The resolution relative to cash dividends by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and on motion of Mr Hunt, by special order, a second time.

Mr Rogers moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "instructed", in the 4th line (manuscript;) and inserting the word "requested".

The amendment was rejected.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was concurred in by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Barry:

Yeas.– Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Weathers, Boyd, Boulden, Spicer, Hintze, Magraw, Cox, Roche, Barry, Simms, Reese, Zimmerman – 15.

Nays.– Messrs. Peters, Rogers, Sepson – 3.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the clerk of this branch have published the letter of the President of the Baltimore water company, referred to on page 38, in the report of the water commissioners.

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

By Order,
Joseph M Peregoy, Clerk.

The following resolution was this day presented to the Mayor:

Resolution for having hydrants placed in the yard of Public School No. 5.

Wednesday, April 12, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – John S Brown, Esq, President, and all the members, except Mr Peters.

Mr Sepson, chairman of the joint committee on markets presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint committee on markets, to whom was referred the resolution, directing them to inquire into the expediency of erecting a market house over the space at Lexington market, between Green and Pearl streets, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient at this time to make any further additions to said market. As this and the markets generally are in a declining condition in consequence of the numerous provision stores that have been established in almost every square; and unless some action be had to restriction be placed on said establishments, the markets of our city will be destroyed, and the revenue thereof lost.

Your committee have been surprised on being informed that persons who have stood in the markets for twenty years, and have heretofore had a fair run of custom, now are not able to sell enough to pay expenses; and half the meat that they slaughter spoils on their hands.

From such testimony, your committee are compelled to report against the extension of said market; and therefore offer the following resolution:

Daniel Sepson,
Joseph Simms,
Saml S Spicer,
} First Branch.

Jno Richardson,
Jno Gill,
} Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr Sepson, the resolution was adopted.

Mr Norwood, chairman of the joint committee on police and jail, presented the following report, and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The minority of the joint committee on police and jail, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Peregoy and others, workmen in the city yard, respectfully beg leave to report, that after a careful examination of the present rates of wages which these men receive for their labor, the advanced condition of the markets, and the inadequateness of their present pay to meet the demands of their families for the necessaries of life – is of the opinion that an increase of wages ought to be made – and independent of the above facts, workmen of the same class who are performing the same kind of work at other places, receive for their labor a greater