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

Baltimore, April 24th, 1855.

To the members of the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore:

Gentlemen:—In compliance to a resolution passed your honorable body on the 20th inst; by us this day received, through the hand of your Secretary, embracing an inquiry of us, as the representatives of the city's interest as directors in the Northern Central Railway Company, we would most respectfully communicate to you the following answers:

That the board of directors did meet immediately after their election, and proceeded to establish, in conformity to the acts of Assembly and ordinances of the city of Baltimore, the Northern Central Railway Company, by a consolidation of the various companies designed to form said Northern Central Railway by adopting the rules and regulations then in operation of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company temporarily, until a system of rules and regulation should be adopted by them essentially for the government of the new organization, which was subsequently in part accomplished by the adoption of the by-laws, and the election of a permanent President, Secretary and treasurer, whom, as far as we are enabled to ascertain, have complied with what is required of them. The residue of the officers of the Company were, by a resolution of the board of directors, temporarily constituted as such, until the Board should be enabled judiciously to act in making selections of persons to those offices permanently, having in view the interest of the Company and the public. As yet, their election has not taken place, or are they under any other bonds than those given in view of the position they now occupy, they being the property of the present company, having come into possession as a part and parcel of the effects of the late Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company, and as such are in full force until some time as they shall have been cancelled by an election by the Board of Directors of the present company to fill those offices, which will be done as early as practicable to the interests of the Company and general community, a proper organization as required not being the work of a day,

but one of more extended time, whereby the best interest of all concerned may be properly cared for and attended to.

Very respectfully,

Wm. McPhail,
Richard B. Mason.

A preamble and resolution were received from the Second Board, directing the City Commissioner to have benches placed within the enclosure of the Eastern Spring lot, which was read a first and by special order a second time.

On motion of Mr. France, the resolution was amended by striking out the word "benches," and inserting the words "permanent seats."

The resolution was then adopted.

Bill No. 76, a supplementary ordinance to increase the salaries of the city commissioner, commissioner of health, and other officers, was received from the Second Board, read and laid on the table.

The Second Board returned the resolution instructing the Port Warden to increase the wages of the men employed in his department, endorsed "Concurred in with proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Strike out all after the word "day," in the 3d line, and insert the following: "And which increase shall extend to those working in the digging, discharging scows, and the two watchmen and none other."

On motion of Mr. Francis W. B. Boyd, the amendment was nonconcurred in.

On motion of Mr. Register, a message was sent to the Second Branch requesting them to recede from their amendment.

Mr. Cox offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the water commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the quantity of work and a statement of the