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

Mr. Houlton moved to amend the seventh section, by striking out the word "one" in the tenth line, and inserting the word "two"; which was determined in the negative by the following vote the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Bartlett.

Yeas – Messrs. President, Houlton, Hintze, Bartlett. – 4.

Nays – Messrs – Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Thomas – 5.

Mr Hintze moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "the auditor of the city; whose duty it shall be; in the second and third lines, and inserting the words "in addition to the duties heretofore imposed upon the auditor by ordinance 53, 1852, it shall be his duty"; which was determined in the negative.

The bill was then passed.

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

By order.

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Tuesday, March 6th. 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present James Armitage, Esq, President and all the members.

The Session was opend with prayer by Mr. Crowley.

Mr. Welsh presented a petition from Barber & Bro. and fifty four others, adverse to the opening of Park street from Richmond to Biddle streets, which wish was read and referred to the committe on highways.

Mr. Bartlett presented a petition from one hundred and ninety four property holders on Batt street asking the removal of the railroad track on that street, which was read and referred to the committe on internal improvements.

Bill No. 39, an ordinance to extend and improve the harbor of city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch, read and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

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

Baltimore, March 6th. 1855:

To the Honorable
The City Council:

Gentlemen:

The question whether section 6 of ordinance No. 3, conflicts with the bill of rights and Constitutions of Maryland? has been put to me by the City Council.

I have looked over the Declaration of Rights and the Constitution of Maryland, and have not found any article of the one, or section of the other, incompatible with the section of the ordinance referred to, nor any thing in either of those instruments, which would render the right to pass it, at all doubtfull.

Very respectfully,
Your obt servant.
G. L. Dulaney,
City Counsellor.

Bill No. 42, a supplement to the ordinance to open and condemn George and Ogston streets and Bruce alley, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the word "mentioned", in the eighth line, which was adopted.

Mr. Beale moved to add the following as the second section which was adopted:

Section 2. Be it enacted and ordained, that the commissioners for opening streets, shall proceed in all respects, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance entitled "an ordinance to provide for carrying certain powers vested in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in relation to streets" approved April 3d 1850, and the Collector and Register of the city shall also perform the duties respectifully required of them by said ordinance.

The bill as amended, was then passed.

A report from the committe on claims, with a resolution to allow Dr Charles A. Lease $50 extra compensation, was received from First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hintze offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the counsellor of the city be requested to inform this branch whether the Mayor or any of his subordinate officers, have, under the new constitution, authority to appoint any bailiffs other than the constables now elected by the people under the provisions of said constitution.

Messrs. Krafft and Parker appeared as a committe and invited this branch to meet the First Branch, in convention, on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Beale, 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.