An Ordinance in favor of military companies; an ordinance relating to the Pat Warders Line at Locust Point, an ordinance to close Gilmor Alley, & the Entaw St &c, were received from the First Branch, severally read a first & second time & will pass.

A resolution on the petition of the proprietors of certain newspapers, received from the First Branch, read a first & second time & concurred in.

The First Branch returned the ordinance making general appropriations for the year 1853, endorsed "amendment to proposed amendments concurred in".

The First Branch returned the ordinance to close Whetstone alley, and the ordinance to lay & collect a direct tax for the year 1853, respectively, endorsed "passed".

Mr Falls from the joint committee of conference, submitted "an ordinance regulating the speed of locomotive engines & cars within the limits of the city of Baltimore" which was read a first & second time & will pass.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance in relation to Mullikes street, was taken up, read & will pass, by the following vote - Yeas 8. Nays 2.

An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance for the assessment & collection of fines by the Mayor, was received from the First Branch, read a second time & will pass - Yeas 8. Nays 2.

A resolution on the petition of Rev J. G. Kuland, received from the First Branch read a first & second time & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution to clear out Harford run was taken up & read.

Mr Suter moved to strike out the word "any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated" & insert "the appropriation for cleaning sewers," which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was concurred in with proposed amendment.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution to erect a fire plug at the corner of Gay & Madison sts, was taken up, read, & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Farlow, the resolution in the subject of the bridge over Jones Falls, at Baltimore street, was recommended.

Mr Richardson offered as a substitute for the resolution "an ordinance to authorize the City Commissioner to contract for a bridge over Jones Falls at Baltimore street", which was read, accepted & will pass by the following vote - Yeas 8. Nays 4.

The First Branch returned the ordinance in relation to the speed of locomotive engines within the city, endorsed "passed".

The First Branch returned the resolution in relation to the German Reformed Church; the resolution on the petition of J. H. and R. McHenry; and the resolution in relation to the grade of Carlisle street respectively endorsed "concurred in".

An Ordinance to erect a public schoolhouse in the 20th ward, and a message proposing to refer the ordinance for the continuation of the Boundary Avenue, to a joint committee of conference, were received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the Board adjourned till 11 o'clock A.M.

By order, J. A. Griffith Clk

Extra Session

Friday July 8. 1853

The Board met pursuant to a summons from the Mayor.

Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members except Mr Stewart.

On motion of Mr Griffith, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing that a joint committee be appointed to wait upon the Mayor & inform him that the Council is now in session, and prepared to receive any communication he may have to make; and

The President appointed on said committee Messrs Griffith, Gill & Richardson.

The First Branch by message concurred & appointed on the committee Messrs Beale, Ridgely & Bannister.

Mr Griffith, on the part of the committee, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Mayor would communicate with the Council immediately.

The following message was received from the Mayor & read:

Mayor's Office, Baltimore July 8. 1853

To the members of the First & Second Branches of the City Council: Gentlemen: I have received information that his Excellency the President of the United States, will arrive in our city on Monday morning next, on his way to New York, accompanied by heads of Departments, & I deem it proper to convene your honorable body, in order to submit the propriety of adopting appropriate arrangements for receiving his Excellency on the part of the City Authorities.

J. Smith Hollins, Mayor

On motion of Mr Griffith a message was sent to the First Branch proposing to refer the message to a joint special committee; and the President appointed on said committee Messrs Griffith, Suter & Vickers.

The First Branch by message concurred & appointed on their part Messrs Thomas, Ridgely & Beale.

On motion of Mr Farlow, it was ordered that the City Commissioner inform the Board of the cost it would cost to rebuild that part of the Fells Point Market house, recently destroyed by fire, with any improvements he may deem necessary.

Mr Griffith, Chairman of the committee on the message of the Mayor, reported the following resolutions, which were read a first & second time & adopted:

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor, together with a committee of five from each Branch of the Council, including their respective Presidents, be appointed to make suitable arrangements to receive the President of the U.S. this City, on the occasion of his visit to Baltimore on Monday next.

Resolved that the Mayor & the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council be, and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Register for such an amount of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the occasion.

On leave, Mr Gill submitted an ordinance, supplementary to an ordinance to regulate the Office of City Surveyor, No 42, 1852, which was read a second time & will pass.

The resolutions relative to the reception of his Excellency the President of the U.S. were received from the First Branch, endorsed concurred.

The President appointed on the committee under the said resolutions Messrs Falls, Vickers, Suter, Griffith & Farlow.

A message was received from the First Branch, announcing the appointment of Messrs Thomas, Ridgely, Beale, Roche & Shelly, on the said resolutions.