Wednesday, Dec 3rd 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 the Harbor, with a resolution relative to directing the Port Warden to have an artesian well sunk in the city yard, 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 Ways and Means, with a resolution relative to authorizing the Register to pay to the Water Commissioners the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of paying for two plats of the property of the Water Department, was received from the First Branch and read.

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

The First Branch returned the resolution relative to authorizing the Mayor to execute a mortgage for four thousand five hundred dollars on the Waldemen Engine House, endorsed "concurred in."

The First Branch returned the resolution adverse to the petition of S. W. and G. Hopkins and others, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Kelso called up the ordinance entitled "an ordinance to authorize the Commissioners of Public Schools to construct a Public School room upon the deck of the ship Ontario," which was read.

Mr. Kirk moved to amend the first section of the ordinance by striking out the word "equally" in the twenty-third line, and inserting after the word "divided" in the same line, the words, "pro rata according to the amount contributed by each" which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

Mr. Kirk moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until next Monday afternoon and that when it adjourns on that day it stand adjourned sine die, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kirk submitted the following resolution which

was read.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Water Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to place fire plugs at the following locations; one at the north east corner of Madison Street and Park avenue, one at the north west corner of Eager and Madison Streets; one at the northwest corner of Lanvale and Madison Streets, one at the north west corner of Central avenue and Madison Street, one at the north west corner of Eden and Madison Street, one at the northeast corner of Bond and Madison Streets, one at the north west corner of Bond and Monument Streets, the expense thereof to be paid out of the proceeds of water rents.

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

Mr. Henry called up the ordinance entitled "a supplement to ordinance No. 36, approved July 12th 1856, entitled "An ordinance for the construction of two steam dredging machines eight dumping scows and the purchase of a tow boat &c." which was read.

Mr. Hintze moved to amend the first section of the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "to" in the fifth line, to the word "one" in the sixth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "advertise three times a week for three successive weeks in four of the daily newspapers having the largest circulation in the city of Baltimore, for proposals for the construction of," which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Henry:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Forney, Kirk, Hintze and Gordon - 5.

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

Mr. Hintze moved to amend the second section of the ordinance by striking out all after the word "two," in the four line to the word "are," in the fifth line, and inserting in all thereof, the words advertise three times a week for three successive weeks, in four of the daily newspapers having the largest circulation in the city of Baltimore for proposals for construction of," which was determined in the negative by the following vote the yeas and nays being