A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water with a resolution relative to the erection of a fire plug, a various places, was received from the first Branch, read a first and by special order a second time and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with a resolution relative to the gutters at the intersection of Hoffman street and Shenk alley, was received from the first branch, read a first and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with a resolution relative to establishing the lines of Wagon alley between Schroder and Rebulkian street, was received from the First branch, read and laid on the table;

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies with a resolution in favor of the New Market Fire Company was received from the first branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on ~~Highways adverse~~ to grading and paving Gunther alley was received from the first branch read a first, and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with a resolution adverse to the petition of relative to the condition of William street, was received from the first branch, read a first, and by special order a second time and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with a resolution granting permission to L. Smith Grove, to erect a portico in front of his property on West Baltimore street, was received from the first branch read a first and by special order a second time.

Mr. Beale moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "street," in the seventh line, the words "and all other persons" who may desire to erect porticos," which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was concurred in.

Mr. Crowley called up the resolution relative to granting the use of Franklin Square to the Managers of the Widows Home for the building of cement, which was read and non-concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Crowley;

Yeas – Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Crowley – 3.

Nays – Messrs. Beale, Bartlett, Thomas, Hilbert – 4.

On motion of Mr. Beale the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5½ o'clock.

By order,

Allen E. Pinkney Clerk.

Thursday, August 7th 1856.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – James Armitage Esq. President and all the members except Messrs. Button and Welch.

Mr. Hilbert presented the petition of Dr. H. P. C. Wilson, asking compensation for medical services at the Western Police Station, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay the Water Board $300 for certain surveys made by order of the City Council during the last session was received from the first branch read a first, by special order a second time and concurred in.

Mr. Beale called up the resolution granting permission to Noah Walker to sink a well in Grant St. which was read and concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hilbert;

Yeas – Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Bartlett, Thomas – 6

Nays – Mr. Hilbert – 1

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to the Baltimore Equitable Society the sum of $502.93, for insuring the city property, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, and concurred in.

A resolution granting permission to Thomas W. Forman and others, to erect a flag pole on the corner of Paca and Pratt streets, was received from the First Branch, read a first and by special order a second time, and concurred in.