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

By order.

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Wednesday, February 10th 1858

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John B. Seidenstricker Esq. President, and all the members, except Mr Hicks.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the City Counsellor, which was laid on the table:

Baltimore February 9. 1858.

To the Honorable the Second Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen.

I did not receive a copy of your resolution, passed upon the first day of this month, until to-day.

The resolution requires me to state what city cases are now pending in the Court of Appeals, and whether I need additional counsel to defend the same. The list appended to this letter will show the cases at present before that court. The questions arising in the suits upon Howard's bonds are submitted to the court upon notes of argument which are now ready to be printed and filed. The case of Hoops vs. the Mayor and City Council I endeavored to have tried out of its turn, as it relates to a disputed right of taxation between the city and county, but this I could not effect, as according to law, it is not a special case or entitled to any preference. It stands No 81 on the trial docket. There are some other cases on the dockets of the Courts of Appeals in which the name of the Mayor and City Council appears, but in which the corporation has no interest and my appearance is not entered.

In answer to the second inquiry put to me, I reply that I have not requested the aid of additional counsel, nor do I feel they any such assistance is requisite.

In the case of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company vs. the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, an associate counsel has sometimes since been appointed by his Honor the Mayor, with the assent of the Presidents of the First and Second Branches of the City Council. My respectfully

Your ob[redacted]rvant.

G. L. Dulaney

Howard Darlington vs. the Mayor and City Council.

State, use Mayor and City Council vs. L. S. Stewart, Elizabeth Smith, J. H. Watkins.

Howard, Smith and Turner vs. State, use Mayor and City Council

State, use Mayor and City Council vs. Howard, Smith and Turner.

James Hoops vs. Mayor and City Council.

The Mayor and City Council vs. Robert Brannan.

John Gregg and others, stockholders in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company vs. the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The President appointed Messrs. Keirle, Sullivan and Gordon as the committee to confer with the First Branch relative to the proposition that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5. o'clock.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Mayor.

Mayors Office, City Hall

Baltimore, February 10. 1858.

To the Honorable the Members of the

Second Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen: —

I have approved of the following ordinance emanating from your Branch, viz

An ordinance to change the grade of Covington street, between Hughes and Montgomery streets.

With great respect.

Your obedient servant.

Thos: Swann, Mayor.

Mr Simms from the joint standing committee on bridges, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read.

The joint standing committee on bridges, to whom was referred a resolution directing the City Commissioner to close up the South side of Lombard street bridge, over Jones' Falls, have considered the same, and believing that the safety of the citizens requires that said bridge should be so closed, respectfully submit the following resolution.

Joseph Simms
Samuel Keirle } Second Branch.
Geo. F. Henning