and an Assistant City Commissioner, to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation," which was read.

Mr Duttchart moved to amend the second section of the ordinance by inserting after the word "aforesaid," at the end of the fifth line, the words "said contract having been approved by the Mayor, Register and Comptroller of the city," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Beale moved to amend the fourth section of the ordinance by striking out the word "twelve," in the eigth line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "fifteen", which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Traylor.

Yeas. Messrs Hynes. Bandel. Buchanan. Talbott, Beale. Cunningham. Hampson. Hamilton. Dryden. Ward and Clark. 11-

Nays. Messrs President, Maddox. Duttchart. Traylor. Dunnock. Glanville. Addison. McComas and Harvey - 9-

The ordinance as amended was passed.

On motion of Mr Glanville the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o clock.

By order
Richard V Battle Clerk

Friday March 12th 1858

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. John T Ford Esq President and all the members except Mr Hynes.

Mr Glanville presented the petition of the United Hose and Suction Engine company, asking a special appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars, which was referred to the joint standing committee on fire companies.

Mr Clark presented the petition of the tax payers of property in the vicinity of the eleventh, twelfth and twenty eth wards, asking an extension of the Richmond Market, which was referred to the joint standing committee on markets.

Mr McComas offered the following resolution which was read

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to have gas lamps placed on West Lexington street, between the Widows Home and Mount street, at such points as may be needed; also on Stricker street between Fayette and Lexington streets.

On motion of Mr McComas the resolution was referred to the joint standing committee on police and jail.

The Second Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the erection of an iron bridge over Jones' Falls at Lombard street" indorsed "will pass with proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed —

Strike out the numeral "9" in the last line of the first section, and insert the numeral "8."

Mr Glanville moved that the Branch concur in the amendment, which was determined in the negative.

Mr Glanville from the joint standing committee on claims, submitted the following report and resolution which were read:

The joint standing committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Jacob H Piercy, late police officer asking the Council to refund him the amount of a fine and costs imposed upon him by justice Bayzand, and subsequently affirmed by the Court of Common Pleas said fine and costs being imposed for an act committed whilst in the strict line of his duty — have considered the same, and after a careful examination of the subject are of opinion that the amount of fine and costs so imposed should be refunded, it being plain to your committee that the officer believed at the time he was acting in accordance with the ordinances of the city. they therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

John T Glanville } John R Kilo }
Amos McComas } Ret Branch A.B. Gordon } Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Jacob H Piercy the sum of forty nine dollars, being the amount of fine and costs imposed upon him for an act committed whilst in the discharge of his duty as a police officer; said act, however, being subsequently decided to be illegal by the Court of Common Pleas — the amount to be provided for in the levy for 1858.

A report from the joint standing committee on water, with a resolution, relative to authorizing and directing the City Commissioner to remove the pump on Broadway, between Lombard and Baltimore street, to a proper distance from the curb as reset, and draw upon the Register for such sum as may be required for the above work, said amount to be taken out of the appropriation for the repairs of pumps for 1858, were received