Mr Hintze called up the resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Edward Mc Adam, in relation to granting permission to the petitioner to manufacture soap and candles on the corner of Falls and Buren streets, which was read.

Mr Herring submitted the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Edward Mc Adam be and he is hereby permitted to manufacture soap and candles at the corner of Falls and Buren streets, provided however, that he shall abandon the same after six months notice by the Mayor and City Council to that effect.

The question being taken on the adoption of the substitute, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Bierbower.

Yeas- Messrs Horney, Herring and Gordon - 3.

Nays Messrs President, Kirk, Hintze, Kelso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 7.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution it was determined in the affirmative

On motion of Mr Gordon, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o clock.

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Monday, April 13th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Bierbower presented the petition of the Watchman Fire Company, asking an appropriation of one thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing additional hose and repairing their apparatus, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies

Mr Kelso moved to send the following message to the First Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

In Second Branch,

Baltimore, April 13, 1857.

Gentlemen of the First Branch

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns on Friday the 17th instant, it stand adjourned until the 24th of April, and on that day adjourn sine die.

By order,

Allen E Forrester, Clerk.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the City Commissioner, which was read and laid on the table.

City Commissioner's Office,

Baltimore April 13 1857.

To the Honorable the Members of the Second Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen:

In reply to your resolution of enquiry of the 10th instant, requesting me to furnish you with information as to the probable cost of grading the streets immediately around the proposed square, called Lafayette Square, I beg to state that I have made a careful examination of the streets referred to, and have come to the conclusion that it will require about a four foot cut, which would be about 9,327 yards, at 25 cents per yard would be $2,331.75.

It might possibly cost something more than this, but in no event would it exceed three thousand dollars ($3.000) this refers to the city's proportion only, which is all I presume required of me by your resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Shannon, City Commissioner.

Mr Simms called up the resolution relative to appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to the Managers of the House of Refuge, which was read.

Mr Simms submitted the following as a substitute for the resolution, which was read.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be authorized and directed to issue city note or notes to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, at twelve months from the first of May, 1857, as an appropriation for the use of the House of Refuge.

Mr Hintze moved to amend the substitute by striking out the word "fifteen," in the third line, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Simms moved to fill the blank by inserting the word "twelve" which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Hintze:

Yeas- Messrs Herring, Gordon, Kelso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 6.