Wednesday January 24th, 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The branch was opened with prayer by Mr Crowley.

The President laid before the branch, the following communication from the Secretary to the Magnality, which was read and referred to the joint committe on Police and fire:

Mayor's Office,

Baltimore January 24th, 1855.

To the members of the Second Branch City Council:

Gentlemen:

In reply to the resolution of inquiry, passed by your Honorable body on the evening of the 22d inst, I would state, it has never been my custom to charge for commissions. I have however, by the authority, and with the consent of the Mayor, charged the sum of twenty five cents for the issuing of permits to negroes who have applied for permission to hold balls, concerts, &c., as has been the custom of all former secretaries to the Magnality. There has not been any account kept of the number of permits issued, as it as never been deemed necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Your &c.,

J. Harris Blanchard,

Secretary to the Magnality.

A resolution directing the city commissioner to repair the drawbridge, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution directing the city commissioner to erect a gas lamp on the south east corner of Gay and Chesnut street, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

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

Resolved, that the Register be requested to furnish the statement called for by resolution passed in Second Branch City Council, Nov 27, 1854.

A preamble and resolution, relative to putting all city work immediately under contract, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Mr Beale from the joint committe on highways, presented the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committe on highways, to whom was referred the subject respecting Brugar, Hamner, Crawford alleys, have had

the same under consideration, and would offer the accompanying ordinance.

William E. Beale
William Boulton } Second Branch.
William O. Welsh

Joseph H. Boyd
J. H. B. Boyd } First Branch.
Daniel Lepson

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Thursday January 25th, 1855.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The session was opened with prayer by Mr Thomas.

Mr Beale presented the annual report of the Lafayette Hose company, and a petition from the company asking a special appropriation of $1.500, which was read and referred to the joint committe on fire companies.

A report from the joint committe on claims, on the petition of Dr. Milton N. Taylor, with a resolution allowing him to withdraw his petition, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

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

The joint standing committe on claims, having carefully examined the claim of Mr Thomas W. Cutts, whose petition was referred to them, beg leave respectfully to offer the following resolution:

William S. Crowley
William Boulton } Second Branch.
Edward C. Thomas

Charles S. Krafft
John L. Wright } First Branch.
Jacob Councilman

Resolved that the Register be and is hereby directed to pay to Mr Thomas W. Cutts, the sum of one hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Crowley from the joint committe on claims, presented the following report, which was read a first, and special order a second time, and adopted.