On motion of Mr. Talbot, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order.

Allen S. Forrester, Clerk

Wednesday, May 14th, 1856,

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,

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

Mr. Conroy presented the petition of William J. Hamill Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, asking payment of a bill of expenses incurred in cleaning, whitewashing, painting and carpeting his office which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bartlett presented the petition of D. A. Piper & Co, asking permission to erect four lime kilns on Bank street, for the burning of oyster shells, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Mayor, which was read and laid on the table;

Mayor's Office - City Hall,
Baltimore, May 14th, 1856,

To the Honorable
Members of the Second Branch City Council.

Gentlemen;

I beg leave, respectfully, to announce that I have approved the following bills, originating with you viz -

Resolution in favor of J. Christian Kraft,

Resolution relative to the removal of a pump on West Baltimore street, east of Charles street,

Resolution relative to issuing stock to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,

Resolution relative to an alteration in the railroad track at the corner of Charles and Pratt streets,

An Ordinance for the extension of the main water pipes, sale of water stock, and sinking fund, for the redemption of water stock,

Revised Ordinance No. 28, An Ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore,

Revised Ordinance No. 8, An Ordinance providing for the appointment and compensation of a Register and Deputy Register for the city of Baltimore, and prescribing their duties,

Revised Ordinance - No. 13, An Ordinance for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore, and to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious disease within the city of Baltimore,

Revised Ordinance No. 9 - An Ordinance providing for the appointment and compensation, and prescribing the duties of the Counsellor of the city of Baltimore, and relating to suits in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,

Revised Ordinance No. 10 - An Ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, for appointing a city collector, prescribing his duties and fixing his compensation, and providing for a general account to be kept by the Register with the City Collector, in relation to all taxes levied by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,

Revised ordinance, No. 5 - An Ordinance fixing the compensation of certain officers,

Revised Ordinance No. 18, An ordinance to regulate the office of City Surveyor,

Revised Ordinance No. 9, An Ordinance relative to issuing the property of the corporation,

Revised Ordinance No. 14 - An Ordinance relating to vaults, areas and cellars,

Respectfully,
Samuel Hinks, Mayor.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Board of Health which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health,

Health Office
Baltimore, May 13th, 1856,

To the Honorable
Members of the Second Branch City Council;

Gentlemen;

The subject of the disposal of night soil has occupied much attention from the Board of Health, and in reply to resolution of enquiry passed by your Branch on the 5th inst. we respectfully state, that the establishment of a poudrette factory would be the most successful, and perhaps the only way to dispose of it, without being a source of nuisance.

We have concluded also, from the examples of other cities that such an establishment would be a source of considerable revenue to the city,

Very respectfully, &c
By order of the Board, J. Gilmor, Secretary