Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the marshal of police and the officers of the several station houses are hereby directed not to order in future any repairs or work to be done upon any of the corporation property without express direction from the City Commissioner.

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

Mr Duttehart moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the words "without", in the seventh line, the words "authority of law" which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr Duttehart called up the resolution attached to the minority report of the joint standing committee on ways and means on the communication from the Mayor, enclosing a letter from Jonathan Meredith Esq relative to discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, and offered the following substitute for the resolution, which was read.

Whereas, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company on the 17th day of December 1857, declared a dividend of thirty per cent, on the capital stock of said company, to be paid to its stock holders in certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest; and whereas, the declaration of said dividend in the form it was made did not meet the approval of the city, and to prevent the same from being delivered in the form it was made, the Mayor and City Council did, by injunction, restrain the said company from issuing the said certificates; and whereas, the proportion belonging to the City amounts to the large sum of one million and fifty thousand dollars, which amount would be highly beneficial to the city, if obtained in a manner and form not objectionable, and also for the purpose of ending the litigation now pending in the courts, injurious to, and costly to all interests, a large part of which falls upon the city in her corporate capacity and as stockholders; therefore

Resolved, by the First and Second Branches of the City Council That the joint standing committee on ways and means be and they are hereby authorized and requested to confer with the finance committee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, with a view to an amicable settlement of the matter now in controversy between the city and said company, and report the result of any action had by the two committees to the Council as early as practicable.

On motion of Mr Wood the resolution and substitute were laid

on the table, and made the order of the day for next Thursday afternoon at half past 5 o clock.

The Second Branch returned the resolutions directing the paving of the crossings at Cross street market space, discharging the joint standing committee on claims from the further consideration of the petition of Dr C. R. Eydings to the City Comptroller, and discharging the joint standing committee on claims from the further consideration of the subject, severally endorsed "concurred in".

The said ordinance No 31 entitled "An ordinance providing for the keeping of the court house, record office, and adjacent public apartments and grounds", was received from the Second Branch and read.

Mr Bundel called up the resolution relative to granting permission to Henry Creagh and James Gridner to use a portion of the bed of Lancaster street for the space of six months, which was 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 of C. C. Smith, asking payment of a bill for alleged damages sustained by him at the special election held in the twelfth ward on the 22 day of February 1859, have considered the same, and respectfully submit the following resolution.

John W. Glanville, Amos McComas } First Branch — H. C. B. Hintze, John R. Riley } 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 Naylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the Marshall of police be and he is hereby requested to ascertain and report to this Branch if Messrs Hinkley & Brothers have erected and are now using a building as a slaughter house in the vicinity of Mighter Street and Harford avenue; and if so by what authority.

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 re-