not given according to law for the opening of that part of the city to be affected by said amendments, and are consequently unlawful.

By order,

John Bunting, Clerk.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution relative to granting permission to the Monumental Hose Company to occupy the stable situated on the south east corner of Lexington and North streets as a place of deposit for their apparatus, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to sell the old steam dredge machine, belonging to the city of Baltimore and to apply the proceeds of the same to the construction of dumping scows upon the plan of those now used by the State for the deepening the channel of the Patapsco River," 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 discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Dr E R Tidings, 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 authorizing the Register to pay to Dr G W Wayson the sum of ten dollars for a post mortem examination of the body of William Sproule, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution relative to appropriating the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars to defray the funeral expenses of Joseph R. Bruce, Joseph Ward, George Boyle, Jacob Marshek, William E Abel, James Payne, Theodore A Brun, Alexander Brown, Samuel B Hartlove, J Letzenger, James Hasson and Harman Bollman, who lost their lives at the fire on Charles and Lombard streets, on the night of the fourteenth instant, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Birbower, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Monday April 20th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Sullivan called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to purchase a square of ground bounded by Townsend, Lanvale Republican and Oregon streets, the same to be condemned and used as a public square."

The question pending being the proposition to amend the ordinance by striking out the fourth section, it was determined in the negative.

Mr Kirk moved to amend the second section, by inserting after the word "to," in the sixth line, the words "grade the square and," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Kelso moved to further amend the second section, by striking out the word "fifteen," in the fifth line, and inserting the word "ten," which was determined in the negative.

Mr Kirk moved to amend the first section, by striking out the word "accept," in the fourth line, and inserting the word "purchase," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question being taken on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Gordon.

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Hintze, Simms Birbower and Sullivan - 8.

Nays Messrs Gordon and Kelso - 2.

A resolution relative to appropriating the sum of four hundred dollars to defray the expenses of removing the ruins at the recent fire for the recovery of the bodies of those who lost their lives, was received from the First Branch and read.

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

A resolution relative to requesting the Mayor to assign a special police officer to the office of the Board of Health to superintend the abatement of nuisances and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Commissioner of Health, was 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 authorizing the Register to pay to L Jewett Grove the sum of five dollars for holding an inquest, were received from the First Branch and read.

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