Appropriations:

To April 21st,	$27,308 68
" Furnishing Primary Schools Nos. 4 & 14,	600 00
" Improving Franklin Square &c.,	958 00
	$30,866 68

Monday, May 1, 1854.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – John A Brown, Esq, President, and all the members, except Messrs. Magraw and Reese.

Mr Spicer presented the petition of Hugh McElderry and Wm Boden, adverse to closing a part of the old Joppa road, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

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

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom were referred the petition of J F Fendall, asking compensation for professional services, having considered the subject of said petition, beg leave to report, that in view of the facts as stated in said petition, the committee cannot find that Fendall has any legal or equitable claim upon the city, and they do therefore offer the following resolution:

Saml G Spicer, E Law Rogers, Chas C Norwood, } First Branch. Henry Webster, Jno Richardson, } Second Branch.

Resolved, that the joint standing committee on claims, to whom were referred the petition of J F Fendall, be and they are hereby discharged from further consideration of the subject.

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

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom were recommitted the claim of John Nelson, together with the report and resolution heretofore made and submitted in relation to the subject of said petition, having considered the matters so

referred to them, beg leave to report, that the services rendered by the claimant were important and valuable, he having argued two cases in behalf of the city, one before the Court of Appeals, and the other before a jury first and afterwards before the Court below, on a motion for a new trial; – the committee are of opinion that the demand of said claimant is reasonable and ought to be paid, and they do therefore offer the following resolution:

Saml G. Spicer, E Law Rogers, CC Norwood, } First Branch. Henry Webster, Jno Richardson, } Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Register be, and he is hereby directed to pay to John Nelson, for professional services rendered the city, as per account by him presented, bearing date 5th December, 1853, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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 memorial of the President of the Mt Vernon Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, have carefully weighed the necessity of such an appropriation, find that section being much in need of such apparatus for its protection against fire, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Wm Peters, F H B Boyd, Saml Sepson, } First Branch. Chas G Griffith, Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the president of the Mount Vernon Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, eighteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the procuring apparatus, house, &c. &c.; said Mount Vernon Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, to execute a deed to the city of all their property, &c. &c.

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 standing committee on fire companies, to whom was referred the petition of William Bailey and William S. Craft, stating that they have purchased a lot in Bradenbaugh