Wednesday, March 24th. 1858.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Gordon presented the petition of Reuben Trowbridge and others, urging the passage of the ordinance to prevent the consumption of the manufacture of soap and candles in any building not used for that purpose for twelve months previous to such consumption, which was laid on the table.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Prud. Warden.

Baltimore, March 24 1858.

To the President and Members.
of the Second Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen,
In answer to your enquiry, I would state the price of raising sediment from the Harbor by steam is twenty-five cents per cubic yard.

Respectfully submitted
John Davis, Prud Warden
per William C. Smith.

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

Baltimore, March 22d, 1858.

To the President and Members
of the Second Branch City Council.

Gentlemen -
In answer to the following resolution, passed on the 22d of March - "Resolved, that the Comptroller inform this Branch whether or not contracts for the repairing pumps and lamps have been given out for the year 1858" I would state that I have no knowledge of any contracts having been given for the above named repairs. The present contracts expire on the 1st of May 1858.

Respectfully,
Samuel Maccubbin, Comptroller.

A report from the joint standing committee on police and jail with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate the purchasing and keeping in repair the lamps and lamps posts of the city" were received from the first Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Kirk the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Gordon moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "or more," in the fifth line, and inserting the words "of the," and to insert after the word "city," in the sixth line, the words "having the largest circulation" which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hentze.

Yeas - Messrs. President, Horney, Kirk, Hentze and Gordon - 5.
Nays - Messrs. Hicks, Lemmon, Beirbower and Sullivan - 4.

Mr. Kirk moved to further amend the first section by inserting after the word "Mayor" in the tenth line the word "Comptroller," which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance as amended was passed.

A report from the joint committee of conference on the ordinance relative to constructing an iron bridge over Jones' Falls at Lombard street, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the erection of an iron bridge over Jones' Falls at Lombard street" were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr Kirk, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the joint standing committee on claims, with a resolution adverse to the petition of the judges of elections, 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.

A report from the joint standing committee on highways with a resolution relative to making appropriations for the improvement of the various public squares, 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.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, the resolution was re-enacted and the subject re-committed to the joint standing committee on highways.

A report from the joint standing committee on markets, with a resolution to provide a quantity of hose for the Centre market, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.