assistant health commissioner, hence the appointment of an additional medical adviser tends to embarrass rather than facilitate the operation of the health commissioner and his assistant.

The duties of city physician, since the appointment of a medical commissioner have been little more than the mere superintendance of the vaccine department, and how effectual this supervision has proved, the present extensive spread of small pox throughout the city, will most truthfully attest. We committee purpose to suggest an entire remodelling of the present efficient system of vaccination, which has so repeatedly and signally failed to prove a preventative against the spread of that loathsome malady, (the small pox.) Again, if the relative amount of labor imposed upon the city commissioner and his assistant be compared with that assigned to the health commissioner and his assistant, it will be readily discovered that even with the nominal duties of the city physician superadded, the duties of the latter officers will be by far the least onous.

The present Council having avowed a determination to institute that rigid economy in the administration of the different departments of our city government, so imperiously demanded by the present embarrassed condition of our city finances, your committee are of opinion that the abolishment of the sinecure office of city physician will give an earnest of the sincerity of its professions.

We respectfully submit the accompanying ordinance.

J. C. R. Heritage,
Edward C. Thomas, } Second Branch
William J. Keels,
Orlando G. White, } First Branch
John France,

Mr. Beale called up the bill to provide for the city of Baltimore an efficient police system.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the first section, by inserting after the word "dollars" in the 7th line, the words "per annum", which was adopted.

Mr. Walton moved to further amend the first section by striking out the words "every part of the city", in the ninth line, and inserting the words "each police district", which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett, the bill was laid on the table to-morrow.

Mr. Shoemaker called up the bill to extend & preserve the navigation of the harbor.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett, the bill was laid on the table and the port warden request to furnish an estimate of the cost of the contemplated improvement.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Tuesday, February 20th. 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.

Messrs. Sutton and Lehson appeared as a committee and invited this branch to meet First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

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. Crowley, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 O'clock.

By order.

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Wednesday, February 21st. 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.

A resolution directing the port warden to remove the piles in Jones falls at Canton avenue, was received from First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A report from the committee on internal improvements, with a resolution authorizing the Register, in conjunction with the Mayor, to provide for $150,000 of the interests of the debt of the city for internal improvements, was received from First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr. Beale, moved to amend the resolution by inserting, after the word "Mayor", in the third line, the words "commissioner of finance", which was adopted.

The resolution as amended, was concurred in.

Messrs. Wright and Joseph H. Boyd appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

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