Monday, July, 14th 1856,

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,

Present - James Armitage Esq. President, and all the members, except, Messrs Hulton, Welch, Bartlett and Thomas.

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

By order,

Allen E. Kirkley. Clerk.

Tuesday, July, 15th 1856,

The branch met pursuant to adjournment,

Present - James Armitage Esq., President, and all the members except Messrs. Shoemaker, Welch and Hulton.

Mr. Beale called up the resolution appropriating $5,000 for the erection of a Western Female High School building which was read,

Mr. Hintze moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "provided", in the eighth line, and inserting the words, "a contract", with securities approved by the Board of School Commissioners and the Mayor, be first entered into for the through completion of said building for the sum not exceeding $12,000",

Pending the motion to amend, on motion of Mr. Hilbert the resolution was laid on the table:-

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

Mayors Office - City Hall.
Baltimore, July 14th 1856.

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

Gentlemen,

I have approved of the following ordinances and resolution emanating from you viz:

An ordinance to provide for the appointment of superintendents of streets, and prescribing their duties,

An ordinance relative to enclosing Eutaw Square

An ordinance directing the manner of punishing slaves guilty of offences against the ordinances of Baltimore.

An ordinance for repairing the wharves of the Back Basin.

An ordinance for the sale or rental of the unsold Butcher stalls in the extension of the Lexington Market, between Pace and Green streets, and also in the Hanover Market,

An ordinance to regulate the opening and closing of the Market House under the hall of the Maryland Institute, and for the appointment of a Keeper thereof.

Resolution relative to the sale of the Truck House, now occupied by the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company;

Resolution relative to placing a gate at the Sewer on Central Avenue, at its intersection with Baltimore street,

Respectfully.

Emmet Hinks. Mayor,

The following message was received from the first Branch and read:-

In first Branch,
Baltimore, July 10th 1856.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:-

We respectfully propose with your concurrence, to rescind the resolution heretofore adopted, providing for the meeting of the City Council every two weeks till the first of September.

By order,

Jno. M. Pregeny, Clerk.

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

On motion of Mr. Beale a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon September 1st 1856.

Mr. Hilbert called up the resolution relative to placing a gas lamp at the north-east corner of Lexington and Robert street, which was read and adopted.

Mr. Bartlett from the Joint Committee on Water, presented the following report and resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

The Joint Committee on Water to whom was referred the application to erect a fire Plug on Pace street, in front of the Howard Engine House, have had the same under consideration, and leg leave to offer the following resolution.

Wm. E. Bartlett, Jr.,
Wm. E. Beale, } Second Branch
G. W. B. Boyd,
Thomas Lucas, Jr., } First Branch,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the