Mr Dukehart moved to amend the resolution be adding after the word "carts" the words "and other useless property", which was determined in the affirmative,

The resolution, as amended was adopted,

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Mayor and accompanying document, which were read:

Mayors Office. City Hall
Baltimore March 26. 1858

To the Honorable the Members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith send you a communication from Christian Keener and L. Sangston Esqrs, two of the commissioners on the part of the city, relative to the disposition of the city's interest in the almshouse property.

With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Thos: Swann Mayor

Baltimore Tuesday March 23. 1858

To the Hon Thomas Swann.
Mayor of Baltimore.

Sir,

In accordance with the resolutions of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved October 3. 1857 relative to the disposition of that part of the almshouse property, designated for sale in the report of the joint commission, under date of September 7. 1857. the same was duly advertised and sold at public auction at the Exchange at one o'clock this day,

We take the earliest opportunity to apprise your honor of the result,

Lot No 1. acres 66.1.07 sold for $2,250 per acre		$169.049.06
Lot No 3 - acres 41.0.33 sold for	525 per acre	21. 633.28
Amounting together to		$ 190. 682.34

Your commissioners, in the exercise of the discretion vested in them, deemed it to the advantage of the city to dispose of the property at this price, and they were urged to this conclusion by the consideration that the price was beyond their previously formed views of its value - the estimated value of all the buildings, made by competent architects, being but $37.800, in addition to which, it is to be borne in mind, that the city has three several parcels of ground as their portion of the divided part, either of which is adapted to the location of other buildings they contain, viz -

No 4	acres	17. 2. 05
No 5	acres	24. 1. 30
No 6	acres	58. 3. 02
Acres		100. 2. 37

The latter parcel No 6, containing acres 58. 3. 02 is admirably adapted for the uses of an almshouse, as is also No 5. acres 24. 1. 30 and your commissioners believe that were either of those lots taken for the purpose, the remainder of the property, with the proceeds of the sales of to-day, would be amply sufficient for the erection of buildings much better suited for alms house purposes, and more in accordance with the requirements of the present day than those now in use.

Very respectfully. Your obedient servants
Christian Keener
L. Sangston
Commissioners on the part of the City.

Mr Beacham offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted,

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council. That Joseph Mitchell and others, police officers of the middle station, have leave to withdraw their petition presented to this Branch some few days since.

The President announced the reception of a sealed communication from the Mayor, addressed to the President and members of both Branches of the City Council.

On motion of Mr Hawey, a committee was sent to the Second Branch, inviting it into convention.

The President appointed Messrs Hawey and McTomas who returned accompanied by the President and members of the Second Branch.

The two Branches resolved themselves into a convention, and after transacting some business therein, the President and members of the Second Branch returned to their chamber.

The President then called the Branch to order.

Mr Talbott called up revised ordinance No 10 entitled "An ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, for appointing a City Collector, prescribing his duties and fixing his compensation, and providing for a general account to be kept by the Comptroller with the City Collector, in relation to all taxes levied by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore", which was read.

The question being, taken on the amendment to the twelfth section, offered by Mr Talbott, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Dukehart.

Yeas. Messrs President, Bandel. Maadox, Beacham, Talbott