to morrow afternoon at 5 Oclock;

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk

Wednesday, October 1st. 1856,

The branch met pursuant to adjournment,

Present James Armitage Esq. President and all the members except Messrs. Hooton and Welch,

The President laid before the branch the following communication from the Mayor, and accompanying document, which were read and laid on the table:-

Mayors. Office, - City Hall,

Baltimore Oct 1st. 1856,

To the Honorable the

Members of the First and Second Branches City Council;

Gentlemen;

I have the honor and pleasure of laying before you a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, (Hon James Guthrie) relative to selling a portion of the city property to the government. This property alluded to, I presume is the portion of the 6 acres of ground, owned by the city, on which to erect a new City Hall, and which was offered by the Government last year by the Committee on Ways and Means. I then advocated the sale, and I would now recommend such action by your Honorable Body, as would enable the proper officers to answer the endorsed note speedily and definitely.

Respectfully

Samuel Hinks Mayor,

Treasury Department 29 Sept, 1856,

Sir:

I have the honor to ask you if the city of Baltimore is still desirous of selling to the Government the city property offered it some time since and if so, say that the Department will take the property at the price the asked.

Waiting your reply,

I am, very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

James Guthrie,

Secretary of the Treasury.

His Honor the Mayor of Baltimore.

Mr. Bartlett presented the following resolution which was

read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Commissioners of Finance be, and they are hereby authorized to sell to the United States Government the property, as offered by the Committee of Ways and Means during the past year at the price then named, sixty five thousand dollars ($65,000) it being a portion of the property purchased from Messrs. Brown & White bounded by Little street, Orange alley, Fayette and Holliday street.

On motion of Mr. Hilbert the branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at 5 Oclock,

By order,

Allen E. Forrester Clerk.

Thursday, Oct, 2d. 1856,

The branch met pursuant to adjournment,

Present James Armitage Esq President and all the members except Messrs. Hooton and Welch,

The President laid before the branch the following communication from the Mayor and accompanying documents which were read and laid on the table:

Mayors Office City Hall,

Baltimore Oct. 2d. 1856,

To the Honorable the

Members of the First and Second Branches City Council;

Gentlemen;

I have the honor of transmitting to you a telegraphic dispatch received by me this afternoon about 2 Oclock, and also a letter received this moment from the Hon. James Guthrie Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. I hasten to lay them before you that you may act understandingly on the subject to which they relate.

Respectfully,

Samuel Hinks. Mayor,

Washington Oct 2d. 1856.

To the Hon Samuel Hinks Mayor:

Please suspend any action upon my letter of the 29th of Sept. as the Department reconsidered the matter, and withdraws that letter.

James Guthrie.

Secretary of the Treasury.