printing the sum of five hundred dollars to the Visitors of the Jail, to pay the salary of the gate keeper employed during the period of the erection of the new jail building, which was read.

Mr. Kirk moved to re-commit the resolution to the joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Kirk.

Yeas – Messrs. President, Harney, Kirk, Hintze and Gordon – 5.

Nays – Messrs. Henning, Kelso, Simms, Reitmer and Sullivan – 5.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution it was determined in the negative by the following vote the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Kirk.

Yeas – Messrs. Henning, Kelso, Simms, Reitmer and Sullivan. – 5.

Nays – Messrs. President, Harney, Kirk, Hintze, and Gordon – 5.

Mr. Sullivan moved that the following message be sent to the first Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

In Second Branch,
Baltimore Dec. 3d 1856.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

We respectfully ask you to take up for consideration certain resolutions from this branch in relation to a dividend from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and giving certain instructions to the Directors &c. As this branch deems this matter of great importance to the financial interests of the city we have thought proper to call your special attention to it, and if passed at all it must be done this afternoon.

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

By order
Allen E. Forrest, Clk.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th 1856.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, John B. Seidenstricker, Esq, President, and all the members.



Mr. Simms presented the memorial of Marion Hicks, remonstrating against the erection of brick kilns situated on the lot of ground bounded by Warren, Russell, Hamburg and Cross streets which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies.

The President laid before the branch the following communication from the high Constable, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, which was read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the resolution relating to granting permission to G. R. Gaither to dig a sink on the corner of Hanover and German streets with a resolution ~~in form of~~ granting the prayer of the petitioner, was ~~received from~~ the first branch and read.

On motion of ~~Mr. Kirk~~ the resolution was read a second time by special order.

Mr. Simms moved to lay the resolution on the table which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets with a resolution relating to appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars for having the necessary repairs done on the Lexington Market house, was received from the first branch, and read.

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

A preamble and resolutions, relating to instructing the City Counsellor to prosecute, by way of injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate proceedings, to restrain the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company from declaring a dividend of three million five thousand dollars, to the stock holders of said company in lands, was received from the first branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hintze, the preamble and resolutions, were read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Gordon moved to amend the second division of the preamble, by striking out all after the word "in" in the first line, to the word "company" inclusive in the second line, and inserting the words "anything but cash," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Gordon moved to further amend the second division of the preamble, by striking out the word "doubtful," in the fifth line, and inserting the words "very questionable," which was determined in the affirmative.