although such power is not expressly granted by the ordinance, yet as that branch will have in the "convention" provided for, twenty votes of the thirty-one composing it, the entire control will in effect be possessed by them, and held so long as they may be disposed to exercise it, as it will require their concurrent action with the other branch to annul the objectionable ordinance and reinstate the legitimate and correct mode of election.

I feel it my duty therefore, to refuse my sanction to an ordinance so entirely at variance, in my opinion, with the policy and spirit of our government.

J Smith Hollins, Mayor.

Mr Boyd, chairman of the joint committee on highways, presented the following report and accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table: