after the word "wide", in the fourth line, the words "to be called Alexander alley, which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then passed.

Mr Houlton moved to amend the title of the bill, by inserting after the word "wide" in the fourth line, the words "to be called Alexander alley" which was adopted.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a mortgage of two thousand dollars, on the house and lot of the Mechanics fire company, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

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

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the city commissioner be requested to inform this branch, the cause of three of the gates at the Eastern spring lot being kept closed.

A message was received from the First Branch, announcing Messrs. Krafft, Vance and Nicolls, as the committee on the part of that branch, to examine the accounts of the city coroner.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Tuesday, February 6th. 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.

The President laid before the branch, the following communication from the city commissioner, which was read:

City commissioner's Office,
Baltimore, Feb, 6th. 1855.

Second Branch City Council:

Gentlemen:

In answer to your resolution of yesterday, relating to the gates at the Eastern spring lot, I would respectfully refer you to the first section of ordinance No. 27, approved May 28th, 1850, Revised Ordinances, by which you will perceive that the duty of supervising the spring lots and public squares, do not devolve on this office.

Respectfully submitted,
James Bryce, City commissioner.

A resolution directing the Register to have the map of the harbor, in the committee room, framed, and appropriating twenty five dollars for that purpose, was received from the first branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A report from the committee on ways and means, with an ordinance to authorize and provide for the sale of the old tobacco warehouse, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr Zimmerman, the ordinance was read a second time by special order and passed.

A report from the committee on education, with an ordinance to authorize and provide for the sale of the lot and house occupied by Female Primary school No. 11, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the ordinance was read a second time by special order.

Mr Hinkey moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "March", in the fifth line of section first, and inserting the word "May", which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then passed.

Bill No. 29, an ordinance to preserve the health of the city, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr Conley moved to refer the bill to the committee on health, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Beale:

Yeas – Messrs. President, Houlton, Conley, Hinkey, Welsh, Bartlett, Thomas – 7.

Nays – Messrs. Shoemaker, Beale, Zimmerman – 3.

Mr Houlton, from the committee on the harbor, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which was read and laid on the table:

The committee on the harbor, to whom was referred ordinance No. 19, being a supplementary ordinance to an ordinance regulating the public wharves of the city of Baltimore, approved June 5, 1854, beg leave to report the accompanying ordinance.

Wm Houlton,
Wm E. Beale,
W. S. Shoemaker, } Second Branch.
J. W. B. Boyd,
Geo. K. Quail, } First Branch.
R. W. Register,

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

By order, Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.