approved March 1st 1857." was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution empowering the School Commissioners to dispose of the lot of ground on Pearl street based for the erection of a primary school building, and to lease another lot within the limits of Lexington, Franklin, Eutaw and Pine streets for the purpose of erecting thereon said primary school house, were received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the resolution to place the steam dredging machine at the mouth of Jones Falls, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay Mc Phail & Brother the sum of one hundred and fifty five dollars, 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 Thomas Affleck the sum of two hundred and sixty eight dollars, were received from the First Branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Augustus Lose and others, were 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 report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution relative to authorizing the Register to pay to H. S. Shryock & Son the sum of forty one dollars, were received from the First Branch and read.

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

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, with a resolution relative to authorizing and directing Christian Keener, Jacob W. Hugg and Lawrence

Langston to carry out and superintend the sale and division of the Almshouse property as recommend in the report of the Commissioners, and directing them, as the lawful attorneys of the city of Baltimore, to make such purchase of the property as they may deem advantageous to the interests of the city, were received from the First Branch and read.

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

Mr Kirk from the Joint Special Committee on the subject of revising the ordinances of the corporation, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Revised Ordinances would respectfully report that in the examination of the subject entrusted to their care, they found that it would be a waste of time, and therefore useless in them, to recommend action upon the revised ordinances during the present session.

From causes to which it is not now necessary to revert, the late Council did not complete the work which they had so acceptably begun, but after passing some thirty of the bills before them, which became laws by the approval of the Mayor, and rejecting five others, they left, as a legacy to their successors forty six of a most important character, relating to the police and other departments of the city government. From alterations recently made in the police system, and the abolition of the night watch as formerly organized, as well as many changes made in the duties of other officers and departments, it would be a work of doubtful expediency to act upon the ordinances as left unfinished by the late Council. It would be far better to order a new revision, and as the work can be done by one, probably as well, if not better, than by two persons, as has heretofore been the practice, the committee would recommend an appointment for that purpose.

It is a question how far, under the charter of the city, persons who reside in the State, beyond the city limits, can be bound by ordinances not previously published, and as but three of the revised ordinances have been printed, it may become a matter of importance to the city to say whether or not it would be expedient to incur a large expenditure in publishing the remainder, when their effect may be only temporary. The committee think the expense of printing them, and the incompleteness of the work when published, would more than justify them in recommending a new revision, even on the ground of economy.