Yeas – Messrs, President, Crowley, Beale, Welsh, Bartlett, Thomas – 6,

Nays – Messrs, Shoemaker, White – Hilbert – 3,

A message was received from the Joint Branch proposing that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 O'clock

On motion of Mr. Hilbert, the message was concurred.

Mr. Crowley called up ordinance No. 56, of the Revised ordinances entitled "An ordinance for restraining gaming, and licensing and regulating theatrical and other public exhibitions within the city of Baltimore" which was read,

Mr. Bartlett moved to amend the twentieth section by striking out the words "three dollars", in the thirteenth line, and inserting the words "one dollar", which was determined in the affirmative by the following ayes, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Thomas:–

Yeas – Messrs, President, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, White, Welsh, Bartlett – 7,

Nays – Mr. Thomas – 1,

Mr. White moved to strike out the twenty fourth section, and insert the following in lieu thereof, which was determined in the affirmative:–

Sec. 24, Be it enacted and ordained that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to destroy, tear, or otherwise deface any bill (posted in such places as may be permitted) descriptive of any performance paying a license to the city for permission to hold such exhibition and any person or persons, violating the provision of this section, shall forfeit and pay, upon conviction, for each and every offence the sum of $2.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed,

On motion of Mr. Bartlett, the branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 O'clock

By order,

Allen, E. Gresham, Clerk.

Appropriations:

To May 10th, 1856,	$24,381.42
Dr. B. H. D. Bull,	18.00
Repairing Washington Avenue,	200.00
Thomas, Cody,	60.00
Total,	$24,659.42

Monday, May, 19th, 1856,

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment, Present – James Armitage Esq. President and all the members, except Messrs. Houlton and Bartlett.

Mr. Hilbert offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Water:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the water Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to have fire plugs placed at the corner of Preston street and Jordan alley.

Mr. Shoemaker, offered the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Board of Health be and they are hereby directed to inform this branch whether they have completed the dredging of the city's portion of the docks of the harbor, agreeable to the provisions of the resolution, passed 21st of March, 1856, and specify what docks they have cleaned.

The President laid before the branch the following communication from the Mayor which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with instructions to report thereon tomorrow afternoon.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, May 19th, 1856,

To the Honorable
The Members of the Second Branch City Council:
Gentlemen:

I have the honor of transmitting a communication from the Pittsburg and Connellsville R.R. Co received to me this morning.

The document purports to be an extract from the proceedings of a meeting of the board of Directors of that road, held on the 13th inst, for the purpose of considering the propriety of letting a portion of the road named, and matters relative to the disposition of the Baltimore Guarantee Bonds." This latter business is important to us, and I think it all important that one or more of the directors from Baltimore should be informed and instructed how to act, in case an unlawful disposition of said bonds should be decided on.– You will therefore take such action in the matter as in your judgement will best secure the interests of the city,

Respectfully, Samuel Hinks, Mayor