Mayors Office City Hall
Baltimore March 10. 1858

To the Honorable the Members of the First
and Second Branches of the City Council
Gentlemen:
I have the pleasure to inform you that the division of the property bequeathed by the late John McDonough, to the cities of Baltimore and New Orleans, has received the sanction of the Court of Appeals to which it was referred. The portion which attaches to the City of Baltimore, estimated by the commissioners at about $600.000 may be realized so soon as sales of the real estate can be effected.
This information has been communicated to me by Mr Brantz Mayer, one of the commissioners on the part of this City.
I have placed all the papers bearing upon this subject in the hands of the City Counsellor, and shall be prepared to make a more detailed communication to your honorable body at an early day.
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Geo: Swann Mayor

On motion of Mr Harvey, the communication was referred to the joint standing committee on the McDonough bequest.
Mr Glanville called up the resolution relative to granting Samuel Brown permission to withdraw his papers, which was read and concurred in.
Mr Hampson presented the annual report of the Friendship Fire Company, asking an appropriation of two thousand dollars which was referred to the joint standing committee on fire companies.
Mr Harvey presented the remonstrance of Joseph Thomas and others, against the opening of Washington street, between Gay street and Norfolk avenue, which was referred to the joint standing committee on highways.
The Second Branch returned the resolutions relative to discharging the joint standing committee on markets from the further consideration of the petition of John O'Neil; discharging the joint standing committee on ways and means from the further consideration of the petition of D Sherrard; discharging the joint special committee on the Port Wardens accounts from the further consideration of the subject; discharging the joint special committee on the Register's office and accounts from the further consideration of the subject; discharging the joint standing

committee on claims from the further consideration of the petition of James Lovegrove; and discharging the joint standing committee on claims from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Ruppert, with leave to withdraw his papers — severally endorsed "concurred in".
The Second Branch returned the resolution relative to directing the Register to pay Wm Jordan three hundred dollars, endorsed "concurred in".
The Second Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing and permitting John Boyd and Butler Brothers & Co to extend the Port Wardens line out from their property at the Spring Garden Ferry Branch and to erect a wharf thereon," endorsed "passed".
The Second Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to change the name of French street to Front street" endorsed "passed".
The following message was received from the Second Branch.

In Second Branch
Baltimore March 8. 1858

Gentlemen of the First Branch:
We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your request for the appointment of a committee of conference on revised ordinance No 8. entitled "An ordinance relative to members and Clerks of the City Council. We have appointed Messrs Hintze, Kilbo and Sullivan as the committee on the part of this Branch.
By order
Wm C Forrester Clerk

Revised ordinance No 11 entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the appointment of Assessors and an Appeal Tax Court," was received from the Second Branch and read.
Revised ordinance No 12 entitled "An ordinance to appoint a City Commissioner and an Assistant City Commissioner, to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation" was received from the Second Branch and read.
On motion of Mr Dunnock the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o clock
By order
Richard R Waller Clerk