Mr. Kirk moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "a majority of the property holders and residents for three full squares around and about the same," in the first section, and inserting the words "the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," which was determined in the affirmative

Mr. Simms moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out "$50," in the second section, and inserting "$20," which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Bierbower:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Kelso, Bierbower and Sullivan - 7.

Nays - Messrs. Heintze and Simms - 2.

Mr. Herring called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to widen Holliday street, between Baltimore and Fayette streets, and to open a street in continuation of Holliday street from the south side of Baltimore street to Exchange Place, and to change the name of Commerce street to Holliday street" - the special order of the day.

Mr. Kirk moved to refer the subject to the next annual session of the City Council, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Kirk:

Yeas - Messrs. Kirk, Heintze and Simms - 3.

Nays - Messrs. President, Horney, Herring, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, it was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Kirk.

Yeas - Messrs. President, Horney, Herring, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 6

Nays - Messrs. Kirk, Heintze and Kelso - 3.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forester, Clerk.

Friday, September 24th, 1858.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John B. Leidenstricker, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Herring called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance for the general valuation and assessment of property in the city of Baltimore,' approved May 26, 1858," which was read and passed.

Mr. Bierbower submitted the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That any measure which may come before the Branch this afternoon may be passed to a second reading is the same is desired by a majority of the members present.

A report from the joint standing committee on ways and means, with a resolution adverse to the petition of the vectors of St. Stephen's church, 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 the harbor, with a resolution adverse to the petition of E. A. Abbott and others, 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 in favor of Bayly & Lee, were received from the First Branch and read.

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

An ordinance supplementary to the ordinance relating to fires and fire companies, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and passed.

A report from the joint standing committee on highways, with a resolution declaring a portion of the bed of Dewberry alley a public highway, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, the ordinance was