Mr Reese moved to refer the communication to a joint select committee.

Mr Rogers moved, as an amendment, to refer it to the joint committee on the site of a new city hall, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Rogers called up bill No. 27, an ordinance to close G. alley, which was read.

Mr Bouldin moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Boyd called up bill No. 33, an ordinance to open Penn street, which was read.

On motion of Mr Boyd, the 1st section was amended by striking out the words "Carpenter's alley", and inserting the words "King Street", in the 5th line.

On motion of Mr Boyd, the preamble was amended by striking out the words "Carpenter's alley", and inserting the words "King Street", in the 2d line.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

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

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore that the Clerk of this branch have printed in the journal the memorial or memorials of the Baltimore Water Company, which asks the city authorities what action is proposed to be taken on their proposition to dispose of their property to the city of Baltimore.

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

By order,
Joseph M Pengy, Clerk.

Thursday, April 13, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Norwood presented the petition of J S Nicholas and others members of the Baltimore Bar, asking the Council to pass the ordinance appointing a superintendant, &c., for the Court House

and Record Office, which was read and referred to the joint committee on the subject.

Mr Norwood called up bill No. 18, a supplement to Revised ordinance No. 37, approved April 5th, 1850, which was read.

Mr Magraw moved to re-commit the ordinance to the joint committee on police and jail, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Hunt:

Yeas. – Messrs. Hintze, Magraw, Rogers, Cox, Roche, Barry, Simms, Zimmerman – 8.

Nays. – Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Weathers, Boyd, Bouldin, Spicer, Grooms, Reese, Sepson, Norwood – 11.

Mr Rogers moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Hunt:

Yeas. – Messrs. Boyd, Hintze, Rogers, Cox, Barry, Simms – 6.

Nays. – Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Weathers, Bouldin, Spicer, Grooms, Magraw, Roche, Reese, Sepson, Norwood, Zimmerman – 13.

Mr Rogers moved to amend the 1st section, by adding to the end thereof the words – "and the provisions of this ordinance shall take effect from and after the first day of May, 1854".

The amendment was adopted.

The question recurring on the ordinance, as amended, it was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Sepson:

Yeas. – Messrs. President, France, Hunt, Weathers, Boyd, Bouldin, Spicer, Grooms, Hintze, Magraw, Reese, Sepson, Norwood – 13.

Nays. – Messrs. Rogers, Cox, Roche, Barry, Simms, Zimmerman – 6.

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 E A Baker and of G W Ferguson, agent, praying the re-payment of certain taxes paid in error, having considered the subject of said petitions, beg leave to report, that the committee find on reference to ordinance No. 17,