are hereby relieved from the payment of said benefits until such time as the owners of a majority of the feet of ground fronting and binding on said street, between Montgomery and Cross streets, shall deposit with the City Register an obligation in writing to make application to grade and pave said street within ninety days after the payment of all the benefits assessed therefor.

Mr Herring presented the petition of William F Murdoch & Co and others, praying the removal of the pump opposite No. 10 South Charles street, which was read.

Mr Hintze moved to refer the petition to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies.

Mr Herring moved as a substitute, to refer the petition to the Joint Standing Committee on Water.

The question being taken on the adoption of the substitute, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Kirk called up the resolution relative to appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of North Baltimore Station

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to have the damages sustained by the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Chew and Bond streets, by grading Bond street, repaired, and draw on the Register for the amount required by such repairs, said amount not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

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 Hintze:

Yeas - Messrs Herring, Hintze, Kelso and Simms - 4

Nays Messrs President, Horney Kirk Gordon, Bierbower and Sullivan - 6.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Kirk:

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Kirk, Gordon, Bierbower, and Sullivan - 6.

Nays Messrs Herring, Hintze, Kelso and Simms - 4

Mr Kirk called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the appointment and compensation of a City Auditor, prescribing

his duties and for other purposes," which was read.

Mr Bierbower moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "fifty five cents," in the eighth line, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Hintze:

Yeas - Messrs Herring, Kelso, Simms, Barbower and Sullivan - 5.

Nays Messrs President, Horney, Kirk, Hintze and Gordon - 5.

The question being taken on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Hintze

Yeas - Messrs Kelso, Bierbower and Sullivan - 3.

Nays Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Hintze, Gordon and Simms - 7.

Mr Kirk moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was rejected, which was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr Bierbower, the Branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Friday, April 17th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Hintze presented the petition of the Standing Committee of the Mechanical Fire Company, relative to the application of the company for a special appropriation of two thousand dollars, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Companies.

Mr Horney from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, presented the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table:

The Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, to whom was referred the communication of J. P. Shannon, City Commissioner, in answer to a resolution requiring him an estimate of the cost for repairing certain wharves in the Back Basin, have had the same under consideration