There is one other matter to which I would respectfully invite your especial attention. There are within the limits of direct taxation, a great number of vacant lots, now used as receptacles for all kind of rubbish, to the great annoyance of the citizens. I would recommend the passage of an ordinance, requiring all vacant lots to be enclosed with a good and substantial board fence not less than ten feet high.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

A message was received from the First branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committe, to distribute the various subjects contained in the Mayors communication, to the appropriate committes, and naming on the part of that branch, Messrs. Suter, Cox and Graff.

On motion of Mr Beale, the message was concurred in, and the President appointed Messrs. Beale, Crowley and Houlton, as the committe on the part of this branch.

On motion of Mr Beale the branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

By order. Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Tuesday January 16th, 1855.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present James Armitage Esq, President, and all the members, except Mr Shoemaker.

The branch was opend with prayer by Mr Houlton.

Mr Houlton presented a petition from Peter Shry, asking to be renumerated for injuries to his horse, received by the falling of an abutment of the bridge over Harford run, at Alice Anne street, which was referred to the joint standing committe on claims.

A report from the joint special committe to whom was referred the distribution of the various subjects contained in the Mayors message, was received from the First branch, read and concurred in.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing that the hour of meeting of the Council be fixed at 5 o'clock, which was read and concurred in.

The President appointed Messrs, Welsh, Hintze and Beale as the joint special committe, on that portion of the Mayors communication relating to the House of Refuge.

On motion Mr Zimmerman, the branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. By order. Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Wednesday January 17th 1855.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - James Armitage, Esq. President and all the members, except Mr Shoemaker.

The branch was opened with prayer by Mr Thomas.

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

Resolved by the Second Branch, that the Register be requested to return to this branch, the petition and papers of Ludwig Halmerman and Jacob Lockstamper, presented by them at the last annual session of the Council.

A preamble and resolution requiring the city printer to comply with his contract in executing the printing was received from the First Branch and read.

Mr Bartlett moved to amend, by adding the following resolution:

Resolved, that the chief clerk of the First Branch be directed to furnish the city printer with a copy of this preamble and resolution:

The amendment was adopted.

The preamble and resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

A report from the joint standing committe on internal improvements, with a resolution giving John W. Dougherty permission to construct a single track railroad, on Central avenue, to his coal yard on the same avenue, was received from the First Branch and read.

Mr Beale moved to amend the resolution, by inserting the word "special" before the word "supervision", which was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

On motion Mr Beale, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 O'clock.

By order

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Thursday January 18th, 1855.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - James Armitage, Esq. President and all the members, except Mr Crowley.

The President being absent at the hour of meeting, on motion of Mr Welsh, Mr Zimmerman was called to the Chair.

The branch was opened with prayer by Mr Thomas.

Mr Beale presented a petition from Jesse Morris, and others, asking to have gas lamps fixed on Jefferson Street, betwe