the water pipes, the cost thereof not to exceed five thousand dollars; provided however, they shall, in no case, extend the pipes unless the revenue to be derived therefrom shall exceed twelve per cent on the outlay; and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Register for five thousand dollars, if necessary, to be charged to the water department.

Section 2. And be it further enacted and ordained, That the Commissioners of Finance be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue five thousand dollars water stock, in addition to the amount authorized to be issued by ordinances, redeemable after the year 1875, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of May and November in each and every year, transferable as other city stock are, and sell the same to the highest bidder, at not less than the market price of city stock; after having given public notice, and place the proceeds in the hands of the Register, to the credit of the water department.

Tuesday, September 29th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Herring called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for extending the water pipes and sale of water stock," which was read.

Mr Gordon moved to amend the first section of the ordinance by striking out the word "exceed," in the sixth line, and inserting the words "amount to," which was determined in the negative

Mr Kirk moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Mayor concerning the erection of the new jail building, with a resolution relative to directing the City Commissioner to stop the work now going on in and about the construction of the new jail, according to the present plan thereof, and to appoint an arbitrator to act in conjunction with one to

be appointed by H.R. and J Reynolds, with power to them, should they disagree, to appoint an umpire, who, or a majority of them so appointed, shall determine what compensation shall be allowed to the said H.R. & J Reynolds, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the work already done and materials furnished by them in and about the said jail, and also directing the City Commissioner, with the assistance of such architect and practical mechanic as the Mayor may appoint for that purpose, to devise and report to the City Council, at its next annual session, what alteration of the present plan for the construction of the new jail can be adopted to reduce the cost thereof and satisfy all the wants of the city, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr Bierbower submitted the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and is hereby authorized to pay to the Keeper of the Richmond Market the sum of fifty dollars, to be taken from the proceeds of said Market.

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

Mr Simms moved to refer the resolution to the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, which was determined in the affirmative

Mr Hintze submitted the following resolution which was read.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Joint Special Committee on the City Commissioner and Port Warden's accounts be requested to inform this Branch what circumstances have prevented their reporting on the City Commissioners accounts.

On motion of Mr Hintze, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Kirk.

Yea - Mr Hintze - 1.

Nays - Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Gordon, Kelso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 9.

Messrs Ford and Boyd appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention for the purpose of electing Commissioners of Public Schools for the first and fourteenth wards.

The invitation was accepted and the members