Mayor's Office, Baltimore, April 9th, 1855.

To the President and members of the First Branch of the City Council:-

Gentlemen:- I herewith return the the joint resolutions "directing the port warden to have the bed of Jones' Falls north of Pratt street, cleaned," in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. F. A. B. Boyd, the vote on the adoption of the resolutions was reconsidered, and the resolutions were read as follows:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the port warden under the direction and superintendence of the joint committee on the harbor, be and is hereby authorized and directed to have the bed of Jones' Falls, north of Pratt street, cleaned in the best and most effectual manner that they can devise, and draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor for the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expense thereof, out of the appropriation for the harbor.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the port warden be and he is hereby directed and instructed to have employed in the waters of the back basin and Jones' Falls, during the entire season of the year 1855, the steam dredge, two of two horse, and the one one-horse digging machine for the purpose of deepening the waters thereof, and employ the machine built for the purpose, belonging to the city, above the different bridges as far up Jones' Falls as possible, for the purposes above named.

On motion of Mr. F. A. B. Boyd, the second resolution was amended by striking out all after the word "thereof," in the 6th line, and inserting after the words "two horse," in 4th line, the following:

"One of which shall be the machine belonging to the city, built for the purpose of being worked above the different bridge, and as soon as possible have the said machine worked above the bridges as far as practicable, and."

The resolutions, as amended, were then adopted.

Mr. Suter called up the following resolutions, which were returned by the Mayor without his approval, and with his objections thereto:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Commissioners of Finance be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay over to the City Register the amount now in their hands, amounting to the sum of $132,799.22.

Resolved further, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed to use the said sum in the payment of the current expenses of the year 1855.

The question being, "Shall the resolutions be adopted notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor,"

Mr. Suter arose and spoke as follows:

Mr. President:- I feel it incumbent upon me to defend the position assumed by the committee of ways and means, in reference to the money which is nominally in the hands of the commissioners of finance, designed by law to be a sinking fund for the redemption of the City debt.

I deem it but just to the committee and respectful to the City Council, that the reasons should be set forth, which influenced the former in recommending and the latter in passing the resolutions directing the Commissioners of Finance to pay the amount, known as the sinking fund, into the city treasury, for the purpose of diminishing taxation for 1855.

With this object in view, I purpose calmly to review the veto message accompanying the return of the aforesaid resolutions. I undertake this task the more willingly, because of the conviction previously entertained, and since a perusal of the message in question more deeply impressed upon my mind that the period assigned the Mayor to consider and approve, or reject, an ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council, is,