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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution relative to discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel H King, asking a remission of a certain assessment for pump tax, was received from the First Branch and read.

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

Mr Gordon presented the petition of William B Harrison and William A. Moale, in relation to the grade of Branch alley, between Monument and Cathedral streets, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways.

Mr Sullivan, from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred the petition of Mark W Jenkins and others, respecting the condition of that part of Point lane, in the rear of Greenmount Cemetery, beg leave to state that they have examined the same, and find that the prayer of the petitioners is well founded and entitled to the favorable consideration of the corporate authorities of the city of Baltimore; they accordingly present the following resolution:

Robt Sullivan,
L Bierbower,
Edwd Horney,
Second Branch.

J. C. Crowley,
Jacob Green,
Henry Forrest,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to repair that part of Point lane, in the rear of Greenmount, in the manner he may deem most advisable and expedient, and draw on the Register for the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, payable out of the tax for Highways and Bridges.

On motion of Mr Kirk, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution relative to authorizing the Register to pay Geo W Bowen Esq the sum of fifty dollars for printing election laws for the use of the judges of elections in the city of Baltimore, were 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.

Mr Felso called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance

to lay and collect a direct tax for the year eighteen hundred and fifty seven", which was read and passed.

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

By order.
Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Thursday April 9th 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Bierbower called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to open and condemn Gilmor street, from the north side of Franklin street, to its northern limits."

Mr Kirk moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The First Branch returned the resolution relative to granting permission to Henry Collins to erect a kiln for the burning of bricks on a lot situated on the west side of Light street, south of West street, endorsed "concurred in".

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with a resolution relative to appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars for repairing the fire plugs of the city, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on loans obtained by the city for the purpose of prosecuting the works of internal improvement," were received from the First Branch and read.

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

Mr Bierbower, from the Committee of Conference on the resolution relative to disposing of the Almshouse property, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Committee of Conference, to whom was recommitted the report of the Almshouse Joint Committee, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

L Bierbower,
Geo W. Herring,
J. E. B. Hintze,
Second Branch.

Jno T. Ford,
J. C. Crowley,
J. B. Tidy,
First Branch.