claims, presented the following report, which was read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted:

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs John A. James A. S. and William Donnell and others, relative to placeing iron railing around Union Square, having investigated the subject, and finding that the petitioners have complied with the stipulation in said ordinance, respectfully, repor the following resolution:

William S. Crowley,
William Houlton, } Second Branch
Edward C. Thomas,
Charles L. Kraft,
Joh S. Wright, } First Branch
Jacob, Counselman,

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the Mayor be requested to have a mahile iron railling erected around Union Square, in accordance with the provision of section 4th of ordinance No. 22, approved in April 9th, 1847, to be paid for out of the appropriation for 1855.

The petition of William Hunter, asking compensation for services rendered to the Orphans Court of Baltimore City, which was presented to the last session of the Council, and ordered to be withdrawn from the files of the Register, was received and referred to the joint standing committe on claims.

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

Resolved, that the city commissioner inform this branch, wther he has given, the notice required by ordinance No. 54, 1854, to the owners of the railroad tracks, and switches in Howard street, to make the same conform to said ordinance, and if so, why the same has not been done.

Bill No. 8, entitled "An ordinance for the organization of a water department of the City of Baltimore", was returned by the first Branch pursuant to request.

Mr Zimmerman moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected, which was adopted.

Mr Bartlett offered a substitute for the bill, which was read.

The question being taken on the acceptance of the substitute, it was determined in the negative by the following vote the yeas and nays being signed by Mr Beale:

Yeas – Messrs. President, Houlton, Bartlett, Thomas. – 4.

Nays – Messrs, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Zimmerman – 5.

Mr Beale moved to lay the bill on the table, which was determined in the affermative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Thomas:

Yeas – Messrs, President, Houlton, Shoemaker, Beale, Bartlett, – 5

Nays – Messrs – Crowley, Welsh, Thomas, Zimmerman, 4.

A report from the joint standing committe on highways, adverse to repairing that portion of Eastern avenue lying between Washington and Chester streets, as also that portion of Castle alley, between Eastern and Canton avenues, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

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

The committe on markets, to whom was referred the petition of William C. Bartlett and others, asking the withholding of the sale of the Charles street Spring property, have had the same under consideration and would most respectfully recommend the selling of the above property, in order to finish the Hanover market house, wit was distinctly understood at the session of the City Council of 1854, that the said market house to be built out of the proceeds of the sale of said spring lot. The committe beg leave to offer the following resolution:

William E. Beale
William O. Welsh } Second Branch
William Houlton
Wm. M. Words
Robert H. Crawford } First Branch
John J. Harker

Resolved, that the committe be discharged from further consideration on the subject.

Bill No. 11, entitled "an ordinance to authorize and provide for the sale of the Charles street spring lot," was taken up.

On motion Mr Beale, the bill was laid on the table and made the special order of the day for Friday.

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

Resolved, by the Second Branch of the City Council, that