Your committee would enquire by what code of Equity or justice can justify the employment of agents so notoriously dangerous and destructive to human life in the midst of a dense population, because it is known that, that population has not the means of entering into expensive litigation?. It has been asserted that restrictive legislation would inconvenience mechanical enterprise. Why then place restrictions upon turpentine distilleries, soap and candle factories, the manufacture and storage of gunpowder, and other even less offensive or destructive articles? True republican legislation recognizes neither classes, castes or conditions, but tends to the benefit and protection of the majority and not to granting privileges to a few individuals. The rapid multiplication of steam boilers is becoming a serious grievance, and their existence not only endangers life directly, but being in operation during the night, deprives whole neighborhoods of their natural and requisite repose; and many are not aware that in traversing our most frequented thoroughfares they are in constant danger from the defective construction or careless management of this most useful, yet dangerous agent. Under the footway even of the most frequented portions of Baltimore street, a number of steam engines are located at all times liable to explosions from defects or injudicious management. Hence the urgent necessity of enactments requiring safe construction, frequent inspection, and competent management. Throughout foreign civilization our nation is already taunted with their exclusive devotion to the almighty dollar and utter disregard of human life. Let us not by reckless legislation afford corroboration of this charge. Another consideration also presents itself in the fact that locating a dangerous establishment greatly diminishes the value of the surrounding property and thus inflicts an unwarrantable injury upon the owners of such property, at the same time diminishing the taxation revenue of the city. Innumerable additional arguments could be adduced in support of prompt and efficient legislative intervention in this matter but the committee are averse to any further trespass upon your forbearance; they therefore respectfully submit the annexed supplementary ordinance.

Dame Kirk,
Geo W Herring.
J E B Hintze
Second Branch.

Henry Handy,
John F. Carroll.
J. S. Turner,
First Branch.

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

Mr Bierbower moved to amend the third section of the ordinance by striking out the word "three," in the eighth line, and inserting the word "twelve,"

Mr Kirk moved to insert the word "six," instead of the word "three,"

The question being taken on the motion of Mr Bierbower, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Bierbower.

Yeas - Messrs Bierbower and Sullivan - 2.

Nays - Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Hintze Gordon, Kelso and Simms - 8.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr Kirk, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Bierbower:

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Hintze Gordon Kelso, Simms and Sullivan - 9.

Nay - Mr Bierbower - 1.

Mr Kirk moved to further amend the third section of the ordinance by adding thereto the words "and paid by the owner or owners of such steam power as may be thus inspected," which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance, as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Simms:

Yeas - Messrs President, Horney, Herring, Kirk, Hintze, Gordon Kelso, Simms, Bierbower and Sullivan - 10.

Nays - None.

Messrs Ford and Carroll appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

The invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the Chamber of the First Branch.

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

The following message was received from the First Branch and read.

In First Branch,
Baltimore, Oct 2, 1857.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch.

We respectfully propose the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait upon the Mayor, in order to ascertain if he has