the water question, and may probably throw some light on the subject.

You will take such action upon them, as in your judgment seems best.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel Shinks, Mayor.

Accompanying the communication were several papers having reference to an increased supply of water for the use of the city of Baltimore.

Objection being made to the reception of the documents, as the Council had not authorized their preparation,

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the papers were ordered to be returned to the executive department.

The following returned by the Second Branch, were endorsed "concurred in", viz:

Resolutions in favor of Amon Green, B. H. D. Bull, Geo. C. Addison, and C. W. Parker; resolution to increase the salaries of the markets masters of the Hanover and Fells Point markets; resolution adverse to changing the grade of Ann street; resolution relative to the slaughtering establishment of Lewis Barranger; resolution discharging the joint committee on the Register's office and accounts; resolution referring to the next Council the petition of the Liberty Fire company; resolution making appropriations to the Friendship and Union Fire companies; resolution authorizing repairs of Mount Royal Reservoir; resolution relative to impurities in Jones' Falls; resolution to repairs sewers damaged by late rains.

The Second Brand returned the ordinance for issuing additional water stock, endorsed "passed".

Bill No. 126, an ordinance for the appointment of directors for the farm school, and commissioners of the free schools under the bequest of the late John McDonogh, of New Orleans, was returned from the Second Brand, endorsed "passed".

The 2d Branch returned the proposed amendment to the resolution to place gas lamps on Ball street endorsed "concurred in".

The resolution authorizing the use of any of the public squares of the city, except Mount Vernon Square, for the purpose of erecting a monument therein to the memory of Wm. B. Ferguson was returned from the 2d Branch, endorsed "non-concurred in".

The resolutions authorizing the creation of mortgages on the Deptford, Columbian and Franklin Engine Houses, were returned by the Second Branch, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Add after the second resolution, the following:

"Provided also that the several companies for whose benefit the mortgages as above are raised, make an assignment of all their property to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore."

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the proposed amendment was concurred in.

The resolution authorizing the erection of a brick house at Franklin Square, for the accommodation of the Keeper, was returned from the Second Brand, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendment;"

Amendment proposed:

Strike out all after the word "have", in the 3d line, and insert the words "houses built of brick at Franklin Square and Eastern Fountain, for the accommodation of the keepers of said Squares, and draw on the Register for the sum of three hundred dollars, to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

Mr. Thompson moved that the amendment be concurred in, which was determined in the negative

The resolution authorizing repairs of Mr. Eldorup's dock was returned from the Second Brand, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Strike out the words "repairs for streets for the year 1854," and insert the words "appropriations for the year 1855."

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the amendment was concurred in.