compensation than the men employed in the city yard — and moved therefore offer the accompanying ordinance.

Chas H Norwood.

Mr Rogers, from the joint committee on claims, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom were referred the petitions of John Merrigold, of Joshua R Dryden and of Wm H Berry, praying the return of taxes paid in error, having examined the aforesaid petitions, beg leave to report that the subject of said petitions, more properly appertains to the office of city collector, and of the city auditor, than to this committee, as will be found by reference to section 9, of ordinance No. 17 of the ordinances of the year 1853, and they do therefore submit the following resolution:

Samuel S Spicer, E Law Rogers, Chas H Norwood, } First Branch. Henry Webster, Jno Richardson } Second Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the petitions of Jno Merrigold, Joshua R Dryden and Wm H Berry, praying the return of taxes paid in error be and the same are hereby referred to the auditor.

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

Mr France offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, that the special committee on the McDonogh bequest, be requested to enquire into the propriety of drawing up an ordinance taking the agents to be appointed under the will, from among the citizens of the city of New Orleans, who are natives of Maryland.

Mr Weathers moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The Second Branch returned the resolution in favor of George Ripley; resolution to print the memorial of Alfred Duvall; and resolution authorising the erection of a fire plug at Center market severally endorsed "concurred in".

The resolution adverse to repairing Washington avenue outside of direct taxation, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and on motion of Mr Cox, a second time by special order.

Mr Cox moved to re-commit the report and resolution to the joint committee on highways, which was determined in the negative.

The resolution was concurred in.

The resolution discharging the joint committee on fire companies from the consideration of a steam fire engine, was received from the Second Branch, read a first, and on motion of Mr Lepson, by special order a second time, and concurred in.

The resolution appropriating $350 to John Nelson, for professional services rendered the city, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

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

The committee on highways, to whom was referred the communication of the City Commissioner in relation to the condition of grade, &c., of the several streets which intersect Broadway, between Monument Street and Belair avenue; and also, to the necessity of a tunnel over Harford Run at Broadway, beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance.

F H B Boyd, Alex. J Bouldin, Paul Lepson, } First Branch. Saml S Suter, Jno T Tarlow, Chas S Griffith } Second Branch.

Mr Boyd presented the petition of James Murray, asking the closing of a part of the old Joppa road, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr France called up the resolution relative to the agents of the McDonogh bequest.

Mr Bouldin presented the following telegraphic dispatch, which was read:

New Orleans, April 5, 1854.

Mr A J Bouldin;

"The commissioners of the McDonogh bequest receive no salary and no emolument.

A. D. Crossman."

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Cox presented a communication from Alexander Murdock, treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church, offering the site of that church for a new City Hall, which was read.