each and every offence, to be recovered as other fines: one-half to be given to the informer and the other half to be paid into the city treasury.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Simms:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Herney, Keik, Heintze, Gordon and Kelso - 6

Nays - Messrs. Henning, Simms, Beirbower and Sullivan - 4.

Mr. Simms moved to strike out the twenty-third section which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

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

By order

Allen. E. Forrester. Clerk

Wednesday, April 7th. 1858.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John B. Kedinstricker Esq. President and all the members.

The President presented the petition of Isaac Money of Baltimore county, in behalf of the orphan grand children of the late Jane Hammett or McDonough, asking the city of Baltimore to pay a legacy mentioned in the will of John McDonough late of New Orleans which was referred to the joint standing committee on the McDonough Legacy.

Mr. Keik called up ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay a direct tax for the year 1858." which was read.

Mr. Keik called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay a direct tax for the year 1858 for the redemption of the jail stock, which was read and passed.

Mr. Keik moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "fifty-five and a half" in the fourth line, and inserting the word "eighty", which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beirbower.

Yeas - Messrs. President, Keik, Heintze, Gordon and Kelso - 5

Nays - Messrs. Herney, Henning, Simms, Beirbower and Sullivan - 5.

Mr. Keik moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "fifty-five and a half" in the fourth line and inserting the word "seventy-nine", which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Keik:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Keik, Heintze, Gordon and Kelso - 5.

Nays - Messrs. Herney, Henning, Simms, Beirbower and Sullivan - 5.

Mr. Simms moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "fifty-five and a half" in the fourth line and inserting the word "sixty-five".

Mr. Gordon moved as a substitute to insert the word "seventy" in lieu of the word "sixty-five", which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beirbower.

Yeas - Messrs. President, Keik, Heintze, Gordon and Kelso - 5

Nays - Messrs. Herney, Henning, Simms, Beirbower and Sullivan - 5.

The question being taken on the motion to strike out "fifty-five and a half" and insert the word "sixty-five", it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beirbower.

Yeas - Messrs. Herney, Henning and Simms - 3.

Nays - Messrs. President, Keik, Heintze, Gordon, Kelso, Beirbower and Sullivan - 7.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Keik.

Yeas - Messrs. Herney, Beirbower and Sullivan - 3.

Nays - Messrs. President, Henning, Keik, Heintze, Gordon, Kelso and Simms - 7.

The First Branch returned ordinances No. Sixteen, seventeen, twenty-five and twenty-six of the series ordinances, indorsed "passed".