Mayor's Office
Baltimore, Dec. 7, 1854.

Members of the Second Branch City Council

Gentlemen: The following resolutions, emanating from you have been approved by me:

Resolution for having the Revised Ordinances of 1850, bound in sheep.

Resolution directing the Register to collect water rents.

Saml. Hinks, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett, bill No. 6, entitled "a supplement to an ordinance, entitled an ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, for appointing a city collector, prescribing his duties and fixing his compensation, and providing for a general account to be kept by the Register with the City Collector, in relation to all taxes levied by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved May 20, 1850," was taken up and read:

Mr. Beale moved to amend the first section, by striking out the word "eight," in the fifth line, and inserting the word "twelve."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Houlton moved to further amend the first section, by inserting the words "one of which shall be printed in the German language," after the word Baltimore, in the sixteenth line.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hintze:

Yeas—Messrs. Houlton, Hintze, Thomas, Zimmerman—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Bartlett—6.

The bill, as amended, being on its passage, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Houlton:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Bartlett, Thomas, Zimmerman—8

Nays—Messrs. Houlton, Hintze—2

Mr. Beale called up the communication from the City Commissioner of November 27, relative to the removal of the old Hanover market house,

which was read, and on motion of Mr. Zimmerman referred to the joint standing committee on markets.

A report from the joint standing committee on claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay A. Hoen & Co. the sum of nine hundred and twenty ~~five~~ dollars for lithographing and printing, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Shoemaker, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 4½ o'clock.

By order

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk

Friday, December 8, 1854.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, James Armitage, Esq. President, and all the members.

The Branch was opened with prayer by Mr. Crowley.

Mr. Beale, from the joint standing committee on police and jail, submitted the following report, with a bill entitled "An ordinance to provide for the city of Baltimore an efficient police system," which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on police and jail, to whom was referred the subject in regard to the reorganization of the police and watch force of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to say, that after giving the subject due consideration, they respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

William E. Beale
W. S. Shoemaker } Second Branch
William O. Welsh
Charles L. Krafft
John Prance } First Branch.

The report from the joint standing committee on claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay A. Hoen & Co. the sum of nine hundred and twenty five dollars, for lithographing and printing, was taken up and read.

Mr. Bartlett moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated," and inserting the words "the annual levy of 1855."

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, a message was sent