Saturday, September 29th, 1855

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Jonathan Meredith and others, praying that Hoffman street shall not be widened, which was read and laid on the table.

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

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Showacre, asking repayment of taxes paid in error, have examined the petitioner's claim, and respectfully offer the following resolution:

Charles L. Krafft — William Houlton,
John S. Wright, — John Hilbert,
First Branch. — Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Geo. W. Showacre, the sum of forty seven dollars and forty seven cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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 communication of the city commissioner relative to the repairs of pumps and deepening of wells, having made the necessary enquiry, find from the unprecedented drought that a very large number of pumps have gone out and had to be taken up, and the wells deepened in order to supply the people with water, thereby causing a greater outlay than usual; in fact the appropriation is nearly, if not quite expended, and there yet remains some

twenty or more wells that needs deepening, so the commissioner informs us, and to make provision therefor, we recommend the following resolution:

John A. Thompson, — Wm. E. Bartlett, jr.
James S. Suter, — William E. Beale,
Daniel Lepson, — W. S. Shoemaker,
First Branch. — Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the order of the City Commissioner two thousand dollars, for repairs of pumps, to be taken out of the levy for repairs of pumps in 1856.

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

The resolution authorizing the framing of Popleton's plat; also the resolutions declining on the part of the corporation of Baltimore to give its assent to a partition of the estate of the late John McDonogh, were returned by the Second Branch endorsed "concurred in."

A report and resolution from the joint committee on claims, authorizing the payment of the claims of Hugh Stone and James P. Rindle, for bread and wood furnished to the jail, were received from the Second Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. F. H. D. Boyd, the resolution was read a second time by special order and concurred in.

Resolutions requesting the joint committee on police and jail to report an estimate of the value of the ground &c., now occupied by the jail, also to advertise for offers of a new location for the jail, were received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

A supplement to an ordenance for the organization of the water department, providing an increase of the salary of the book keeper of said department, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on water, appropriating one hundred dollars for compensation to Allen R. Forrester, for services rendered