A report from the joint standing committee on claims with a resolution relative to authorizing the Register to pay to Charles T. Holloway the sum of one hundred and forty dollars for repairing the town clock, were received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion of Mr. Henry, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the joint standing committee on claims with a resolution relative to refunding the petition of Jacob Sellers to the City Auditor, and discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the joint standing committee on claims with a resolution relative to refunding the petition of R. S. McAllister to the Comptroller, and discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hentze, the resolution was read a second time, by special order and concurred in.

Mr. Kirk called up the resolution relative to authorizing S. Morris Cochrane to assist the City Counsellor in the various cases now pending in the Court of Appeals, relative to taxes, in which the city of Baltimore is a party to the suit, and all other cases for which additional counsel has not been engaged, which was read.

Mr Henry moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council that G. L. Dulaney, City Counsellor, be requested to inform this this Branch what cases the city have now pending before the Court of Appeals, and if he needs additional counsel to defend the same.

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

Mr. Burbower submitted the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved, That a special committee of three from each Branch of the City Council, be appointed to enquire into allowances made by the Comptroller for deputy States attorney and clerk of the states fees, and all other expenses of the offices of the clerks of the several courts of the city; also the allowance for deputy sheriff and expense of sheriff office.

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

The President appointed Messrs Burbower, Gordon and Simms as the committee on the part of this Branch to carry out the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order.

Allen E. Forrester Clerk

The following ordinance was this day presented to the Mayor. "An ordinance to change the grade of Covington street, between Hughes and Montgomery streets."

Tuesday, February 2d. 1858.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John B. Seidenstucker, Esq. President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch:
Baltimore, February 1. 1858.

Gentlemen of Second Branch

We respectfully inform you that the President of this Branch has been added to the joint special committee on the part of this Branch, on the communication of Benjamin H. Latrobe, Esq. President of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad Company.

By order.

Richard R. Battee, Clerk

A report from the joint standing committee on police and jail, with a resolution relative to the erection of gas lamps at sundry places, were received from the First Branch and read.