The following message was received from the First Branch and read:

In First Branch

Baltimore, March 27th, 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

We respectfully inform you for information that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock

By order,

Allen P. Tunstall Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Henry the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order

Allen P. Tunstall. Clerk.

Monday March 30th 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present - Chas B. Leidenstricker Esq, President and all the members.

Mr. Brilmer presented the annual report of the Watchman Fire Company which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Henry called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to appoint a Water Board & to provide for an increased supply of water to the city of Baltimore," which was read

Mr. Brilmer moved to amend the first section by inserting after the word "Falls" in the twenty seventh line the words "or its tributaries", which was determined in the negative

Mr Henry moved to amend the first section by inserting

Mr Henry moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the fourth section, and inserting the following in lieu thereof which was determined in the affirmative.

Sec 4. And be it further enacted and ordained. That said Commissioners shall have

power to call to their aid such professional services as may be required, in making up plans and estimates of the probable wants of the city, and the policy proper to be pursued in guarding the city against contingencies to which she will be exposed, in the absence of such fixed and reliable data,

Mr Simms moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "eighteen hundred", in the ninth line of the fifth section and inserting the words "two thousand", which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Hentze;

Yeas - Messrs. President, Henry, Hoff, Gordon, Hales, Simms and Sullivan - 7.

Nays - Messrs Forney, Hentze and Brilmer - 3.

Mr. Henry moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "eight hundred" in the fifteenth line of the seventh section and inserting the words "one thousand", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Henry moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the word "daily" in the seventeenth line of the tenth section and inserting the word "semi-weekly", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Henry moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out "July 1857" in the eighth line of section twelfth and inserting in lieu thereof "March, 1858", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Henry moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out "July 1857" in the third line of the thirteenth section and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1858", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Brilmer moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "one for the eastern and one for the western section of the city", which was determined in the negative.