Tuesday. March 30th. 1858.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. John B. Hedenstricker. Esq. President. and all the members.

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

Mayor's Office — City Hall
Baltimore. March 30. 1858.

To the Honorable members of the
Second Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen —

I have approved of the following resolutions emanating from your Branch. viz:

Resolution in favor of Charles T. Holloway. agent.
Resolution in favor of Charles Myers.
Resolution in favor of William A. Stewart.
Resolutions to pay the expenses of the committee appointed to visit Annapolis.
Resolution relative to the removal of the pump on Broadway between Lombard and Baltimore streets.

With great respect.
Your obedient servant
Thos. Swann. Mayor.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Appeal Tax Court. which was referred to the joint standing committee on ways and means.

Appeal Tax Court.
Baltimore. March. 30. 1858.

To the Honorable of the Second
Branch of the City Council.

In answer to the resolution adopted by your Honorable Branch that the Appeal Tax Court or assessors. would inform you the Branch "the quantity of property. now outside of direct tax. that is liable under existing laws. to be brought into direct tax"; they would say. that in their opinion. it would reach near a million of dollars.

It is expected to make this available for the currents year taxes, the undersigned beg to state that in addition to their other duties. it would be impossible for them to adjust a new line around the city. and to take an inventory of all the property. which would be embraced thereby

over the presents limits. to be in time for this year's taxes. They therefore respectfully suggest. that in the collection of tax bills for the year 1858. they will endeavor to get into the rightfully direct limits as much of the amount as can be done. For the year 1859. and thereafter. in view of the new general assessments about to be made. they would say that the most correct and reliable line can best be run by the assessors to be appointed by the city. who having to make a minute investigation of all the ground and improvements. in the outer wards can at the same time establish the proper boundary of direct tax limits.

Very respectfully submitted by
Thos. T. Maddox
Edw. Rouse
Judges & Assessors.

Mr. Henning from the joint standing committee on fire companies. submitted the following report and resolution. which were read.

The joint standing committee on fire companies. to whom was referred the petition of Wm. F. Murdoch. asking the privilege of erecting sheds. for the storage of guano, on a lot of ground running from Philpot to Block streets. said sheds to have fire proof roofs. and both ends lined with brick. have had the same under consideration and by leave to offer the following resolution.

Samuel. Hooks
Geo. A. Henning } Second Branch
F. E. B. Hertz

Geo. A. Cunningham
Leonard. J. Bandel } First Branch
John Dukehart

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. That Wm. F. Murdoch. agent for the Philadelphia guano company. be and he is hereby authorized to erect a shed or sheds on the property leased by them. running from Philpot street to Block street. for the storage of guano. said shed or sheds to have fire proof roofs. and both ends lined with brick. which shed or sheds are to be removed when so