and draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor for the sum of twenty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.
On motion of Mr Vickers, the resolution to improve Ridgely street was taken up, read & concurred in.
Mr Suter, chairman of the joint cont on highways reported an ordinance to widen east Baltimore street, between High & Gunpowder streets which was read & lain on the table.
On motion of Mr Richardson, the Ordinance to regulate the sale of meal & flour in the several markets, was taken up, read and will pass.
On motion of Mr Webster, the resolution in favor of Jacob Barnum was taken up, read & concurred in.
On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance to provide an efficient police system, was made the special order of the day for Monday next.
On motion of Mr Suter, the Branch adjd till tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clk.

By order, J. Griffith Clk

Friday, May 8, 1857

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present - Mr B. Bedenstuck Esq. President & all the members.
Mr Griffith presented a petition from Thomas Kiernan, praying redress of grievance, which was read & refd to the joint cont on health.
The President laid before the Branch a petition from James Murray & others, relative to the Baltimore Susquehanna Railroad tracks which was read & referred to the joint cont on highways.
On motion of Mr Parlow, the resolution in favor of Collins & Benson was taken up & read.
Mr Gill moved to add at the end of the resolution the words - "provided, however, that they shall first obtain a permit from the Mayor according to ordinance" which was determined in the affirmative.
The resolution was concurred in by the following vote: yeas 4, nays 6.
A resolution in favor of J. Sullivan & Sons & others; a resolution adverse to the petition of J. P. C. Stanley, and a resolution adverse to the petition of James H. Simpson, were rec'd from the First Branch severally read a first & second time & concurred in.
A supplement to an ordinance to extend the limits of direct taxation; and a resolution to repair a sewer at Arch street, & Penn alley, were rec'd from the First Branch, respectively read & laid on the table.
The First Branch returned the resolution requesting the Senators & Delegates of Baltimore in the State Legislature, to procure the passage of a law giving authority to the Corporation

to levy increased direct tax, indorsed concurred in.
Mr Vickers offered the following resolution, which was read & lain on the table:
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that so much of section 15, ordinance No 8, approved May 20, 1858, as applies to the salary of the City Register, shall not be understood to include as a payment returnable to the City, the sum paid out of the State treasury for services performed for the use of the State, as provided for by Section 6, chapter 234, of Act of Assembly, passed March 5, 1840.
A message was rec'd from the First Branch, proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned till Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clk, which was read & concurred in.
Mr Suter, chairman of the joint cont on highways, reported an ordinance relative to changing the grade of Calvert street, between Read & Fayette, which was read & lain on the table.
Mr Suter, chairman of the joint cont on highways, reported an ordinance to improve the Union Square, which was rec'd & lain on the table.
Mr Suter, chairman of the joint cont on highways, reported the following resolution which was read & lain on the table:
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have stepping stones placed at the ~~eastern~~ intersection of east Fayette & High streets, and flag stones across Pratt street at its intersection with West Falls avenue; and also across Pratt street at its intersection with east Falls avenue; at the intersection of New & Baltimore sts at the intersection of Baltimore & Oregon streets; at the intersection of Holliday & Fopplestone streets; stepping stones at the intersection of Howard & Centre streets, and at the intersection of Richmond & Tyson streets; the expense to be taken out of the annual appropriation for flag & stepping stones.
Mr Griffith from the joint cont on the Harbor, submitted the following resolution which was read & lain on the table: Resolved that the petition of Thomas Symington be referred to the Mayor, and the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
On motion of Mr Suter the ordinance to establish the grade of North avenue, was taken up, read & will pass.
Mr Stewart offered a resolution that the City Register report to this Branch the amount of money required for the officers salaries of the night watch & the pay of the watchmen, which was read & adopted.
Mr Stewart offered the following resolution which was read & adopted:
Resolved that the Captains of each of the watch districts report to this Branch as early as practicable - the number of watchmen having care of lamps in their district; - the number of lamps in their district distinguishing between oil & gas lamps; - the time usually consumed by each watchman in lighting his lamps; how often are the lamps cleaned during