affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Horney -

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

Nays Messrs Horney, Kirk, Hintze and Gordon - 4.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of William Hayne and others,, 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 Sullivan called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish by a general system the grades of all the streets in the city of Baltimore," the special order of the day - which was read.

Mr Simms moved to amend the fifth section by striking out the numeral "7," in the fifth line and inserting the numeral "8," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Simms moved to further amend the fifth section by inserting after the word "paid," in the tenth line. the words "out of the levy of 1859," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Simms moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting the following as the sixth section.

Section 6. Be it further enacted and ordained. (to prevent the injury which must result from a premature establishment of the grades under this ordinance) That until the completion of the system under this ordinance, the City Commissioner shall establish such grades as are required under the ordinances now in force.

The question being taken on the proposition to amend, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Kirk

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

Nays Messrs President, Horney Kirk and Hintze - 4.

Mr Kirk moved to amend the first section by adding thereto the words "whenever application shall be made to the City Commissioner therefor, by persons owning more than one half the ground fronting on the streets, lanes or alleys, respectively required to be graded under the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed June 4. 1836, chapter 390, &c" which was



determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Kirk.

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Kirk and Hintze - 4

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

The ordinance, as amended, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Kirk.

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

Nays Messrs President, Horney, Kirk and Hintze - 4.

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

In First Branch.
Baltimore, May 5. 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully ask the appointment of a Joint Committee of Conference on the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No 20. passed at the annual session of the Council of 1856, entitled "An ordinance for the extension of the main water pipe, sale of water stock, and sinking fund for the redemption of water stock," and name as said committee on the part of this Branch, Messrs Dalgen, Sullivan and Revell.

By order,
John Bunting, Clerk.

On motion of Mr Kirk, the proposition contained in the message was concurred in.

The President appointed Messrs Kirk, Kelso and Horney as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch and read

In First Branch
Baltimore, May 5 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch.

We respectfully ask the appointment of a Joint Committee of Conference on the ordinance authorizing the paving of Liberty alley, and name as said committee on the part of this Branch, Messrs Crowley, Boyd and Harvey.

By order,
John Bunting, Clerk

On motion of Mr Simms, the proposition contained in the message was concurred in, and