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

By order,

Allen C. Forrester, Clerk.

The following was this day presented to the Mayor:
Resolution in favor of Peter Shy.

Wednesday February 14th, 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Session was opened with prayer by Mr. Thomas.

Mr Welsh presented a petition from Joshua B. Dryden, asking the return of $31.20 taxes paid in error, which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

The President laid before the Branch, the following communication from the Mayor, which was read and laid on the table:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, Feb. 14th, 1855.

To the members of the Second Branch of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have approved of the following ordinance and resolutions emanating from you, viz:

An ordinance authorizing the paving of certain alleys.

Resolutions for having gas lamps placed on Jefferson street between Aisquith and Bond streets.

Resolution authorizing the agents of the McDonogh estate, to represent the city of Baltimore in the courts of Louisiana.

Resolution in favor of Peter Shy.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

Mr Beale presented a bill entitled "An ordinance to provide for the city of Baltimore, an efficient police system, for the preservation of the peace and good government thereof," which was read and laid on the table:

Bill No. 33, a supplement to an ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and passed.

The ordinance relating to the steam tow and ice boat Relief, was received from the First Branch, with proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed:

Sec. 3. And be it enacted and ordained, that the said steam boat Relief shall keep a track open from the Lazaretto into the Maryland district line, in and on the Chesapeake Bay to admit of the ingress and egress of vessels, and if the said track shall not



be kept open, the owner or owners of steam boat Relief, shall not be entitled to any trackage as provided in sec. 2d. of the supplementary ordinance.

On motion of Mr Zimmerman, the bill was reconsidered, and the amendment concurred in.

The bill was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Thomas:

Yeas - Messrs, Shoemaker, Beale, Welsh, Thomas, Zimmerman - 5.

Nays - Messrs, President, Houlton, Crowley, Hinkle - 4.

On motion of Mr Zimmerman the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

Allen C. Forrester, Clerk.

Thursday, February 15th, 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.

The resolution for having gas lamps placed at the corner of Exeter street and Accomac alley; and Pratt and Concord streets, were returned by the Mayor, in accordance with a resolution adopted by both Branches of the Council.

On motion of Mr Houlton, the vote on the passage of the resolutions was reconsidered, and the following amendment added to them: "the expenses thereof to be paid out of the annual appropriation for watching and lighting the city for 1855."

The resolution as amended, was then adopted.

Bill No. 24, an ordinance relating to artesian wells, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr Shoemaker moved to amend the bill, by adding the following as the second section, which was adopted:

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted and ordained, that the provisions of the first section of the ordinance shall only be applicable to those portions of the city, west of Fremont street, south of the back branch and east of Harris creek.

Mr Beale moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the word "that," in the sixth line, and inserting the words "there shall not be less than thirty signers for the sinking of the same, who shall be owners of property in the immediate neighborhood," which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then passed.

Mr Houlton moved to further amend the bill, by adding thereto, the words, the petitioners to be responsible for all expenses the