Whereas, the great commercial and general business advantages arising to the City of Baltimore and to the State at large, from the improvement of the Patapsco River, have, so frequently, been urged by former Mayors upon the notice of the city Council; and as the Hon. Thomas Swann, the present Mayor, has presented the subject in such a prominent manner in his recent annual message to the City Council now in session, and solicited their prompt attention to the subject. And whereas the amount already appropriated by the general government and the city of Baltimore has been so judiciously and successfully expended, under the excellent management of Major Brunton, United States Engineer, and the commissioners appointed by the City of Baltimore; and as the improvements already made promise to be of such a character that there is not the least evidence that any depth of water obtained has in the least degree filled up, but on the contrary, the effect of the current has been such, as even to increase the depth.— And whereas, it is reliably ascertained, upon the calculation of scientific gentlemen, that with the benefit of all the machinery, steamers, scows &c, which the engineer department are now in possession of, that the sum of $100000 would be sufficient to secure a depth of channel of 24 feet, which would make the harbor of Baltimore accessible to the largest class of merchant and naval ships, Be it therefore

Resolved by the Mayor and city Council of Baltimore. That the Senators and representatives from the state of Maryland be respectfully requested and urged to use all means in their power to obtain from Congress the passage of a bill appropriating the sum of $100,000, to enable the engineer department to complete the work of deepening the channel of the Patapsco River, to such a depth as will enable the largest ships in the merchant service and in the navy to reach our wharves.

The special order of the day, being the ordinance entitled "an ordinance providing for the confirmation of certain city officials" was taken up, and on motion of Mr Musselman, postponed until monday next.

An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance authorizing the committee appointed to superintend the erection of the new jail, to furnish said building" was received from the First Branch, and read.

A report from the joint standing committee on Highways and an ordinance entitled "an ordinance authorizing the paving of Lancaster Street and wharf, from Caroline Street to Jones Falls", was received from the First Branch, and read

A report from the joint standing committee on Highways, and an ordinance entitled "an ordinance providing for the paving of Dock street and wharf, from Caroline street to the Draw-bridge", was received from the First Branch, and read.

A report from the joint standing committee on Highways, and a resolution relative to graveling Monument street, from Wolf to Fait street, were received from the First Branch, and read

The ordinance entitled "an ordinance relative to leasing the wharves at the foot of Camden and Barre streets" was taken up, read a second time.

Mr McPhail, (Mr McComas in the chair) moved to amend the first section, by striking out the words "five years", in the 6th line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "one year"; which was lost by the following vote; the yeas and nays being required by Mr McPhail:

Yeas. Messrs President, Cook and Ellicott — 3

Nays. Messrs, Van Nostrand, Cathcart, Colton, Taylor, Musselman and McComas — 6

Mr Ellicott moved to amend section one, by striking out the word "five", in the 6th line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "three"; which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

The following message was received from the First Branch;

In First Branch

Baltimore Feb 14. 1859

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in the proposition contained in your message, that when the council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until next Monday afternoon at 5 O'Clock

By order — Richard R. Butler, Clerk

Mr Colton submitted 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, That the City Surveyor be requested to inform this Branch, as to the feasibility of turning the course of Harford run, into Mine Bank run, somewhere in the neighborhood of Broadway and Belair Avenue, and a rough estimate of the expense of said improvement.

The ordinance entitled "an ordinance to refund certain moneys received from the estate of the late Henry Peters, was taken taken up, read a second time, and passed

The resolution in favor of F. Wilson, was taken up, read a second time, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr Van Nostrand, the Branch adjourned until the afternoon of Monday next at 5 O'Clock

By order

Isaac Coriell, Clerk