of the lot, and to have the same cleaned up and the fencing properly repaired, and the above to be under his supervision.

A report from the committee on highways, adverse to the petition of George H. Stuart, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

A report from the committee on water, authorizing the erection of a fire plug at the corner of Baston Street and Campbell alley, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

Bill No. 65. an ordinance for the better regulations of the sale of coal, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the bill, by inserting after the word "law", in the fifth line, the words, "and in no event shall any coal be sold in any other way than as above specified."

Pending the question,

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

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

In First Branch,
Baltimore, March 28th, 1855.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

We respectfully inform you, that it is deemed inexpedient to return to you the resolution authorizing the commissioners of finance to transfer to the Register the sum of $132,733.22.

By order,
Columbus Hayes Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the vote by which bill No. 63. was refused to a special committee, was reconsidered, and the bill was laid on the table.

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

By order,
Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Thursday, March 29th, 1855.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Armitage presented a petition from George W. Williamson, asking to be refunded for taxes paid in error, which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Bartlett presented a ~~petition~~ communication from James Worthington, harbor master of the second district, stating that there was not law sufficient to properly enforce the collection of tonnage on vessels arriving at the port of Baltimore, which was read and referred to the committee on the harbor.

Mr. Bartlett from the committee on ways and means, reported back the ordinance making appropriation for the year 1855, without amendment, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Beale called up the resolution authorizing the commissioners of finance to lease to Gass & Bro. twenty feet of the lot adjoining the Eastern district water house, which was read.

Mr. Woulton moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words, "and which shall only comprise the above lot as now fenced in," in the fifth and sixth lines, which was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Beale called up bill No. 65, an ordinance to regulate the sale of coal, which was read.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the word "ordinance", in the third line, and inserting the words "it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to sell Anthracite or other coals (except Bituminous) in any other way than by the ton, half ton, quarter ton or fraction of a ton, as established by law, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each and every offence, one half of said penalty to be paid to the informer, the other half to the Register, to be collected as other fines for violations of city ordinances are.

Pending the motion to amend,

Mr. Woulton moved to re-commit the bill to the committee on police and jail, with instructions to report a bill to establish public scales, in various parts of the city for the weighing of all coal sold, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beale:

Yeas—Messrs. Woulton, Crowley, Bartlett, Thomas Hilbert—5.

Nays—Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Beale, Hintze Welsh—5.

The amendment offered by Mr. Beale, was then adopted.

The question being taken on the passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Thomas: