Mr. Beale presented a petition from Stacy Barcroft, praying the passage of an ordinance providing for the opening of Scott street between Columbia and Ramsay streets, which was read and refered to the committe on highways.

Mr. Bartlett called up the general appropriation bill, pending the reading of which,

Messrs. Thompson and Crawford appeared as a committe and invited this branch to meet the 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 some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members having returned to their chamber,

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Friday, March 23d, 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.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of Dr. Charles Bichell, endorsed "concurred in".

A report from the committe on claims, adverse to the claim of Dr. Hinkle, 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 Richard Morris, Jr., and others, endorsed "concurred in".

A resolution authorizing the city commissioner or his assistant, to repair the pumps opposite No. 892 West Baltimore street, and at the corner of Hollins and Schroeder streets, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr. Thomas moved to insert after the word "street" in the fifth line, the words "also the pumps at the corner of Smith and Pratt streets, and at the corner of Hollins and Republican streets" which was adopted.

Mr. Crowley moved to insert the words "and also at the corner of Madison and Sequith streets" which was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Welsh, a message was sent to the First Branch proposing that when the Council adjourn this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon, at 5 O'clock.

The First Branch, by message, non-concurred in the proposition.

A report from the committe on claims, with a resolution to pay John G. Davis the sum of $10, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the ordinance to repeal the ordinance to widen North the Eutaw street, endorsed "rejected".

Mr. Hilbert moved the appointment of a committe of conference on the ordinance, which was agreed to and Messrs. Hilbert, Hintze and Thomas, were appointed as said committe on the part of this branch.

The First Branch returned the resolution adverse to the removal of the railroad track on Pratt street, endorsed "concurred in".

Bill No. 57, an ordinance to prevent music in the streets on the Sabbath day, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr. Houlton moved to amend the first section, by striking out the word "twenty" in the fourth line, and inserting the word "five", which was determined in the negative.

The bill was then passed.

A communication was received from the health office, asking an appropriation of $1.000 for the purchase of lime, which was read and referred to the committe on ways and means.

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

The joint committe on highways, to whom was refered the petition of John E. Harand asking to have Hays street closed, from Fort avenue northwardly to the port warden line, have had the same under consideration, and would state that your committe think it might do injustice to a large number of property holders, to close the above street, and would offer the following resolution:

Wm. E. Beale,
Wm. Houlton, } Second Branch.
Wm. O. Welsh,

Joseph H. Boyd,
G. H. B. Boyd, } First Branch.
Daniel Depson,

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

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

The joint committe on highways, to whom was refered the petition of Thomas Whitridge and others, asking permission