Tuesday, September 25th, 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

On motion of Mr. Wraffl, a message was sent to the Second Brand, requesting that the preamble and resolutions relative to the death of Wm. B. Ferguson, be returned to this Branch.

Mr. Suter presented the petition of Wm. Wilson jr. and others, asking an appropriation to aid in erecting a monument to the memory of Wm. B. Ferguson, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased, also asking permission to erect said monument in Mount Vernon Square, west of Washington Monument, and moved a message be sent to the Second Brand, asking its concurrence in a suspension of the resolution relative to new business, to receive and refer the petition to the appropriate committee.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the joint committee on the McDonogh Estate, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint standing committee on the McDonogh bequest, to whom was referred the report and documents relative to the McDonogh estate, from the agents of the city of Baltimore, have given the same due consideration, and find that the executors have delivered the estate over to the commissioners of New Orleans and agents of the city of Baltimore, and that the cash received as part of the estate, amounted to $59,112.53, which was deposited in bank, and is bearing interest. Among the documents, we find an act by the Legislature of Louisiana for a division of the general estate, provided the cities of New Orleans and Baltimore concur; also the opinion of C. E. Roselius, that the portion of the estate belonging to Baltimore is subject to taxation, as also the fundamental rule

for the control of the McDonogh estate, (which rules we approve;) and as to the division of the estate, we have heretofore reported adverse, or refusing our assent thereto. We believe the time has arrived for the appointment of directors for the farm school, and commissioners of the free school school, to receive the amounts as bequeathed to the corporation of Baltimore, in aid of the poor; and therefore present the accompanying ordinance:

Jno. A. Thompson,
Geo. K. Quail,
James H. Cox,
First Branch.

Edward C. Thomas,
William E. Beale,
William Houlton,
Second Branch.

The following communication from the Mayor was received and read:

Mayor's office, Baltimore, Sept 25th, 1855.

To the Honorable the Members
of the First Brand City Council

Gentlemen: - I have approved of the following resolutions emanating from you, viz:

Resolution directing the Register to pay for new pavements in front of Female Public School in Myddleton street; resolution relative to tunnelling Schroeder's run - also to have a new floor placed across McElderry street, where Harford Run crosses; resolution in favor of Milton Rathburn; Resolution granting permission to J. Henry Kaufman to erect an iron railing in front of the church, corner of Church and Light streets - also authorizing the commissioners of Public Schools to erect an iron railing in front of Male Grammar school No. 3; Resolution directing the City Commissioner to have stepping stones placed across Gough street, at Broadway.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner stating that the only remedy that can effect a change in the sewers at Canal street (as asked for in the resolution of enquiry) is to take up the present sewers and alter them as to form an inclined plane from the bottom of the gutter, which was read and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Bill No. 107, an ordinance to open Norris alley from Fayette to Baltimore street, was taken up, read and laid on the table.