Mr. Simms moved to refer the ordinance to the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, which was determined in the affirmative.

Messrs Boyd and Turner appeared as a committee and invited this branch to meet first branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor,

On motion of Mr. Kelso, the was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein the convention adjourned and the members returned to their chamber,

Mr. Henry called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish a Police for the city Baltimore;" - the special order of the day - which was read.

John, B. Kelso, in the chair.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved to amend the fourth section by striking out the words "annually as other city officers are he" in the second and third lines, and inserting the words "by a convention of the two Branches of the City Council, in the last week of January, 1857, and his term of office shall commence on the first day of February ensuing, and expire with the last day of January 1858, and during the last week in January 1858, and every two year thereafter in the same week and month, the said convention shall appoint a suitable person to fill the office and perform the duties of the Marshal, and the said Marshal shall continue in office for the full term of two years, or until his successor shall be appointed, unless removed therefrom by the Mayor for misconduct in office or neglect of duty - which power to remove is hereby invested in the Mayor provided, however that at the first session of the Council, (either annual or special) the Mayor shall report the particular instance of misconduct or neglect of duty on the part of the said Marshal for which he was removed, and the Marshal;" which was determined in the negative by the following vote the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Henry.

Yeas - Messrs, President, Hornsey, Hoch, Hintze and Gordon - 5.

Nays - Messrs, Henry, Kelso, Simms, Bierbower, and Sullivan - 5.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved to amend the fourth section by striking out all after the word "that," in the second line to the word "and," in the seventh line and inserting the

words "the two Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, in convention assembled, shall in the last week of January in each and every year, nominate to the Mayor, two persons from whom the Mayor shall designate to fill the office and perform the duties of Marshal. The Marshal (subordinate to the Mayor) shall be the chief executive of the Police department, and shall obey and cause the police department to obey the rules and regulations prescribed for their government, He shall repair to the scenes of fires and with the assistance of the police force use every exertion to save and protect property and remove or cause to be removed all idle and suspicious persons from the vicinity of the fire, He shall repair to the scene of riot, and all tumultuous or unlawful assemblages, and with the aid of what other so to do. He shall direct any or all of the police force to perform such duties as he may deem necessary for the preservation of the public peace, the prevention of crime and the discipline and efficiency of the department, he shall be aided and assisted by the members of the police department;"

Pending the consideration of the proposition to amend the ordinance.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Wednesday, Dec 17th 1856.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Bridges, with a resolution relating to appropriating the sum of one hundred dollars and twenty five dollars to have the draw bridge put in good repair was received from the first branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to deepen the channel of the harbor from Locust Point to Light street wharf;" was received from the first branch read and laid on the table.

The first branch returned the resolution relative to instructing and directing the Directors on the part of the city in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to vote against the declaration of any dividend