Mr. Beale, from the committee on highways, to whom was referred the presented the following report, which was read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted:

The joint committee on highways, to whom was referred the communication of the city commissioner, in compliance with resolution of January 7, relative to the cotton spring lot, and whether said contract have been complied with, your committee would state that they have had the same under consideration, and would offer the following resolution:

William E. Beale.
Wm. Houlton. } Second Branch.
William O. Welsh.
Joshua H. Boyd.
J. H. R. Boyd. } First Branch.
Daniel. Lehron.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A resolution authorizing the committee on ways and means to treat with the General Government relative to the property purchased for a new city hall, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

Mr Thomas offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved, that with a view of an early adjournment of the City Council, this branch will receive no new business after the first day of April next.

Mr. Beale, presented the following ordinance, which was read and laid on the table until Monday:

A supplement to an ordinance entitled "an ordinance relative to members and clerks of the city Council", approved May 20th. 1850.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that sec 6, of ordinance No 3, of the revised ordinance of 1850, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Shoemaker called up the resolution to dispose of the city's interests in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Mr Beale moved to strike out the words "Mayor and" and insert the words "Second Branch of the" in the first line which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beale:

Yeas - Messrs Shoemaker, Beale, Hintze, Welsh 4.

Nays - Messrs, President, Houlton, Crowley, Bartlett, Thomas, - 5.

On motion of Mr. Crowley all after the word "read" in the twelfth line of the first resolution, was stricken out.

On motion of Mr Bartlett, the second resolution was stricken out.

The preamble and resolutions were then adopted.

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

By order,

Alex E. Forrester Clerk.

Appropriations:

To February 23d, 1855. - - - - - - - - - - $19. 854 75

The following were this day presented to the Mayor

Resolution to have a gas lamp placed at the corner of Pratt and Concord streets.

Resolution to have gas lamp placed at the corner of Exeter street and Necessity alley.

Monday, March 5th. 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, called up the ordinance to repeal section 6 of ordinance No 3, of the revised ordinances of 1850.

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

On motion of Mr. Houlton, the clerk was instructed to obtain the opinion of the city counsellor, as to wether the section conflicts with the constitution of the state.

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

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, March 5th, 1855:

To the Members of the Second Branch,
of the City Council:

I have approved of the following resolutions emanating from your body

Resolution to have gas lamp placed at the corner of Exeter street and Necessity alley.

Resolution to have a gas lamp placed at the corner of Pratt and Concord streets.

Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

Bill No. 3, a supplement to an ordinance providing for the appointment and compensation of an auditor, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the bill was passed to a second reading by special order.

Mr Hintze moved to amend the fourth section, by striking out the word "biennially" in the third line, and inserting the word "annually" which was determined in the negative.