Resolved that the high constable be and he is hereby directed to have the obstructions on Calvert street, in front of the court house, forthwith removed, also in Lexington street, west of St. Paul street.

Bill No. 5, entitled "an ordinance for the appointment of agents to represent the city of Baltimore in the execution of the will of John McDonough, late of the city of New Orleans, deceased," was received from the First Branch and read.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "one of whom shall be a citizen and resident of New Orleans, and two," in the fifth and sixth lines.

Pending the question,

On motion of Mr. Beale, the bill was laid on the table and made the special order of the day for to-morrow, when

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

By order

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Tuesday, December 12, 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.

Bill No 5, entitled "An ordinance for the appointment of agents to represent the city of Baltimore in the execution of the will of John McDonough, late of the city of New Orleans, deceased," being the special order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the first section, by striking out the words "one of whom shall be a citizen and resident of New Orleans and two," in the fifth and sixth lines.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "all three," and inserting the words "more than one," in the twenty-second line.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crowley moved to further amend the first section, by inserting the words "under a penalty of forfeiture of their office," after the word "time," in the twenty third line.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Beale moved to further amend the first section, by inserting the words "who shall originally have been a citizen of Baltimore" after the word "New Orleans" in the sixth line.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bartlett moved to amend the third section, by striking out the words "two thousand," in the fourth line, and inserting the words "three thousand."

The amendment was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Bartlett:

Yeas—Messrs. Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Bartlett—4.

Nays—Messrs. President, Houlton, Wintze, Welsh, Thomas, Zimmerman—6.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend the third section by striking out the words "two thousand," in the fourth line, and inserting the words "twenty-five hundred."

The question being taken on the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beale:

Yeas—Messrs. Houlton, Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Bartlett, Thomas—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Wintze, Zimmerman—4.

Mr. Crowley moved to further amend the third section, by striking out the words "one thousand," in the fifth and sixth lines, and inserting the words "twelve hundred and fifty."

The question being taken on the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beale:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Houlton, Crowley, Shoemaker, Beale, Wintze, Welsh, Bartlett, Thomas, Zimmerman—10.

Nays—none.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the seventh section by inserting the words "shall be," after the word "agents," in the first line, and by inserting the words "for twelve months," after the word "appointed" in the second line.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Crowley moved to strike out the eighth section which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, as amended, was then passed.

Mr. Wintze moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing that the Council adjourn sine die, on