the words, "provided however that nothing in this ordinance shall be so construed as to prevent any person or persons from using the footways for ingress and egress by means of an area into the basement of any building", which was determined in the affirmative. The ordinance as amended was passed.

Mr Bandel moved that the Branch adjourn, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr Glanville.

Yeas. Messrs Haynes. Bandel. Maddox, Beacham, Talbott, Beale Cunningham. Hampson. Hamilton, Dunnock. Dryden, Ward and Addison — 13.

Nays, Messrs President, Dutchcart, Stayler, Glanville McComas, Hawey and Clark — 7 —

The Branch accordingly adjourned until next Monday afternoon at 5 o clock

By order
Richard R Battle Clerk

Monday March 29th 1858

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Maddox presented the petition of Wm H Dorsey, asking payment for sixteen days lost time as engineer of the citys steam dredging machine, which was referred to the joint standing committee on claims.

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 Dr P C Williams, asking the payment of an enclosed bill for professional services to officer Henry Wilcox have considered the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim upon the city. If the officer was slightly disabled as represented, he was in receipt of his monthly salary during the time, and should pay his own bills for medical attendance. If the committee were to adopt the rule of auditing such accounts, it would be setting a dangerous precedent, and that could be taken advantage of by every officer of the city from the highest to the lowest, and depleting the City treasury to a large amount every year, they therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

John W Glanville } Ext Branch — F. C. B. Hurtze, John R Kilso } Second Branch
Amos McComas } Ext Branch — A. B. Gordon } Second Branch

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject

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

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 and bill of Dr A Snowden Piggot, for services rendered at an inquest, at the request of Coroner Cunningham, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to respectfully submit the following resolution.

John W. Glanville } Ext Branch — F. C. B. Hurtze, John R Kilso } Second Branch
Amos McComas } Ext Branch — A. B. Gordon } Second Branch

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the bill and accompanying papers be referred to the City Comptroller.

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

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the City Commissioner.

City Commissioners office
Baltimore March 29. 1858

To the President and Members of the
Ext Branch of the City Council

Gentlemen,

In answer to your resolution of enquiry of the 22d instant, requesting me to inform your Branch the probable cost of repairing "West Falls Avenue" I beg to reply that I have carefully examined the same, and find it in very bad condition, and calculate that it will require about thirty seven hundred dollars to properly repair it

Respectfully submitted
H. A. Bayly City Commissioner

On motion of Mr Hawey, the communication was referred to the joint standing committee on highways.

Mr Glanville called up the resolution in favor of Robert Holliday, which was read and adopted.

Mr Glanville called up a supplement ordinance No 15 entitled "An ordinance to provide for exercising certain powers vested in this corporation in relation to streets in the city of Baltimore", which was read and passed.

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