should be relieved from the excitement which the constant agitation of this subject produces; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the voters of Baltimore shall, on the day of the next municipal election, be invited to declare on tickets, which the Register is hereby directed to cause to be printed and distributed, in accordance with this resolution, first whether it is, or is not, their will, that the Falls of Gunpowder be adopted over all other streams by the city, as the source whence any further supply of water shall be introduced for the use of the city; second, whether it is, or is not, their will, that by the next Councils, commissioners shall be appointed, who shall be charged with the immediate introduction of a supply of water from the Falls of Gunpowder; provided, that in voting on these two questions, the votes may be cast separately.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the substitute was read a second time by special order.

Mr. Wright offered the following substitute for the substitute:

Whereas, the citizens of Baltimore having decided through the Ballot Box, that they require a further and full supply of water, and surveys and estimates having been made for a supply from the streams contiguous to the city; and whereas, the selection by the city government of any one of the plans proposed, would involve an important addition to the already large taxes paid by our citizens; and whereas in matters affecting the interests of our citizens in any important degree, it would seem eminently proper that their voice should be taken when no serious objection can be urged against such a course; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the voters of the city be and are hereby requested to cast their votes at such time and place as the Mayor may designate, declaring their will as to the streams from which they desire the supply shall be introduced.



On motion of Mr. J. A. B. Boyd, the bill and substitute were laid on the table.

The following communication from the Mayor, was received and read:

Mayor's Office, Baltimore, Sept. 21st, 1855.

To the Honorable the

Members of the First Branch City Council:

Gentlemen: — I have approved of the following ordinance and resolutions emanating from you, viz:

An ordinance to extend the Port Warden's line, and improve the harbor of the city of Baltimore.

Resolution granting permission to Robert Earnshaw to construct a track from the railroad into his premises.

Resolution in favor of Samuel McPherson.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

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

City Commissioner's Office,

Baltimore, Sept. 21st, 1855

To the President and Members

of the First Branch City Council:

Gentlemen — Popplelon's plat being finished, and deeming it necessary to take good care of it, I have ordered a frame and curtain to preserve it — said frame and curtain will cost one hundred and twenty five dollars — and I therefore respectfully ask for an appropriation to that amount, to enable me to pay for the same. Yours, respectfully,

J. P. Shannon, City Commissioner.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on claims, appropriating the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars and twenty seven cents to Jesse Hay, for work done at the Hanover market house, were received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The report and resolution of the joint committee on ways and means, adverse to the petition of L. J. Cox and others, which had been concurred in by this branch, were returned by the Second Branch accompanied by the following message, which was read: