The amendment was adopted.

Mr Crowley moved to amend the eighteenth section, by inserting after the word "necessary" in the sixth line, the words "and extinguish the same, under the direction of the superintendent."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Crowley moved to amend the nineteenth section, by striking out the words "and fifty" in the third line.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr Zimmerman moved to amend the twenty-second section, by striking out the word "wards," in the seventh line, and inserting the word "district."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Zimmerman moved to amend the bill by inserting the following, as the twenty-third section:

"Sec 23. And be it further enacted and ordained, that this ordinance shall go into effect on and after the first day of March eighteen hundred and fifty five".

The amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended, was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays being required by Mr Hinkle:

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

Nays — ~~Mr Hinkle~~ — 1.

A report from the joint standing committee on markets, instructing the city commissioner to remove the pump at the Fells Point market, was received from the First Branch and read.

Mr Zimmerman moved to amend the report by adding the words, "to be taken out of the levy of 1855."

The report, as amended, was concurred in.

Mr Shoemaker, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, that the joint standing committe on highways, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placeing stepping stones at the corner of Wolf and Bank streets.

On motion Mr Beale, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 4½ O'clock.

By order

Allen E. Finnerty, Clerk

Thursday, December, 14. 1854.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Branch was opened with prayer by Mr Thomas.

A report from the joint standing committe on claims authorizing the Register to pay A. R. Blakeney sixty-two dollars and fifty seven cents, for work done for the office of the Circuit Court for Baltimore city, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

Mr Houlton, from the joint standing committe on highways, presented the following report which was read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted:

The joint standing committe on highways, to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry, as to the expediency of placeing stepping stones at the corner of Wolf and Bank streets, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

William E. Beale
William Houlton } Second Branch
William O. Welsh
Joseph H. Boyd
J. H. B. Boyd } First Branch
Daniel Leefson

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the city commissioner be and is hereby directed to have stepping stones placed across Wolf street, on both sides at its intersection with Bank street, and draw on the Register for such sum as may be necessary to defray the expenses thereof, out of the annual appropriation for flag and stepping stones for 1855.

Mr Beale presented a petition from William Hunter, asking compensation for services rendered to the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city. A similar petition was presented to the last Council but was not acted upon.

On motion Mr Beale, the clerk was instructed to wait upon the Register and procure the petition presented and the last session, in order that it may be referred to the appropriate committe.

Bill No. 8, entitled "an ordinance for the organization of a water department of the city of Baltimore", was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time.