On motion of Mr Griffith, it was ordered that the City Commissioner inform this Branch of the condition of the iron fence around Franklin Square and what it will cost to repair the same &c.
On motion of Mr Webster, the resolution in favor of C. T. Driver was taken up, read & concurred in.
On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance to provide for a more efficient police system was taken up, amended & laid on the table.
Mr Sutes, Chairman of the joint Committee on Highways, reported an ordinance in relation to the tunnel over Harford run at Bond & Abbott streets which was read & laid on the table.
Mr Sutes, Chairman of the joint Committee on Highways, reported the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted.
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the High Constable be, and he is hereby directed to enforce the provisions of ordinance No. 23 approved March 30. 1853.
Mr Webster, Chairman of the joint Committee on Claims, reported the following resolution, which was read & laid on the table:
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the City be, and he is hereby directed to pay, A. S. Abell & Co. the sum of twenty five dollars seventy five cents for advertising done by direction of the present & late Mayor of the City.
Mr Sutes presents a petition from E. C. Baldwin & others, praying an appropriation for a new dispensary, in the north eastern section of the City, which was read & referred to the joint Committee on Ways & Means.
On leave, Mr Sutes submitted a supplement to "an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to accept a deed for a lot of ground therein named", which was read & laid on the table.
Mr Vickers, Chairman of the joint Committee on Ways & Means reported the following ordinances, which were read & laid on the table:
An ordinance to lay & collect a direct tax for the year 1853: An ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on loans obtained by the City, for the purpose of prosecuting the works of Internal Improvements: An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, arrears of dues on account of the late City Court and for the City Poor in the almshouse of Baltimore City & County: An ordinance to provide for the payment of certain expenses of the Courts, Coroners Jail &c: An ordinance for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools in the City of Baltimore for the year 1853: An ordinance to lay & collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways & Bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore: An ordinance to lay & collect a direct tax for the use of the State for the year 1853: and, An ordinance making appropriations for

the year 1853.
On motion of Mr Parlow, the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. By order

J. Griffith Clk

Tuesday May 24. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present - John B. Aldenshicker Esq. Pres. & all the members except Mr Falls.
A resolution to clean a sewer at St Pauls & Centre streets, and at the Calvert street City Springs, was rec.d from the First Branch, read a first & second time & concurred in.
An ordinance to open Monument street, from Calvert to North street; an ordinance to widen Cecil alley, and a supplement to an ordinance to appoint a keeper to the market under the Maryland Institute", were received from the First Branch respectively read & laid on the table.
A message was received from the First Branch, proposing a joint Committee of conference on the resolution in favor of Dr A. S. Piggott, which was read & concurred in, and the President appointed on said Committee on the part of this Branch Messrs Griffith, Gill, & Parlow.
On motion of Mr Webster, the resolution in favor of A. S. Abell & Co was taken up, read & adopted.
On motion of Mr Sutes, the resolution in favor of Samuel Brady, and a resolution to repair a culvert on the Washington road, were severally taken up read & concurred in.
A Committee appeared from the First Branch to invite this Branch to join them in Convention, which was on motion of Mr Vickers acceded to, and the Branch went into Convention. The Convention having adjourned the President called the Branch to order.
On motion of Mr Stewart the ordinance to provide a more efficient police system was taken up, ~~and considered~~ amended, & will pass by the following vote - Yeas 6, nays 4.
Mr Vickers, Chairman of the joint Committee on Ways & Means, reported the following resolution on the subject of increasing the pay of the Corporation offices which was read & laid on the table:
Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.
On motion of Mr Sutes, the ordinance to open West Baltimore ~~street~~ street to the City limits, was taken up, read & will pass.
On motion of Mr Sutes, the ordinance to improve the Wharf on West Falls Avenue, was taken up & read.
Mr Sutes moved to strike out the word "street" in 5th line of sec. 1; to strike out the word "four" in 4th line sec. 2, & insert "two"; to strike out