The following message was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table:

In First Branch
Baltimore, July 11th, 1856.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully inform you that we have appointed Messrs. Boyd, France and Hynes on the committee of conference on Revised Ordinances No. 35 and 40.

By order
Joseph M. Reggy, Clerk.

An ordinance relative to main water pipes in the eastern section of the city, was received from the First Branch, read and, on motion of Mr. Beale, referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Water.

Mr Crowley called up the resolution in favor of A. Magne, which was read.

Mr. Beale, moved to amend the resolution, by adding thereto the words "under a penalty of $20, one half to be paid to the informer," which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

Mr. Beale called up the petition of Thomas and James M. Dixon, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

Mr. Knitze moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing that when the Council adjourns to morrow afternoon, it stand adjourned until the first Monday of September, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hilbert.

Yeas – Messrs. Knitze, Thomas, Hilbert – 3

Nays – Messrs. President, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Bartlett – 5

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution relative to flag and stepping stones at certain places, was received from the First Branch, read a first, and by special order a second time.

Mr. Hilbert moved to amend the resolution by inserting the words "across Madison street at Richard street; across Biddle street at McCulloch street;

at Preston street; across Madison street at Dolphin street; across Madison street at Preston street; across Biddle street at Eutaw street; across Monument street; at Grace Church."

Pending the motion to amend the resolution, on motion of Mr. Beale, all matters on the table relative to flag and stepping stones, together with the resolution were referred to the Joint Standing Committee Highways.

Mr. Beale, called up the resolution appropriating $250 for the erection of cupola, and purchase of a bell at the Belair market, which was read and concurred in.

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

The question pending being on the motion of Mr. Knitze 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 a sum not exceeding $12,000," it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Knitze;

Yeas – Messrs. President, and Thomas – 2.

Nays – Messrs. Knitze, Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Bartlett, Hilbert – 6.

The resolution was then concurred in.

Mr. Beale called up the resolution appropriating $5,35 for re-establishing the lines of Wagon alley, between Schroder and Republican streets, which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Knitze called up the resolution of inquiry relative to the Directors on the part of the City of Baltimore and Ohio and Northern Central Railway Companies, which was read and rejected, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Knitze.

Yeas. Messrs, President, Knitze, Bartlett, Hilbert – 4.

Nays. Messrs. Shoemaker, Crowley, Beale, Thomas – 4.

On motion of Mr. Beale the Board adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,
Allen E. Forrester
Clerk.