cation of the proceeds thereof to the rebuilding of the Hanover market house on its former location.

Bill No. 11, entitled "An ordinance to authorize and provide for the sale of Charles Street spring lot," being the special order of the day was taken up.

Mr Welsh moved to amend the first section, by striking out the word "February," in the fifth line, and inserting the word "June".

The amendment was rejected.

Mr Thomas moved to amend the first section, by adding thereto the words "provide the whole lot be not sold for a less amount than $22.00".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Bartlett moved to amend the second section by inserting after the word "weeks", in the fourth line, the words "in two daily papers having the largest circulation".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Poulton moved to further amend the second section, by adding thereto the words "provided that not less than one third of the purchase money be paid in cash".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Crowley moved to amend the third section, by striking out the word "grading" in the sixth line, and inserting the word "grade".

The amendment was adopted.

Mr Hinkle moved to insert the following as the fourth section:

"Section 4. and be it enacted and ordained, that immediately upon the passage of this ordinance, the city commissioner, shall advertise and sell at public sale, to the highest bidder, all the materials, trees &c, then remaining on said lot, and pay over the net proceeds into the city treasury".

The amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then passed.

On motion Mr Beale, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns, this afternoon, it stand adjourned, until Tuesday afternoon, at 4½ O'clock.

The First Branch by message concurred.

The President laid before the Branch the

following communication from the city commissioner, which was read and referred to the joint standing committee on highways.

City Commissioner's Office,
Baltimore, Dec. 22d, 1854.

Second Branch City Council:
Gentlemen

In answer to your resolution of the 20th instant, relating to the railroad tracks and switches in Howard street I would respectfully inform you, that the notice referred to in said resolution, has been given to the company of said road, with a copy of the ordinance, which will promptly attended to. The owners of the eight or nine private switches or turn outs, have not been notified to make any alteration in them, from the fact, that no complaint has been made of their condition, and my belief, that they are in accordance with the ordinance referred to. I find the street somewhat injured by the removal of two switches, which will be properly repaird as soon as the weather will permit.

Respectfully submitted,
James Gregory, City Commissioner.

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

Resolved, by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the Second Branch Chamber, be and they same is hereby tendered to the joint standing committee on water as a meeting room during the recess of the Council, that they may be the better prepared to carry out the provisions of the resolution of instruction to said committee, passed 30th November, 1854.

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

By order. Allen E. Forrester. Clerk.

Appropriations:

To December the 15th	$166.97
Removal of pump at Fell's Point market	100.00
Curb stone at the Deptford Engine house	50.00
A. Hoen & Co,	925.00
Chase reservoir ice house repairs	1,075.00
	$2,316.97