five million loan has been issued since the first day of December 1856," and in obedience thereto, state that $142,400 of the balance was delivered on the thirteenth of February last past.

With the highest respect
Jno A Thompson, Prest.

Mr. Brilner called up the preamble and resolution relative to directing the Port Warden to dredge the harbor in such a manner that each portion shall receive its pro rata, which were read.

Mr. Brilner moved to refer the preamble and resolution to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, which was determined in the negative.

Mr Simms moved to lay them on the table which was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr Kirk leave was granted to Mr. Brilner to withdraw the preamble and resolution and the same accordingly withdrawn from the consideration of the Branch.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject application to have a gas lamp placed in front of the Union Engine House, 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 report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with a resolution relative to directing the City Commissioner to have flag and stepping stones placed at various localities were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Kirk the resolution, by special order.

Mr. Knitze moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "streets" in the twelfth line the words "also," across Pratt Street, at the north west corner of Gay street," which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Basin with a resolution relating to authorizing and directing the Port Warden to place two of the dredging machines at work as soon as possible in the Back Basin and one at the foot of Montgomery Street and at the end of Hughes street, was received from the First Branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with a resolution relating to discharging the committee from the further application to allow the citizens in the vicinity of Franklin Square and Howard Streets the further use of the fire plugs, 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 report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution relative to granting permission to Thomas H. Marks to erect a Slaughter house on Fremont-street near Pennsylvania avenue was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the McDough Bequest with an ordinance entitled An ordinance to remedy the