Monday, February 2 1th. 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 Crowley presented a petition from Margret S. Purrance and others, asking that the annual appropriation of $400, may be continued to the "Humane Impartial Society and Aged Womens Home; which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr Hintze presented the annual report of the Union fire company, which was read and referred to the committee on fire companies.

A report from the committee on highways, with a resolution instructing the city commissioner to have placed, certain flag and stepping stones, was received from First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Beale, bill No. 38, an ordinance to provide an efficient police system for the city of Baltimore was taken up.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the fifth section, by inserting after the word "city" in the seventh line, the words "which warrant shall name, and describe the place and the person or persons whom he suspects;" which was adopted.

Mr. Crowley moved to further amend the fifth section by striking out the words "or a" and inserting the words "also" in the fourth line, and striking out the words "and who shall first" and inserting the word "after" in the fifth line which was adopted.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the eighth section, by inserting after the word "shall" the words "have power" in the sixth line, and the word "then" after the word "thereupon" in the seventh line;

Pending this motion, several motions were made to amend the section, all of which were lost, and the amendment of Mr Crowley was adopted.

Mr Houlton moved to amend the eighteenth section by striking out the words "and extinguish the same under the directions of the superintendents, and," in the seventh and eighth lines, and inserting the words "the same to be extinguished by the policemen on duty, at the time directed by the chief of police, and the lamp lighters," which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Beale:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Houlton, Shoemaker, Hintze, Bartlett, Thomas - 6.

Nays - Messrs. Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Zimmerman - 4

Mr Welsh moved to amend the nineteenth section, by striking out the words "two hundred" in the fourth line, and inserting the words "one hundred and fifty" which was determined in the negative

Mr Crowley moved to amend the twenty first section, by striking out the words "to excess," in the sixth line, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the bill was laid on the table.

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

Mayor's Office,

Baltimore, February 2 1th, 1855.

To the members of the Second Branch,

of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I have approved of the following resolutions emanating from you. viz:

Resolution in favor of Ludwig Hanaman;

Resolution in favor of Isaac Lechatampfer.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

Mr. Zimmerman presented a petition from H. B. Comer and twenty one others, asking the opening of Back street, from Biddle to Richmond streets which was read and referred to the committee on highways.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Tuesday, February 27th 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. Bartlett presented the annual report of the Baltimore General Dispensary, which was read and referred to the committee on health.

A report from the committee on highways, with a resolution granting John A. Allers permission to continue his brick yard on the corner of Hanover and West streets, for one year, was received from First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Beale, bill No. 38. an ordinance to provide an efficient police system for the city of Baltimore, was taken up.

Mr. Crowley moved to strike out the twenty second section, which was rejected.