Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and that the committee be requested to obtain the opinion of the City Counsellor as to what will be its legal effect in relation to the mortgage held by the city on the property of the Railroad company, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the Yeas and Nays being required by the President:

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Helso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 6.

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

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

By order,

Allen E Forrester, Clerk.

Wednesday July 8th 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Sullivan presented the petition of Robert C Barnes, asking an increase of compensation as chief Clerk and Chashier in the City Collector's office, which was read and refferred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr Kirk called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to change the grade of Madison avenue." which was read.

Mr Kirk moved to amend the ordinance by adding thereto the words "and provided furthermore, that all the property holders interested shall give their assent in writing thereto," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Kirk moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the enacting clause, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Simms from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, to whom was referred the resolution relating to monies received by the Port Warden for private work, have had the same

under consideration and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Edwd Horney, Jos Simms, J. E. B. Hintze, Second Branch.

Henry Seavers, M. A. Daiger, First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Port Warden be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to use all the monies he has now in hand, and may hereafter receive, from private work done under his superintendence and by the machines of the corporation, the same to be applied to the deepening of the harbor.

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

Mr Gordon submitted the following resolution, which was read

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council That the City Commissioner be requested to have the pavement at the corner of Hoffman and Cathedral streets put in good condition.

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

Mr Kirk called up the resolution authorizing the Register to pay to James P Suter the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, which was read.

Mr Hintze moved that the subject be recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Kirk called up the resolution relative to placing a fire plug on the corner of Holliday and Centre streets, which was read and concurred in.

Mr Sullivan called up the resolution relative to discharging the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, from the further consideration of the petition of Levin Collent and others, which was read and adopted.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.