A message received from the First Branch announcing the appointment of Messrs Norwood, Rogers & Hurst, on the joint special committee on the Mayors Message & accompanying documents, and Messrs Mathers, Seper & Boulden on the joint special committee on so much of the Mayors message as refers to the New Grant bonds, which received his sanction.
The First Branch returned the resolution of instruction to the Directors on the part of the City in the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co., endorsed "concurred in"
On motion of Mr Parlow the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk.

By order — Jno Griffith Clk

Wednesday Nov 16, 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present — John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.
The President laid before the Branch a communication from Charles Green Esqr, Director on the part of the City in the Baltimore & Susquehanna Rail Road Company, in answer to a resolution of this Branch of the 14th Inst. which received his sanction & is as follows,
Mr Suter offered the following resolution which was read a first & second time & adopted: Resolved by the second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore that the Register be & he is hereby directed to have printed five hundred copies of the Water Commission report.
Mr Lutz moved that a message be sent to the First Branch proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned till Monday next. Det. Not, which was determined in the negative by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 5.
Mr Vickers moved that a message be sent to the First Branch proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned till Friday next. Mr Parlow moved to strike out "Friday next" & insert "Monday 21st Inst." which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 3.
The motion as amended was adopted. Yeas 7, Nays 3.
The First Branch by message concurred.
Mr Nebler offered the following resolution which was read a first & second time:
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that a joint committee of two from each Branch (to be appointed respectively by the Presidents thereof) with his Honor the Mayor of the City, be requested to engage the services of some competent engineer to examine the surveys & reports recently made by authority of the City, for the introduction of a supply of water, and to report thereon to the Council at his earliest convenience with any additional information & suggestions he may deem useful.
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the sum of _____ be, and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the expense of the examination contemplated by the foregoing resolution.

Mr Webster moved to fill the blank with the words "twenty five hundred dollars", which was determined in the affirmative.
The resolution was adopted.
A resolution to authorize the Register to sell the stalls in the West Belair market was received from the First Branch, read a first & second time & concurred in.
On motion of Mr Stewart the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk.

By order, Jno Griffith, Clk

Thursday Nov 17, 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present — John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.
A message was received from the First Branch announcing their appointments for the joint standing and joint select committees, which received & lies on the table.
A resolution to appoint a joint committee to consider & report upon the propriety of increasing the number of Directors on the part of the City in the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, was received from the First Branch, read a first & second time & concurred in.
The President appointed said Committee Messrs Griffith, Gill & Stewart.
Mr Suter offered the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted:
Resolved by the second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the City inform this Branch of the amount of stock issued by the City, or to be issued — endorsed or to be endorsed, under existing ordinances — for what purposes issued or endorsed, and when due.
Also the amount of floating & unsettled debts of the City for contracts made or to be made under existing ordinances.
Mr Griffith in the chair.
The President offered the following resolution, which was read a first & second time:
Resolved by the second Branch of the City Council, that the joint special committee appointed on the Mayor's communication in relation to the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, inform the Branch as soon as practicable, whether the loans mentioned in the recent statement of the Company to the City, submitted to the City Council, are secured by Bond & Mortgage, are respectively secured by the mortgage of the entire road & effects thereof?
If the contemplated issue of $5,000,000 dollars in bonds is made, and the proceeds thereof invested in the completion of the road with a double track, does it become covered by the former mortgage, and not liable to receive a bonus from the Company until the interest of said mortgagee is first satisfied?
At what date was it determined to issue Post Notes, the amount issued and when payable?
In the statement to the Council (letter A) a balance of the 1850 bond appears to remain in the possession of the Company. Is it the design of the Company to issue this balance, should it obtain the endorsement of the City to the