execution of the will of John Mc Donough, late of the city of New Orleans, deceased,"

It is important that these agents should be appointed at an early day, in order that we may be prepared to receive our portion of the estate whenever the executors are authorized to transfer it, and to facilitate their appointment, it will be necessary to make some alterations in, or amendments to, said ordinance.

Section 1st enacts, that two of the three agents shall be taken from New Orleans only from Baltimore. If the provisions of the will are not binding in this respect, I would propose that it be left discretionary with the Mayor to appoint said agents from either city, as may be found most expedient.

Section 2nd requires "the agents to give bond in the sum of $20,000 each and the parties signing said bond to possess and hold real property to the amount of $25,000 each, in their respective rights, clear of all incumbrances." You will observe, that by the letter of these provisions, more than one bondsman is required, whereas, the real intent doubtless was to have one or more, as the case might be, to represent $25,000 of real estate, free of all incumbrances, should it not read party or parties, thereby rendering the meaning plain and comprehensible to all? Please allow me to remind your honorable body, that by the laws of Louisiana, a bond, such as is required in this case, becomes as a mortgage on the whole property of the surety, and is therefore a security of undoubted safety; this being so, one surety qualified as provided, be sufficient.

Section 5th provides that the compensation of the agents shall commence with the date of their bonds,— should it not commence with the date of the transfer of the estate?

An opposition to the transfer has been filed in the Probate Court of New Orleans, by the Attorney of absent heirs at law, a

decision upon which may not be had for some months; it would, therefore, be injudicious to begin the pay of our agents until they may enter clearly upon their duties.

Sections 6th and 7th I regard as superfluous: and they might be dispensed with.

According to existing State laws, city ordinances, and the opinion of S. H. B. Latrobe, Esq., we are entitled to at least one additional director to represent the city's interest in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. I call your attention to this fact, and respectfully request an early selection of a gentleman who will carefully guard the interests of the city, and look to the economical management of the affairs of said roads.

By the fifth article of the first section of an act of the last general assembly of Maryland, entitled, "an act to authorize the consolidation of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company, with the York and Maryland Line Railroad Company, the York and Cumberland Railroad Company, and the Susquehanna Railroad Company, by the name of the Northern Central Railway Company," the city of Baltimore has the right to be represented by two directors in the new company. You will therefore select two gentlemen of integrity and discretion, who will faithfully represent the city in said company.

I respectfully call your attention to the accompanying communications. The one from the Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, stating that they have not been able to effect the loan authorized by resolution passed by the Council, which preceded you— see resolution No. 126, approved July 8, 1854. And in consequence, they find themselves embarrassed for want of funds: you will take such action as the case, in your judgment, requires. This communication you will find marked A.

The other is from the Commissioners of Finance, and relates to the present condition of Charles street city spring lot, and Hanover street market house. By it you will perceive