Wednesday, May 23d, 1855.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – All the members, except Mr. Spicer, President, and Mr. Councelman.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, Daniel Lepson, Esq, was appointed President pro tempore.

Mr. Krafft, chairman of the joint committee on claims, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of J. Ridgely of Hampton and Archibald Stirling trustees of Mrs. Eliza Ridgely, asking the repayment of certain taxes improperly paid by them – find that the petitioners hold as trustees for Mrs. Ridgely certain railroad bonds; that Mrs. Ridgely, the beneficiary, and one of the trustees, are residents of Baltimore County; that the trustees, except as trustees, have no interest in, nor derive any profit from said bonds, and that said trustees have paid to the collector of Baltimore city, for taxes for the years 1853 and 1854, upon the bonds thus held by them, the sum of $370.88.

The committee are of opinion, that the taxes upon bonds held as above mentioned by trustees, one of the trustees a resident of the county, for the use and benefit of an equitable owner residing in the county, are properly payable in the county – they therefore respectfully offer the following resolution.

Charles L. Krafft — Wm Boulton,
John S. Wright, — Edward C. Thomas,
First Branch. — John Hilbert,
Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Archibald Stirling and John Ridgely, trustees for Mrs. Eliza Ridgely, the sum of three hundred and seventy dollars, and eighty-eight cents, ($370.88) out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

Mr. Krafft, chairman of the joint committee on claims, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of E. S. Courtney, asking the repayment of taxes paid by him – find that the judgment upon which the taxes were paid as stated by the petitioner, is utterly worthless, the person against whom the judgment was rendered being insolvent; they also find that the judgment was twice taxed in the bills of 1854 and 1855. The committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Charles L. Krafft, — William Boulton
John S. Wright, — Edward C. Thomas, — 2d Branch.
First Branch. — John Hilbert,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay to E. S. Courtney the sum of thirty-seven dollars and thirty cents, ($37.30) out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the joint committee on water, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint standing committee on water, to whom was referred the petition of D. C. Howell and others, for the removal of a pump on the north side of Lombard street, between Eutaw and Paca streets, as also the remonstrance of William Dalrymple and others, against the removal of the same, have given attention thereto, and as those opposed to the removal of said pump, assert that the water is of excellent quality, and several of them being without hydrant, the removal of said pump would subject them to great inconvenience in obtaining water from the nearest pump, or heavy expense in obtaining water from the Water Commissioners, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

John A. Thompson, — Wm E. Bartlett, jr.,
Daniel Lepson, — William E. Beale,
First Branch. — Second Branch.

Resolved, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.