Wednesday Febuary 7th, 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.

Mr Bartlett submitted an ordinance entitled "an ordinance suplementary to an ordinance entitled and ordinance to restrain certain evil practices therein mentioned"; which was read and referred to the committe on police and jail.

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

Resolved by the Second Branch City Council, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to inform this branch of the nature of the contract or contracts for railing and other improvements made on the Eastern spring lot, and wether the contracts thus made, have been strictly complied with.

On motion of Mr Zimmerman, the clerk was instructed to request the printer to send the bill, &c, intended for this branch directly to the chamber,

On motion of Mr Houlton, the branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 O'clock.

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Thursday Febuary 8th, 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 a petition from George Gravell, asking permission to remove a frame house on the lot of Aisquith street back on a lot on said street, which was read and referred to the committe on fire companies.

Mr Beale presented a bill from Bull & Yellott for $134.25 for advertising in the clipper, which was read and referred to the ~~[illegible]~~ committe on claims

The First Branch returned the resolution authorizing the Register to pay Peter Shorz $35, endorsed "concurred in".

Bill No. 30, an ordinance relative to the mortgages held by the corporation on the steam tow and ice boat Relief, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr Beale, the bill was read a second time by special order.

Mr Shoemaker moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "its tributaries generally", in the seventh line

and inserting the words "Patapsco river"; which was determined in the negative.

Mr Crowley moved to refer the bill to the committe on the harbor, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the ayes and nays being required by Mr Beale:

Yeas - Messrs, President, Crowley, Henkze, Welsh - 4.

Nays - Messrs, Houlton, Shoemaker, Beale, Bartlett, Thomas, Zimmerman - 6.

Mr Crowley moved to amend the second section, by striking out the word "five", in the seventh line, and inserting the word "three"; which was determined in the negative.

Mr Shoemaker moved to amend the second section, by inserting after the word "all," in the first line, the word "railing"; which was determined in the negative.

The bill was then passed.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a committe of conference, on the resolution empowering the Mayor to employ additional council in the case of Daniel Sprigg vs. the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and naming Messrs, Thompson, Joseph H. Boyd and Graff, as the committe on the part of that branch.

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

Bill No 31, entitled "An ordinance to condemn and open Wright alley, Hamm's alley, and Sugar alley", was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order, a second time and passed.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Friday, Febuary 9th, 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 Thomas presented a certificate from the collector, stating that Wm. Ammsen & Son have paid in cash $3.75, which was read and referred to the Auditor.

Mr Houlton, from the committe on the harbor, presented the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint standing committe on the harbor, to whom was referred an ordinance to extend and preserve the navigation of the