the year, and how many can a watchman work in a day;- the quantity of oil consumed during the year in each district; how many hours (average) are the lamps burning ~~during the~~ night;- who supplies the watchmen with materials for lighting the lamps, and at what time of the day are said materials usually furnished.
Mr Suter offered the following resolution which was read & adopted. Resolved by both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that when the Council adjourn on the 20th inst, they stand adjourned till the 27th inst, & on that day adjourn sine die.
Mr Webster, Chairman of the joint com. on claims, reported the following resolution on the petition & claim of Wm Miller, which was read & adopted.
Resolved that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.
On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution to appropriate one thousand dollars to kill dogs, was taken up, read & referred to the joint committee on Ways & Means.
On motion of Mr Suter, the ordinance relative to the keeper of the Market under the Maryland Institute, was taken up & read.
Mr Suter moved to strike out the 3d, 4th, & 5th lines of sec 1st (manuscript copy) & to insert after the word "that" in 2nd line of sec 1st, the words "it shall be the duty of", and to strike out the word "be" in 4th line sec 1st, which was determined in the affirmative.
The Ordinance will pass with proposed amendments.
On motion of Mr Suter the resolution in relation to Mount Vernon Place was taken up & read.
Mr Vickers moved to strike out the word "twenty" & insert "fifty", which was determined in the affirmative.
The resolution was adopted.
On motion of Mr Griffith the Branch adjourned.

By order
J. Griffith
Clk

Monday May 9. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esq. President & all the members.
Mr Suter presented a petition from Wm A. Boyd & others, praying the creation of a Public School in the South eastern section of the City, which was read & referred to the joint committee on Education.
Mr Stewart presented a petition from George W. Wilson & others, relative to the introduction of water into the City, which was read & referred to the joint com. on Water.
The President laid before the Branch a communication from the City Commissioner in relation to the salaries & pay of the officers of the night Watch & Watchmen; also communications from the Captains of the several Watch districts in answer to the resolution of this Branch of the 5th inst, ~~all of~~ which were read & laid on the table.
The President laid before the Branch a communication from the City Commissioner in relation to the tunnel & grade of street at Bow & Abbot streets, which was read & referred to the joint committee on Highways.
Mr Vickers offered the following resolution which was read & laid on the table;
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have flag stones placed from north corner of South & Wood streets across South street.
On motion of Mr Vickers, the resolution explanatory of ordinance No 41 1852, was taken up, read & laid on the table.
On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance to provide for a more efficient police system was taken up, amended & on motion of Mr Suter laid on the table.
On motion of Mr Suter, the bill to widen east Baltimore street was taken up & read.
Mr Suter moved to add at the end of 1st sec the words "and thence running with & bounding on the front line of said David Brown's house aforesaid to the north east corner thereof", which was determined in the affirmative.
The bill being on its passage, will pass.
On motion of Mr Farlow the ordinance to improve Union Square was taken up, read & rejected by the following vote; Yeas 3. Nays 5.
A message was received from the Mayor announcing that he has approved & signed "an ordinance to extend the limits of street taxation"; "Resolution to pay the Commissioners for the removal of obstructions from the Patapsco river"; and "Resolution in favor of the heirs of the late Daniel Hoffman" conditional".
A report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Sears & Bowen, and a report of the same committee on the petition of J. W. Clements were read from the First Branch severally read a first & second time & concurred in.
Reports of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Brannan, on the petition of B. Price & on the petition of John W. Gallup, were read from the First Branch read & laid on the table.