new business, in the matter of the petition of Moses Wannemaker and Lockstamper, was received from the first branch, and concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Stewart:-

Yeas.- Messrs. Slater, Richardson, Falls, Vickers, Griffith, Stewart - 6.

Nays.- Messrs. Tarlor, Gill, Webster - 3.

A report and resolution from the joint Committee on Water, in relation to a fire plug at the corner of Eutaw and Conway streets, was received from the first branch, read and laid on the table.

A message was received from the first branch, concurring in the proposition to suspend the rule in relation to the reception of new business, in favor of the Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and on motion of Mr. Stewart, the petition of the Trustees was referred to the joint Committee on Claims.

A message was received from the first branch concurring in the proposition to suspend the rule in relation to the reception of new business, in so far as the resolution in favor of the Monumental Riflemen were concerned, and on motion of Mr. Stewart, the resolution was taken up, read a first, and by special order, a second time, and laid on the table.

A message was received from the first branch, proposing a suspension of the rules in relation to new business, so as to receive a petition from J. J. Gifford and others, for the opening of Holland street, from Eden to Caroline streets, which was concurred in and the message was returned.

The President, J. B. Seidenstricker, Esq. appeared and took the chair.

Mr. Richardson presented a memorial from B. H. Richardson, Mrs. M. Starr and Thomas M. Abbett, a committee of the public school commissioners, asking the grading of Pearce street, at Primary School, No. 11, which was read and laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Tarlor, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

J. D. Reid, Clk

Wednesday, September 20, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present John B. Seidenstricker, Esq. President, and all the members.

Mr. Tarlor called up the resolution from the joint Committee on Water, in relation to a fire plug, corner of Eutaw and Conway streets, which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Vickers, the report and resolution from the Joint Committee of Ways and Means, on the settlement of the accounts of the Gas company, were taken up, read and re-committed to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the memorial from the board of School Commissioners, asking a grade of Pearce street, at Primary School, No. 11, was taken up, and a message sent to the First Branch proposing to rescind the joint rule relative to new business, so as to consider it.

A report and resolution from the joint Committee of Commerce, with reference to the building of a powder magazine, was received from the first branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, from the joint Committee on Claims, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table,-

"The joint Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the "Trustees of the "Reformed Presbyterian Church of Baltimore" asking to be refunded certain money from them wrongfully exacted by this corporation, beg leave to report that they have fully investigated the subject, and have the honor to submit the following resolution, in which the prayer of the petitioners is granted.

It is evident to the Committee that the Commissioners for opening streets erred in assessing the church property of the petitioners, for benefits in the opening of Chase street, but this error arose from their not knowing to whom the said property belonged, as is evidenced by their return, in which the property is assessed as "unknown." The amount paid by the petitioners is $54.89, and this certainly ought to be reimbursed to them.

John Stewart, } second Branch { Edmund Law Rogers, } first
P. W. Richardson, } { C. C. Norwood, } Branch.