as the committee on the part of this branch.

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

Register's Office,
Baltimore, Dec 3d 1856.

To the President and Members of the Second Branch City Council.
Gentlemen:

In answer to your request for information of the amount of money expended within the past twelve months for watching and lighting the city of Baltimore, independent of the cost of oil and gas; on examination of the books, I find that the pay for watchmen and extra watchmen for the past twelve months has been $123,488,62. The amount paid the police department for regular and extra police has been $36,002. I am unable to give the name and number of extra police and watchmen, and the localities where they were employed, but presume the chief of police and captains of the night watch could give that information.

Respectfully,
Jno. A. Thompson, Register.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,
Allen E. Forster, Clerk.

Thursday, Dec 4th 1856.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,
Present John B. Seidenstricker, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr. Simms presented the petition of Dr Johnson asking compensation for services rendered at the southern police station, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

Mr. Simms presented the petition of Henry M. Lydiscoffer remonstrating against the erection of a brick stable on the lot of ground bounded by Warren, Russell, Hamburg and Cross street, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Simms presented the petition of Obee & Co, and others, relative to the filthy condition of the sewer at

the corner of Hanover and Lombard streets, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health.

Mr. Simms presented the petition of Daniel Hauer and others, remonstrating against the erection of a brick stable on the lot of ground bounded by Warren, Russell, Hamburg and Cross street, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution relative to granting permission to H. & J. Reynolds to open the jail wall and extend the railroad track from Constitution street across Madison street into the jail lot, for the purpose of conveying stone to be used in the erection of the new jail, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Henig, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Bill No. 2, an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor," was received from the first Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Reitemeier the ordinance was read a second time by special order, and passed.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to place two watchmen at Barnum's City Hotel the same to be paid by the proprietors, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hintze, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to borrow, at the legal rate of interest, the sum of six thousand, four hundred dollars, and place the same to the credit of the Board of Health, was received from the first Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hintze offered the following resolution which was read:

Resolved that the Joint Special Committee on the petition of Joseph Robinson be and they are hereby requested to inquire if any improvement can be made in the present form of printing the Journal of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Fink the resolution was read a second time by special order and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fink the Branch adjourned