City Commissioner's Office,
Baltimore April 11th 1855.

To the President and members of the
Second Branch of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

I have made the necessary investigation concerning the sewer on Broadway. The old sewer is in such condition that a new one will have to be erected it its stead — which in addition to the two new ones necessary, it will cost eight hundred dollars. ($800.00)

Respectfully Submitted,
J. P. Shannon. City Commissioner

Mr. Hintze called up bill No. 77. an ordinance to allow gardeners and others to keep swine within the limits of the city, which was read.

Mr. Beale, moved to refer the bill to the committee on police and jail; which was determined in the negative.

Mr. Houlton moved to amend the first section, by striking out all after the word "farm;" in the fourth line, to the word "city;" in the ninth line.

Pending the motion to amend, on motion of Mr. Bartlett the bill was laid on the table.

A report from the committee on claims, authorizing the Register to pay Wm. Hunter the sum of $50. 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 police and jail, relative to the contract for furnishing the city with oil, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Welch 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 at the corner of Lexington street and Kimmell alley, and one at the corner of Saratoga and State streets — the expense thereof to be taken out of the appropriation of 1855.

A resolution relative to placing a lamp on the corner of Republican and Payette streets, and also on the corner of Payette street and Stockton alley, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in.

A report from the committee of conference, on the claim of Dr Charles A. Lease, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay Dr. Chas A. Lease the sum of $300, was received from the First Branch read a first and by special order a second time.

Mr. Bartlett moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hilbert.

Yeas — Messrs. President, Hintze, Welch, Bartlett, Hilbert — 5.

Nays — Messrs. Houlton, Shoemaker, Crosby, Beale — 4.

A resolution relative to the erection of a Primary school in the third ward, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Beale, called up bill No. 83, an ordinance to open and condemn Scott street, between Columbia and Ramsay streets which was read and passed.

Mr. Beale called up bill No. 70, an ordinance to increase the salaries of the city commissioner, health commissioner and assistant health commissioner, which was read.

Mr. Bartlett moved to lay the bill on the table, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Beale:

Yeas — Messrs. President, Hintze, Welch, Bartlett, Hilbert — 5.

Nays — Messrs. Houlton, Shoemaker, Crosby, Beale — 4.

Mr. Beale called up bill No. 75, an ordinance empowering the city commissioner and commissioners for opening streets, to employ the service of a surveyor other than the city surveyor, which was read.

Mr. Hintze moved to amend by inserting after the word "ordinance;" in the 17th line, the words "the contract in all instances to be given to the lowest responsible bidder;" which was adopted.

Mr. Beale moved to add the following, as the second section, which was adopted:

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted and ordained, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistant with the provision of the ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed".

The bill as amended, was then passed.

Mr. Beale presented the following ordinance, which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to provide for exercising certain powers vested in this Corporation in relation to streets in the city of Baltimore, approved April 30th, 1850.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the commissioners for opening streets shall be required to give bond to the Mayor and City Council to be approved by the Mayor, in the sum of — dollars, conditioned that they will discharge the duties of commissioners for opening streets with faithfulness, and pay over to the Register of the city, all monies that shall come into their hands in the discharge of their duties