estimate of the quantity of work, and a statement of the cost per foot and the number of feet required in extending the water main from the Chase Reservoir, in pursuance of section 15 of the ordinance organizing the water department, and that the water Commissioners be requested to inform this Branch, if the number of pumps at the pump house could not be advantageously increased, so as to insure a much larger supply of water from the Chase reservoir."

Of which, the board upon inquiry, received the following verbal explanation, viz:

1st. The Branch wish to be furnished with the items of the estimate for the twenty inch main, recommended by the Commissioners of the Water Board, in their communication to the Council, dated 1st February last, to be laid from the pump houses to Broadway.

2d. An estimate of the cost of extending the aforesaid main from the Chase Reservoir.

3d. Whether the number of pumps at the pump houses could not advantageously be increased, so as to insure a much larger supply of water from said reservoir.

1st. The following are the items of the twenty inch main, viz: —

8,942	feet pipe, at $3, - - - -	$26,826 00
71,568	lbs. lead, at 7 cts, - - - -	5,009 76
38	six inch stop cocks, at $44	1,672 00
9	three inch stop cocks, at $27,	243 00
1	eight inch stop cock, - - -	55 00
2	twenty inch stop cocks, $198 - -	396 00
Labor, rope, paving, fuel, sand, cartage, &c,		10,551 56
		$44,753

This estimate is based upon those of the working of the late water company. It exceeds in amount that submitted in the communication made by this Board, dated 17th, February, in consequence of the addition of a number of stop cocks, which it is now considered advisable to attach to the main at once, to make it a complete job, and to save much labor and loss of time, in making extensions from it when they may be required.

2d. To put the same main in connexion with the Chase reservoir, would cost about $500 more than the foregoing estimate, say $45,253; but this board begs leave to suggest, that taking this supply for this main from a reservoir, into which the water has to be pumped, instead of taking

it from the main at the pump house, furnished by the natural flow of the stream, would be an unnecessary and useless waste of the pumping power to supply the section of the city intended to be supplied by the main, recommended by this Board. If the intention be, to supply the portions of old town, of greater elevation than East Madison street, a separate main, (which might be less than twenty inch pipe,) an additional reservoir will be required.

In reply to the 3d query, the commissioners are of opinion, that the number of pumps cannot be advantageously increased; they believe, that those at present in use, are fully capable of keeping up the supply in the Chase reservoir.

By order,

Geo. Nelson, Res. Com.

The second Branch returned the following resolutions severally endorsed "concurred in", viz:

Resolution directing the removal of filth from the Shaver market house; Resolution authorizing William Gilmour to have Court house lane paved; Resolution to have stepping stones placed at the intersection of Fremont and McHenry streets, Howard and Henrietta streets, Howard and Hamburg streets, and Eutaw and Henrietta streets; and flag and stepping stones at the intersection of Charles and Hamburg streets, also flag stones at the corner of Fayette and Canal streets; Resolution to have stepping stones placed at the intersection of Broadway and Canton avenue, Fremont and Paca streets, and flag stones at the intersection of Lombard and Calhoun streets; Resolution granting leave to L. H. Miller to withdraw his petition.

A supplementary ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbor of Baltimore, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table:

Mr. Suter called up the ordinance to exempt the property of the Seamen's Bethel Home Society of Baltimore, taxation, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Cox, the 1st section was amended by adding to the end thereof, the following, "and continue to be used as a Seamen's home."