Man an appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purpose of sufficiently deepening the Channel of the Patapsco River, as will enable the largest class ships to come up to our wharves.

Resolved, That the committee on commerce be and they are hereby instructed to invite the cooperation of the Board of Trade, to enable them to succeed in the above object.

On motion of Mr Sewell, the resolutions were read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr Sewell offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and adopted

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Board of Health be, and they are hereby directed to examine and report to this Branch, whether not the following named streets should be condemned by said Board of Health, as a nuisance; Bay Point street from Philpot to Dock street; Block street from Point street to Draw Bridge; Pratt street from Gilmore to the limits of direct taxation; Wills street, between Philpot and Dock streets; and York street between William and Johnson streets.

On motion of Mr Sewell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 O'Clock

By order

Isaac Coriell, Clerk

Tuesday February 1. 1859

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Wm. McPhail Esq. President, and all the members.

The following communication was received from the commissioner of Health, and referred to the joint standing committee on Highways:

Health Office
Baltimore Feb. 1. 1859

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

Gentlemen:— In answer to a resolution of inquiry, as to the condition of Point street, between Philpot and Dock streets, I would respectfully state that it is a nuisance, and can only be abated by paving. It has been the wish of the Board of Health for several years past, to have all the streets in that neighborhood paved, as the only means of abating the nuisances which occur in that section of the City during the summer months.

Very Respectfully &c
S. W. Hinck, Com. Health



Mr Sewell presented an ordinance relative to the paving of Chestnut alley, from Chatsworth to Fremont street, which was read a first, and by special order a second time, ordered to be printed in bill form, and referred to the joint standing committee on Highways.

Mr Cotton called up the ordinance relative to changing the name of Mighton street; which was read a second time and passed.

The ordinance relative to authorizing the City collector to employ an additional bookkeeper, was taken up, read a second time and passed

A report from the joint special committee on the reorganization of the Fire Department, and an ordinance entitled "an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to establish a paid Fire Department for the city of Baltimore" were received from the First Branch, and read

On motion of Mr Sewell, the ordinance was read a second time

The ordinance being upon its passage,

Mr Sewell offered a substitute, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed in bill form

Messrs Glamille and Clark appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention, for the purpose of electing a Police Magistrate for the Western District.

On Motion of Mr Taylor the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the First Branch Chamber

After spending some time therein, the members returned to their Chamber.

On motion of Mr Cook, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5. O'Clock

By order

Isaac Coriell, Clerk

Appropriations up to February 1. 1859

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| For the portraits of the Mayors — — — | $600.00 |
| " painting Cupola of Spring house at Union Square | 35.00 |
| To John Evans — — — | 12.50 |
| " Mrs Augusta Schroder — — — | 15.50 |
| Total appropriation to Feb 1. 1859 — | $663.00 |

Wednesday. February 2. 1859

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present William McPhail Esq President, and all the members, except Mr McComas

Mr Cotton offered the following resolution; which was read a first, and by special order, a second time, and adopted.