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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Thursday, April 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. Crowley.

A report from the committee on ways and means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to employ an extra clerk for the space of three months, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

Bill No. 61. an ordinance for the support and encouragement of volunteer corps in the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and passed.

A report from the committee on claims, adverse to the claim of John J. Parry, 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 appropriating $100 for repairs at Patterson's Park, endorsed "concurred in".

A report from the committee on the harbor, adverse to the petition of J. W. Rod, 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 claims, adverse to the claim of P. Gormly, 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 markets, adverse to changing the mode of renting the side stalls in the different markets, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the city commissioner to have a gas lamp placed on Exeter street between Baltimore and Fayette streets, 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 Esther B. Dryden, endorsed "concurred in".

Bill No. 62. a supplementary ordinance to restrain gaming, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Crowley, from the committee on education, presented the following report, which was read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on education, to whom was referred the subject of removing the Primary school No. 23. to a more suitable



location in the ninth ward, have had the same under consideration, and have examined said premises and believe that the prayer of the petitioners is just reasonable and ought to be granted, therefore your committee would offer the following resolution:

Wm. S. Crowley,
Wm. E. Beale,
W. S. Shoemaker, } Second Branch.

Wm. J. Nicholas,
Robert K. Crawford } First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the commissioners of Public Schools be and they are hereby directed to lease from Thomas and William Harwood, the house and lot No. 4, South Frederick Street at the annual rent of $200, for the accommodation of Female Primary No. 23.

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

The joint standing committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Bodges, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution.

Wm. Houlton,
Edward C. Thomas, } Second Branch
John Hilbert,

Charles L. Krafft,
John S. Wright, } First Branch
Jacob Counselman

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that William Bodges have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Crowley called up bill No. 59, an ordinance to lease a portion of the lot attached to Public School No. 2, on Broadway, which was read and rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hilbert:

Yeas – Messrs. Houlton, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Thomas – 5.

Nays – Messrs. President, Houlton, Hintze, Welsh, Bartlett, Hilbert – 5.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the branch resumed the consideration of the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Crowley moved to strike out the word "eight" in the 15th line, and insert the word "nine", which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hilbert.

Yeas – Messrs. President, Houlton, Crowley, Welsh – 4.

Nays – Messrs. Shoemaker, Beale, Hintze, Bartlett, Thomas, Hilbert – 6.