Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That three persons, residents of the city, be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, who shall be constituted a commission on part of said city, to confer with a similar number on part of Baltimore county, upon the manner in which the Almshouse property shall be brought into market and sold, according to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, 1853, Chap. 253; and that the said commission shall report to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Commissioners of Baltimore County, respectively, the result of said conference as soon as practicable; and it is further declared, that nothing in this resolution shall be so construed as to authorize said commission to have any power to consummate any contract or condition for the sale of said Almshouse property.

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

Mr Kirk from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table

The Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the report of Committee on Education, relating to the Western Female High School, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report back the same resolution, without amendment, as follows:-

Saml Kirk,	Frederick Pinkney,
John R Kelso,	Benj J. Nalls,
A B. Gordon,	Henry Handy,
Second Branch.	First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Commissioners of Public Schools be, and they are hereby authorized to cause to be erected as speedily as possible, a suitable building on the lot selected for the purpose on West Fayette street near Paca street, for the accommodation of the Western Female High School, and the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, (in addition to the amount that may be realized from the sale of the lot and improvements on the north east corner of Fayette and Green streets, known as Grammar School No. 1, and authorized to be sold) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expense thereof to be paid out of the levy of 1857.

An ordinance entitled "A supplement to "An ordinance to change the City Yard to the South side of the harbor, and to

provide for the sale of the present City Yard," approved July 8, 1856, was received from the First Branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution relative to appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars for enclosing the Battery Square with a substantial panel fence, and also the sum of six hundred dollars for repairing the gates, cleansing the trees and placing a railing around the grass plats of the Point Spring lot, were 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 appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of North Baltimore Station, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr Kirk called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to supply any deficiency in the revenues of the city of Baltimore for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty seven," which was read

Mr Bierbower moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Hintze:

Yeas - Messrs. President, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 4.

Nays Messrs Horney, Herring, Kirk, Hintze Gordon and Kelso. - 6.

The question being taken on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the affirmative.

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

By order,
Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Friday, April 10 th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Gordon asked and obtained leave to present an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to the city stock pledged for redemption of railroad orders," which was read.

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

Mr Bierbower, from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, submitted the following report and resolution, which were