Mr. Bartlett presented a petition from N. Pamphilon, asking the payment of a claim against the city of $171.79, which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Brooks, from the committee on claims, presented the following report, which was read a first and by special order a second time and adopted:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of R. Norris, Jr. Elizabeth Post and E. Howard Post, having carefully examined said petition, report the following resolution:

Wm. S. Crosby,
Wm. Houlton, } Second Branch.
Edward C. Thomas
Charles L. Krafft,
John S. Wright, } First Branch.
Jacob Counselman,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay to R. Norris, Jr., Elizabeth Post and E. Howard Post, the sum of ($165.41.) one hundred and sixty five dollars and forty five cents, in full, of the joint claim for damages sustained by them as mentioned on their petition, out of the levy for the year 1855.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of Gabriel D. Clarke, endorsed "concurred in:

Mr. Wintz moved the appointment of a committee of conference on the resolution in favor of Gabriel D. Clarke, which was agreed to.

The President appointed on said committee, Messrs. Wintz, Bartlett, Hillert.

A message was received from the First Branch, concurring in the appointment of a committee of conference, and naming on the part of that branch, Messrs. Thompson, J. H. B. Boyd and Nicholas.

Bill No. 46. an ordinance making appropriations for the year 1855, was received from the First Branch.

Bill No. 55. an ordinance to open Chester street from Baltimore to Fayette street, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and passed.

Mr. Beale from the comitte on highways, presented the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on highways, to whom was referred the subject relative to the planting of trees around Madison Square, and for dirt to fill up said Square, have had the same under consideration, and would offer the following resolution.

Wm. E. Beale,
Wm. Houlton } Second Branch.
Joseph H. Boyd,
J. H. B. Boyd, } First Branch.
Daniel Lepsen

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that three hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the planting of trees around Madison Square, and also for the purchase of dirt to fill up said square, to be expended under the supervision of Samuel McBublin and John B. Lidenstricker or the city commissioner, to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr. Houlton offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the committe on the harbor:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the port warden be and he is hereby directed to have three straining dams erected at or near the mouth of Harford run, for the purpose of arresting the sediment flowing down said run into the back basin, the expense thereof to be taken out of the appropriation for the harbor for 1855.

Mr. Shoemaker called up the resolution to have a gas lamp placed at on Broadway between Bank street and Eastern avenue, which was read.

Mr. Brooks moved to amend by inserting the word "assistant," before the word "city," in the third line which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

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

By order,
Allen E. Forrester,
Clerk.

Tuesday, March 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. Brooks.

Mr. Houlton presented a petition from Edward Abehler, asking permission to extend his pier on Bell's street, which was read and referred to the committe on the harbor.

Mr. Thomas presented a bill from G. S. Griffith for carpet furnished the court house, which was read and referred to the committe on claims.

The resolution appropriating one hundred dollars for white washing the house and fence at Patterson's Park, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution granting permission to Noah Walker, to sink a well in front of his premises on Hanover street, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of George P. Woodward endorsed "concurred in;