proceeded to the Chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

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

By order,

Allen E. Forrester, Clerk.

Wednesday, September 30th, 1857.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Kelso from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail submitted the following report and resolution, which were read.

The Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, to whom the petition of Mary Steele and others has been referred, have made enquiry into the grievances complained of. They have been informed that the portable gasometer about being erected by Egerton, Dougherty & Woods is the same that are used by a large number of factories and private dwellings in and about the City, and that there has never been an accident yet from any one of them; that the material used is not offensive as coal gas; that there is hardly a possibility of explosion and consequently will not be dangerous nor offensive to the neighborhood. The infringement on property lines or privileges your committee have no corrective to recommend - the parties have a legal course of redress. The Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution.

John R. Kelso. Jno B. Tidy,
Robt Sullivan, Henry Travers,
Second Branch. First Branch.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

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

Mr Bierbower from the Joint Standing Committee

on Markets, submitted the following report and an accompanying ordinance, which were read and laid on the table.

The Joint Standing Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the resolution looking to an increase of the salary of the keeper of the Richmond Market, have considered the same and respectfully submit the accompanying ordinance.

L. Bierbower. Jno B. Tidy,
A. B. Gordon, Henry Travers.
Robt Sullivan, First Branch.
Second Branch.

Mr Herring called up the 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. & 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 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 regular 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, which were read.

Mr Bierbower called for a division of the question on the adoption of the resolution, and

The question being taken on the adoption of the first paragraph, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Simms.

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Kirk, Hinkle, Gordon, Kelso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 9.

Nay - Mr Herring - 1.

The question being taken on the adoption of the second paragraph, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Simms.

Yeas - Messrs Kirk, Hinkle, Gordon, Kelso, Simms and Sullivan - 6.

Nays - Messrs President, Horney, Herring and Bierbower - 4.