An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the use of the State, for the year 1855.

An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No 11, approved May 21st, 1850, providing for the appointment of a city collector and prescribing his duties.

Resolution authorizing William Gilmor to pave Court House lane.

Resolution in favor of John H. Woodward.

Resolution in favor of Beale H. Richardson.

Resolution directing the City Commissioner to have Broadway graded and paved from East Baltimore to Monument streets.

Resolution making an appropriation for putting down sewers at the Hanover market house.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

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

City Commissioners Office, Baltimore, April 30th, 1855

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

Gentlemen:— I have examined the water water-way of Schroeder's run, at its intersection with Washington avenue, and estimate the amount necessary to repair the same will be about seventy-five dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Shannon, City Commissioner

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

City Commissioners Office, Baltimore, April 30th, 1855

To the President and Members of the First Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:— I notice that resolution No. 117, approved June 28, 1854, has never been carried into effect. Said resolution empowered the city commissioner to widen the different streets, lanes and alleys of the city. I desire to call your attention to the same, as I conceive further legislation is necessary to enable me to proceed.

Respectfully,

J. P. Shannon, City Commissioner.

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

Baltimore, April 30, 1855.

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

Gentlemen:— In answer to your resolution of the 26th inst, "that the commissioners for opening streets under Mayor Jerome, report to this Branch the amount of property sold for benefits, in the opening of John street, the names of the purchasers, and also those who have failed to comply with the terms of the sale, and whether any action has been taken in law, to enforce a compliance with the conditions of sale, together with any and all other information that will enable the Council to come to a proper conclusion with reference to the difficulties in the way of carrying into effect the ordinance for the opening of said John street," respectfully report the amount of property sold, to be $7,854 as follows:

No. 1,	to Robert Purviance, jr, for a lot of ground for	$35.00
2,	" " material of a frame house,	105.00
3,	George Gosnell, materials of a frame house and back building, — — — — —	45.00
4,	Robert Purviance, jr, materials of a frame house and frame back building,	63.00
	George Bressman — a lot of ground designated on the plat by figure 1,	905.00
		$1,153.00

This amount was paid by the above persons.

No. 5,	to George C. Irwin, for lot of ground, for	$41.00
6,	Samuel Pentz, for materials in brick dwelling, — — — — —	1,025.00
	George R. Vickers — a lot of ground,	620.00
	" " " "	5,015.00
		6,701.00
		$7,854.00

The amount of $6,701 has not been paid, and the bonds for which were placed in the hands of Mr. G. L. Dulaney, the counsellor for the city on the 12th of March last, who proceeded to institute suits for the recovery of the same.

The difficulty in the way of consummating the completion of the condemnation of the street, is the non-payment of the above amounts by said purchasers. On the part of said Vickers, his plea is that so soon as the said Pentz will give him possession, he will pay his purchase money.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. Peters,

For the commissioners for opening John st.