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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Wednesday, January 28th, 1886,

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,

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

Mr. Simms stated that the absence of Mr. Kelas from the Branch was occasioned by the death of a member of his family.

Mr. Horney presented the petition of Samuel Horney and others asking compensation for damages sustained by them in the loss of their tools by fire, whilst in the employ of the city, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hennig called up the resolution relating to directing the Register to pay C. Hennig the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars and twenty-two cents to Joseph W. Stewart 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 material furnished in refitting the office of the Mayor, which was read and concurred in.

Messrs. Handy and Turner 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. Simms 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.

Mr. Gordon called up the preamble and resolution, relating to directing Grafton D. Duane Esq., City Counsellor, to retain from John V. L. McMahon Esq., as counsel to assist him and Jonathan Meredith in the case of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company now pending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, which was read and concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Horney.

Yeas - Messrs. President, Horney, Kirk, Hintze, Gordon, Simms and Buchner - 7.

Nays - Messrs. Hennig and Sullivan - 2.

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

By order.

Allen E. Forrester, Clk.

Thursday, January 29th, 1887,

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal so much of ordinance No. 40, approved 17th of July, 1886, as relates to Stony Run", was received from the First Branch and read.

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

Mr. Buchner asked and obtained leave to change his vote on the adoption of the preamble and resolution relating to retaining John V. L. McMahon Esq., as counsel in the case of the Mayor and City Council against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Messrs Muller and Carroll appeared as a committee, and invited this branch to meet First Branch in convention.

On motion of Mr. Simms, 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 and to this chamber.

Mr. Hennig moved that the Branch adjourned, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hintze.

Yea - Mr. Buchner - 1.

Nays - Nays - Messrs. President, Horney, Hennig, Kirk, Hintze, Gordon, Simms and Sullivan - 8.

The President laid before the Branch, a communication from Justus Vinyard, President of the Maryland Institute inviting this Branch to meet the Board of managers of the Institute on Monday evening next to participate in the