commissioners of finance. It has been so managed for a long time; it is so managed now; and surely the committee on ways and means must know that at this moment the city account at bank is a debtor to the entire amount of which the account of the commissioners of finance stands a creditor.

It is true, that every resource has to be implayed to keep the financial wheels of the city government in motion. It is equally true, that by the above proceedings the people have had the use of their own money; but we cannot endorse the propriety of any measure calculated to alienate from its own specific use, even temporarily, and however great the need, this sacredly pledged "sinking fund".

What we now require - and let me say it, most imperatively require - is the tax levy for 1855: Let it be sufficient to cover all demands, and let it be made immediately, that the collector may set at once about replenishing our now utterly empty treasury.

Very respectfully,

Samuel Hinks,
Chairman of Commissioners of Finance.

Mr. Hintze offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order a second time and adopted.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have a gas lamp placed in Calvert street between Lombard and Pratt sts.

Mr. Beale called up bill No. 68, an ordinance to pave and repave Broadway, from East Baltimore street to Canton avenue, which was read:

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the second section, by inserting after the word "drive away" in the ninth line, the words "of not less than", which was adopted.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to further amend the second section, by inserting after the word "named": in the ninth line, the words or any signer thereof", which was adopted.

The bill as amended, 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, April 10th, 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.

Mr. Bartlett presented a petition from John P. McGilton, for advertising in the Baltimore Patriot, which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Beale presented a letter from George S. Brown, protesting against the unloading of coal from the railroad cars in the public streets, which was read and referred to the committee on police and jail.

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 committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. W. Williamson, in relation to taxes paid in error, having had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution.

Wm. Houlton.
Edward C. Thomas, } Second Branch.
John Hilbert.
Charles S. Graff.
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 George W. Williamson, one hundred and thirty six dollars and fifty eight cents, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

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 G. Pistel, in relation to taxes improperly paid: have had the subject under their consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution:

Wm. Houlton,
Edward C. Thomas, } Second Branch
John Hilbert.
Charles S. Graff.
John S. Wright, } First Branch.
Jacob Counselman

Resolved that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay G. Pistel, twenty dollars and seventy seven cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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