edifice, situated on McElderry street, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A communication from John Gruner President of the Board of Trustees of the Alms house, inviting the Mayor and City Council to visit that "institution on Wednesday next, the eighteenth instant, to discuss, direct and digest, in committee of the whole, subjects of infinite importance to the well being of the physical man, as also to examining into the condition of the house and all other matters pertaining to the welfare of the institution," was received from the First Branch and read.

Mr. Henry moved that the invitation be accepted which was determined in the negative, by the following ayes, the yeas, and nays being required by Mr. Kirk.

Yeas - Messrs. Forney and Henry - 2.

Nay - Messrs President Kirk, Hartzog, Helm, Simms Birdsall and Sullivan - 7.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to change the grade of Wyatt and Walker streets at their intersection with St Peters church;" was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims with a resolution relative to directing the Register to pay to William S. Shoemaker the sum of one thousand, nine hundred and forty three dollars, for work done and materials furnished at the new city yard, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

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

By order,

Allen S. Tinsford

Clk.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present - John R. Lindenstrücker Esq. President and all the members except Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Kirk called up the resolution relative to granting permission to the Trustees of the German Evangelical church to erect an iron railing in front of their church edifice, on McElderry street, which was read and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the resolution relative to directing the Water Commissioners to erect a fire plug on Sarah Ann street between Chatsworth and Fremont streets, endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of S. Morehead and others, asking the introduction of gas pipes in the neighborhood of the Hollins Street market was received from the First Branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Adam and John Smith, asking permission to keep hogs on their premises on the south side of the river, was received from the First Branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing committee on Claims with a resolution relative to directing the Register to pay to Bull & Patter the sum of eight four dollars and thirteen cents, for advertising for the corporation in the Baltimore Republican, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Forney the resolution was