A message was received from the First Branch proposing to meet in Convention this day, & accepted, communication from the Mayor, which was read & concurred in.

A message was received from the First Branch, announcing the appointment of Messrs Mathers, Kufer & Kefin on the joint special committee on the Mayors message in relation to the House of Refuge.

A committee appeared from the First Branch and informed this Branch to join them in Convention,

On motion of Mr Richardson the invitation was accepted & the Branch repaired into Convention.

The Convention being adjourned the President called the Branch to order.

Mr Vickers offered the following resolution, which was read & laid on the table;

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, that the Commissioners for opening streets may open in the Public Square on Federal Hill, be requested & informed the City Council that will be the preferable site of said Public Square, when opened in accordance with the Ordinance authorizing said Square.

On motion of Mr Gill, the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By Order
Jno Griffith Clk

Wednesday March 1. 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present — John B Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members except Messrs Vickers & Stewart,

Mr Griffith, Chairman of the joint select committee on the accounts of the City Commissioner & Bot Warden reported the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted;

Resolved that the committee be discharged.

On motion of Mr Griffith the resolution in relation to the Square on Federal Hill was taken up & read.

Mr Griffith moved to insert after the word "Public Square" in 7th line, the words "and the proportion appertaining upon the holders of property to the City of Baltimore respectively" which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was adopted.

A resolution in relation to the improvement of the Harbor was received from the First Branch, read a first & second time & concurred in.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of Gittings & Shaw endorsed concurred in.

A message was received from the First Branch concurring in the proposition of this Branch in relation to the committee on the subject of a new City Hall.

On motion of Mr Cutter a message was sent to the First Branch requesting a committee of Conference on the said proposition, and

The President appointed on said Committee on the part of this Branch Messrs Cutter, Taylor & Webster.

On motion of Mr Taylor, the communication of the Register of the 27th ult was taken up, read & referred to the joint committee on the Alms House.

On motion of Mr Griffith, the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By Order
Jno Griffith Clk

Thursday March 2 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present Jno B Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members

Mr Stewart presented a petition from John Nelson praying compensation for services rendered, which was read & referred to the joint Committee on claims.

A report of the joint Committee on Police & Jail in relation to Lieutenants of the night watch, and a resolution for the extension of the limits of the City, were rec'd from the First Branch read & on the table,

A message was rec'd from the First Branch, announcing their concurrence in the proposition of this Branch for the appointment of a Committee of Conference, & naming as said Committee Messrs Simms Boyd & Reede.

Mr Cutter, from the ~~joint special~~ Committee of Conference on the subject of a new City Hall, reported the following resolution which was read a first & second time & adopted: Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, that the committee appointed at the last session on the procurement of a site for a City Hall, (the vacancy existing in the First Branch being filled by the President) be directed to send the act of Assembly relating to the City Hall to the General Assembly of Maryland, and obtain its assent thereto.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution in relation to the Hough bequest was taken up, read & adopted.

A message was rec'd from the Mayor, returning and vetoing the ordinance to secure the completion of the Susquehanna Rail Road to Hunting in the State of Pennsylvania &c, which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Taylor, the vote on the passage of the said ordinance was reconsidered & the ordinance laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Webster, ~~a resolution was~~ it was resolved that the Mayor be respectfully requested to return to this Branch the ordinance ~~for~~ authorizing the extension of the Balto & Susq R Road to tide water.

The said ordinance was received from the Mayor at the hands of Mr Walker his Secretary.

On motion of Mr Webster, the vote on the adoption of the amendments to the said bill proposed by the First Branch, was reconsidered & the bill laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Falls the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By Order
Jno Griffith
Clk