The joint standing committe on claims, to whom was refered the petition of Charles Bickell, respectfully offer the following resolution:

William S. Crowley
William Houlton } Second Branch.
Edward C. Thomas
Charles L. Krafft
John S. Wright } First Branch.
Jacob Councilman

Resolved, that the Register be and is hereby directed to pay the sum of twenty five dollars to Dr Charles Bickell, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Messrs Thompson and Councilman appeared as a committe, and invited this branch to meet the First Branch in convention, to select directors to represent the City in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, and commissioners of finances.

The invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After sometime spent therein, the convention adjourned and the members having returned to their chamber.

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

By order.

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Friday January 26th, 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The session was opened with prayer by Mr Crowley.

On motion of Mr Zimmerman, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing that when the Council adjourned, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The First Branch by message concurred.

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

The joint committe on markets, to whom was referred so much of the Mayors communication relative to the expediency of selling at once, both Cross street and Richmond market houses, as the expenses of both these establishments exceed the revenue derived from them; and as the city has disposed of several stalls in perpetuity in one of said markets and in the Richmond market; the stalls were sold for a term of years, which has long since been considered as equal to

being in perpetuity, as the property in the neighborhood was leased, bending on the market space. Your committe do therefore consider all those rights would have to be cancelled, and which would almost absorb the amount of the present property in said undertaking, as the city has been to considerable expense in constructing those edifices, and which was for the convenience of neighborhood, and not looking to a source of revenue in a direct manner. The committe therefore offer the following resolution:

William E. Beale,
Wm. Houlton,
William O. Welsh. } Second Branch.
William M. Woods,
Robert H. Crawford } First Branch.
John J. Barker

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

A resolution was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a joint committe to examine the accounts of the city coroner.

Mr Beale moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words, "both branches of the" in the first line, and inserting the words, "Mayor and;" which was adopted.

The resolution as amended, was concurred in.

A report from the committe on claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay Oliver & Hemming $432,18, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Beale, a message was sent to the First Branch, asking a return of the report of the committe on claims, on the petition of Dr Milton N. Taylor.

The message was concurred in by the First Branch, and the report re-committed to the committe on claims.

Mr Bartlett from the committe on ways and means, presented the following report and ordinance, which was read:

The joint committe on ways and means, to whom was refered the petition of the Seamans Bethel Home Society of Baltimore, asking that the property appertaining to said society be exempt from taxation, have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and would therefore submit the following ordinance

William E. Bartlett, Jr.
J. B. Zimmerman, } Second Branch.
Edward C. Thomas,
James S. Slater,
John S. Wright, } First Branch.
John A. Thompson,