The question pending being the proposition of Mr. Kirk to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following paragraph, it was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That should the cost of opening and keeping open the harbor be less than fifteen thousand dollars, the city of Baltimore shall only be reliable for one-third of the whole actual outlay for such purpose.

Mr. Kirk moved to amend the first paragraph of the resolution, by inserting after the word "open," which first occurs in the third line the words "within two weeks after the said contract shall be duly signed;" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kirk moved to further amend the first paragraph of the resolution, by adding thereto the words to be taken out of the appropriation for the harbor of 1857;" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kirk moved to amend the second paragraph of the resolution by inserting after the word "of," in the first line, the words "opening and;" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Simms moved to amend the first paragraph of the resolution, by striking out the words "in lieu, in not less than ten thousand dollars;" in the third line which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended, was concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table;

In First Branch;
Baltimore, January 26th 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch;

We respectfully concur in your proposition for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee, on the Revised Ordinances left in fact in an unfinished condition at the close of last session, and name on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Mullen, Howard and Frank.

By order,
John Bentley Clerk.

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

By order,
Allen S. Forrester
Clerk.

Tuesday, January 27th 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution relating to directing the Register to pay to O. Heinz the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars and twenty two cents, to Joseph Eff, Ernest the sum of thirty two dollars and seventy cents, and to James A. Spangler the sum of six dollars and thirty seven cents, for work done and materials furnished in refitting the office of the Mayor was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Messrs. Boyd and Chumer appeared as a committee, and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch, in convention, on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Kirby, the invitation 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.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water with a resolution relating to authorizing and directing the Register to pay to Joseph Roffport the sum of two hundred dollars for an artesian well and pump constructed at his expense on eastern avenue, between Broadway and Bond Streets, 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.

A preamble and resolution relative to directing Captain L. Dulaney, Esq, City Counsellor, to retain John V. L. McMahon Esq., as counsel to assist him and Jonathan Meredith in the case of the Mayor and City Council, against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, now pending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "A supplement entitled "an ordinance to establish a police for the city of Baltimore" was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table