Resolved by the second Branch of the City Council, That John Boyd Esq. Harbor Master for the 4th District, be and he is hereby directed to inform this Branch, as near as he can do, the amount of revenue derived by the city from the collection of wharfage on Light Street wharf, at the foot of Camden and Barre Streets. — And further inform this Branch, if he has been applied to for the rent of the same by the year, and at what sum, and in his judgement what might be obtained by the city, if they were rented under a lease of from one to five years.

A report from the joint standing committee on Police & Jails, and a resolution adverse to the petion of Messrs Waldorn, were received from the First Branch, and read.

A report from the joint standing Committee on the Harbor, and an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the extension of the Port Warden's line, were received from the First Branch, and read

A report from the joint standing committee on Claims, and a resolution providing for the payment of sundry bills, for material furnished, and work done, in refitting the Criminal Court room, were received from the First Branch, and read

A report from the joint standing committee on claims, and a resolution in favor of John Stewart, were received from the First Branch, and read.

An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the publication of unpaid taxes" was received from the First Branch, and read.

The First Branch returned the report and resolutions from the joint standing committee on Commerce, on that part of the Mayor's Message, referring to the improvement of the Channel of the Patapsco River, indorsed, "Concurred in"

A preamble and resolution in relation to the appointment of a joint special committee, to take into consideration the propriety of filling up the Basin and Docks of the City, were received from the First Branch, and read.

The substitute for the ordinance intitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to establish a paid Fire Department for the City of Baltimore," was taken up, and read a second time

Mr Cathcart moved to amend the 5th Section, by striking out the word "eight", and inserting the word "nine" in lieu thereof; which was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr McShail; (Mr Cathcart in the chair)

Yeas. Messrs. Van Nostrand and Cathcart — 2

Nays Messrs. President, Cook, Colton, Taylor, Elliott, Musselman and Sewell — 7

The substitute was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Sewell.

Yeas. Messrs President, Cathcart, Cook, Colton, Taylor, Musselman, and Sewell — 7

Nays. Messrs Van Nostrand and Elliott. — 2

A report from the joint standing committee on Police and Jails, and a resolution relative to granting permission to A. S. Bonn Ho. to erect and use a steam engine on their premises on Perry Street, between Hanover & Charles streets, were received from the First Branch, and read.

A report from the joint standing committee on education, and a resolution in favor of the public school Commissioners, were received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion of Mr Musselman, the resolution was read a second time, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr Elliott, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 O'Clock

By order

Isaac Coriell. Clerk

Thursday February 3. 1859

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present William McShail Esq President, and all the members.

Mr Sewell presented the petition of John W. Cottrell, and others, in relation to the purchase of a lot of ground, for a market house, in the Northwestern section of the City, which read, and referred to the joint standing committee on Markets.

The resolution relative to appointing a joint special committee, to consider the propriety of filling up the Basin and Docks of the City, was taken up, and read a second time.

Mr Colton moved to amend the resolution, by inserting the words "and the Presidents of the two Branches", which was determined in the affirmative.

The President appointed as said committee, on the part of this Branch, Messrs Sewell, Colton and Cathcart.

A communication was received from the First Branch enclosing an invitation from the Managers of the House of Refuge, to visit that institution on Tuesday the 8th Inst.

On motion of Mr Colton, the invitation was accepted.

The Resolution relative to permitting A. S. Bonn Ho. to erect a