A message was received from the first branch, soliciting the appointment of a joint committee of conference on the rescinding of the rule, so far as the reception of new business is concerned, in favor of the petition of William Hunter.

On motion of Mr. Stewart the message was agreed to, and Messrs. Stewart, Suter and Griffith were appointed on the committee on the part of this branch.

The first branch was informed by message.

The resolutions in relation to the building of a powder magazine, with the proposed substitute, was returned from the first branch, endorsed "non-concurred in;" which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Griffith the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the cause of a scarcity of water in Union Square, was taken up and adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called by Mr. Stewart:

Yeas — Messrs. Farlow, Suter, Gill, Vickers, Griffith — 5.

Nays — Messrs. President, Richardson, Sills, Stewart — 4.

Messrs. Griffith, Stewart and Farlow, were appointed on the committee on the part of this branch.

The first branch was informed by message.

A message was received from the first branch, covering a report and ordinance from the Joint Committee on Highways, in favor of the opening of Holland Street, from Eden to Caroline streets, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Gill the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

The resolutions in relation to the settlement of the bills of the Sixteenth Company of Patterns, were returned from the first branch, endorsed "Concurred in."

The President presented the following communication which was read and laid on the table:—

Health Office, Baltimore, Sept. 26, 1854.

To the Second Branch City Council:—

Gentlemen:— In compliance with your resolution of the 20th inst., I have examined the streets designated, together with the character of the obstructions, and have no hesitation in saying that the large amount of slip timber was not only a great nuisance, by obstructing the free passage of vehicles of every variety, but detrimental to health, by preventing a frequent and thorough cleaning. The difficulties have, however, all been removed. With great respect—

Your ob'dt servt

Chas. A. Leas,

Comr of Health.

A message was received from the first branch proposing that when the Council adjourn on Friday afternoon, next, it adjourn sine die.

Mr. Farlow moved to concur, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called by Mr. Webster:

Yeas — Messrs. President, Farlow, Suter, Richardson, Gill, Vickers, Griffith, Stewart — 8.

Nays — Messrs. Sills, Webster — 2.

Mr. Suter, chairman of the Joint Committee on Highways, presented the following report, with an ordinance:

The Committee on Highways to whom was referred the petition of William Glenn, acting executor of John Glenn, deceased, have considered the subject of the prayer of the petitioner, and believe the opening of Bruce alley would be a public benefit, and as the Court of Chancery have already decreed that it should be a highway, it only remains for the City to acknowledge it as such, and therefore the Committee offer the following ordinance:

Jas. T. Suter,
Jno. F. Farlow,
Chas. G. Griffith } Second Branch.

J. H. B. Lloyd,
Dan. Sepson, } First Branch.

The ordinance was read a second time by special order, and will pass.

Mr. Webster, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Claims, presented the following report and resolution, which was read:

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the accompanying bill of Messrs. Bull & Tuttle, for printing done for the city, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and think it ought to be paid. They submit the following resolution:—

Henry Webster
J. W. Richardson,
John Stewart, } Second Branch.

Saml. G. Speer
Chas. Norris, } First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Registrar be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Messrs. Bull & Tuttle, the sum of thirty dollars and sixty-two cents, for printing executed for the city.

On motion of Mr. Gill, the resolution was read a second time by special order and adopted.