Wednesday, May 2, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present— Samuel G. Spicer, Esq, President, and the following members, viz:

Messrs. J. H. Boyd, Suter, F. H. B. Boyd, Crawford, Barker, Lex, Krafft, Thompson, Quail, Regester, Pyle, and Woods.

A quorum not answering at roll call,

On motion of Mr. Woods, the Board adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

Columbus Ottiggs, Clk.

Thursday, May 3. 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present— Samuel G. Spicer, Esq, President, and all the members, except Mr. Wright.

Mr. J. H. Boyd, chairman of the joint-committee on highways, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on highways to whom was referred the petition of George Warner and others, in relation to a change of grade, so as to discharge the alley from Wayne street, have had the subject under consideration, and would offer the accompanying ordinance:

Joseph H. Boyd,
Daniel Lepson,
J. H. B. Boyd,
First Branch.

William C. Beale,
Wm Moulton,
Wm C. Welsh,
Second Branch.

Mr. Lex, chairman of the joint-committee on education, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on education to whom was referred the documents in relation to authorizing the board of public school commissioners to establish a Floating Public School in connection with a nautical school of the Board of Trade, report the accompanying ordinance, and recommend the passage of the same.

James H. Lex,
Robert H. Crawford,
Wm J. Nicholls,
First Branch.

Wm J. Crowley,
Wm J. Shoemaker,
Second Branch.

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

Mayor's Office, Baltimore, May 3d, 1855.

To the Honorable, the First and Second Branches of the City Council

Gentlemen:— I beg leave to call your attention to the present condition of certain city property, which your honorable body authorized the commissioners of finance to dispose of. I allude to the Charles street city Spring lot, and the old tobacco warehouse property.

In accordance with the resolution authorizing the sale of Charles street city spring lot, the commissioners of finance offered the same, but failed to obtain the price named in the resolution, which was ($22,000) twenty-two thousand dollars; the highest bid being but ($15,000) fifteen thousand dollars, therefore no sale was made.

Yesterday the commissioners of finance offered the old tobacco warehouse property, and failed also in the sale of it, not receiving what was in their opinion a satisfactory bid. This property was valued to the city appraisers in the division of property between Baltimore city and county at $7,500, seventy five hundred dollars, and the highest bid obtained yesterday was ($6,300) sixty-three hundred dollars, the disparity between the appraisment and bid being very considerable, they felt justified in declining to sell.

Now, therefore, having offered these two pieces of property as required by the resolutions authorizing their disposal, the commissioners of finance believe they have no authority to act further, as no power is given them to offer it a second time, or even dispose of it at private sale, should they receive an offer which they might