Monday, May 7th, 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

President – Samuel G. Spicer, Esq., Present, and all the members.

Mr. Quail, chairman of the joint committee on police and jail, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The committee on police and jail, to whom was referred the petitions of the captains of Middle and Eastern District watch, asking for an appropriation for the cleaning and repairing of said district watch house, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Geo. N. Quail,	William E. Beale,
John France,	Wm. C. Welsh,
Charles L. Kraft,	W. S. Shoemaker,
First Branch.	Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Register is hereby directed to pay the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary for cleaning and repairing the Middle and Eastern District watch houses, out of the appropriation for watching and lighting the city for 1855.

On motion of Mr. Suter, the resolution was read a second time by special order and adopted.

Mr. Kraft called up the resolution in favor of Lawrence Stafford, which was read and adopted.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council, that when we adjourn on Friday next, we stand adjourned until the joint committee on water shall have their report in readiness, and when received and acted upon, we then adjourn sine die.

The following message was received and read:

In Second Branch,
Baltimore, May 7th, 1855.

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We respectfully inform you that this Branch refuses to recede from the proposed amendment to the resolution relative to the removal of the lamp on Fagette street to the front of Eldon Hall.

By order, Allen E. Forrester, clerk.

On motion of Mr. F. A. B. Boyd, a message was sent to the Second Branch, requesting the appointment of a committee of conference on the resolution, said committee consisting of Messrs. F. A. B. Boyd, Cox, and Register, on the part of this Branch.

Mr. Quail called up bill No. 65, an ordinance for the better regulation of the sale of Anthracite or other coal, in the city of Baltimore.

The pending question, on concurring in the proposed amendment of the Second Branch, was determined in the negative, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. J. H. Boyd:

Yeas – Messrs. J. H. Boyd, Suter, F. A. B. Boyd, Cranford, White, Lepson, Wood – 7.

Nays – Messrs. President, France, Mullen, Harlan, Cox, Kraft, Wright, Thompson, Quail, Counselman, Register, Pyle – 12.

On motion of Mr. Quail, a message was sent to the Second Branch, requesting the appointment of a committee of conference on the bill – said committee on the part of this Branch, consisting of Messrs. Quail, J. H. Boyd, Lepson.

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

Office of the Water Board,
Baltimore, May 5th, 1855.

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

Sir: – The following resolution has been received, viz: "Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the water Commissioners be requested to furnish this Branch with an