Resolution directing the Port Warden to have the coal-dock repaired at the head of Smith's dock;

Resolution in favor of Noah Walker.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

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

Office of the Water Board,
Baltimore, March 31st, 1855.

Samuel G. Spicer, Esq.,
President of the First Branch City Council:

Sir: — A copy of the resolution passed by your honorable body last evening, requesting to be informed as to "what amount of revenue the bill reported by the committee on water, and the comparative yield of revenue between the present prices charged, and the proposed prices by the committee," was received this morning. In reply, this board begs leave to state, that the only way by which the information can be furnished, with any degree of accuracy, will be to measure every house and vacant lot within the limits of the water pipes, which can be done in about five weeks, and for about two hundred and fifty dollars, and as a survey will be required to be taken, if any change whatever be made in the present table of rates, as well to discover those who may have introduced the water to their premises, without the knowledge of the late water company, and of this department, it is recommended that it be now made, and that your honorable body make the necessary appropriation for that purpose.

By order, Geo. Neilson, Pres. Com.

The following communication was received, read and referred to the joint committee on ways & means:

Baltimore, March 30th, 1855.

To the Honorable the First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen: — By your resolution, passed March 27th, instant, the following question is proposed to me; "does the city possess the power to charge interest on the taxes not paid before the first day of November, of the year in which they are levied?"

I have examined ordinance No. 11, of the 20th May, 1854, and particularly the 12th section thereof, and am of opinion that according to its true construction, the taxpayer had until the first

November of the year of the levy of the tax within which to pay it. That, consequently, interest cannot properly be charged on taxes due, except from the 1st of November in each year, so long as the ordinance aforesaid remains in force. The deduction of the allowances of the different per centage at the several times of payment mentioned in the section, before the 1st of November, shows that they were regarded as pre-payments. The city of course possesses the power to alter this in any manner their wisdom may suggest, by any ordinance looking to the future, but I should doubt their power to act upon the subject retrospectively.

Very respectfully, Your ob'd't serv't,
G. L. Dalaney.

P. S. — I should have answered the question put to me earlier, if I had been in the city; your communication on my return, was handed to me last night, for the first time.

The following communication was received, read and referred to the joint committee on markets:

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore:

The subscribers respectfully represent that the hose used for washing the Centre Market has become so much worn as to be almost useless, and therefore ask for an appropriation sufficient to obtain a new one of about two hundred feet, which, with what can be used of the old, will be sufficient for the present time.

Respectfully, Benj. Elliott,
Josiah Edel, clerk.

The Second Branch returned the following resolutions endorsed "concurred in," viz:

Resolution authorizing the erection of two gas lamps on Front street, between Gay and Low streets; resolution adverse to the petition of A. Schmidt; resolution relative to the non-reception of new lunacies by the Comsit.

The resolution in favor of Dr. Charles A. Lea was returned by the Second Branch endorsed "non-concurred in."

Mr. Krafft moved a message be sent to the Second Branch requesting the appointment of a joint committee of conference on the resolution, which was agreed to.