Thursday July 9th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment;

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

Mr Kirk submitted the following resolution, which was read

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore That the Water Board be requested to inform this Branch why the fire plugs ordered to be placed on the new water main in the eastern part of the city have not been so placed.

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

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolution appropriating two hundred and fifty dollars to James S. Suter, for services as a member of the Committee on Water, having carefully examined all matters committed with the claim, offer the annexed resolution.

J. E. B. Hintze, Henry Forrest,
John R. Kelso, T. Oswald Wilson,
A. B. Gordon, First Branch.
Second Branch.

Resolved, That the Joint Standing Committee on Claims be discharged from any further consideration of the claim of James S. Suter for compensation for services on the Water Committee of 1855.

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

Mr Hintze submitted the following resolution, which was read

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council. That a committee, consisting of five members of this Branch, be appointed to enquire if any changes in the present management or organization of any departments of the city government, conducive to their more efficient or economical administration, can be suggested, and report at the next annual session

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

The President appointed Messrs Hintze, Simms, Kirk, Kelso, and Sullivan to constitute the committee to carry

out the object contemplated by the foregoing resolution.

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the petition of William Carmichael and others, in relation to removing the bench of the outside stall at the corner of Dover and Hanover streets, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to offer the following resolution

L. Bierbower, J. S. Turner,
A. B. Gordon, Jno B. Tidy,
Second Branch. Henry Travers,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Market Master of the Hanover market be and is hereby authorized to have removed the bench of the outside stall at the corner of Dover and Hanover streets, No 189.

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

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Mayor, which was read.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,
Baltimore, July 9. 1857.

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

Gentlemen:

I have approved of the following resolutions emanating from your Branch viz

Resolution relative to making special appropriations to fire companies therein named.

Resolution providing for the placing of indice stones in the Hanover market.

Resolution to place stepping stones across Liberty street on the north side of German street.

With great respect, your obedient servant,
Tho Swann, Mayor

A preamble and resolution expressive of the regret of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the death of the Hon William L. Marcy, were received from the First Branch and read.

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

A preamble and resolution relative to the appointment