or by the Water Board; and for blank books, paper and contingencies of the office. The requisitions made by the Board for repairs, laying of mains and pipes, and new works, shall be paid by the Register, not exceeding the amount appropriated by the City Council for each respectively.

Annual report.

SEC. 14. And be it enacted and ordained, that the annual report of the Water Department shall be made on or before the first day of February, in each year. It shall contain the statistics of the department, its receipts and expenditures of money in detail; the history of leading events and such opinions and recommendations as may be necessary, relating to the condition and improvements of the works. Quarterly reports shall also be made, containing such information as the Water Board may have in their possession, relative to the Water Department. All reports hereinbefore mentioned, shall be made to the Mayor and City Council.

Quarterly report.

SEC. 15. And be it enacted and ordained, that on the first Monday in February, in every year, the Water Board shall report to the Mayor and City Council, a working plan for the ensuing year, under the several heads of repairs, purchase and laying of mains and pipes, and new work; with an estimate of the quantity of work under each head of expenditure which it is proposed to undertake, and which can be beneficially accomplished; and a statement of the cost of each, together with the amount of salaries and contingencies to be paid in the office, and exhibiting a total of the expenditures contemplated to be made during the ensuing twelve months, commencing on the first day of January.

Working plan for the year.

Estimates.

SEC. 16. And be it enacted and ordained, that the appropriations which the City Councils may deem it necessary to make, for the preservation and repair of the work, shall be applied to those objects alone; and those which are made for the extension of mains and pipes, and for any new work, shall not be exceeded by the expenditures for those purposes during the year in which they are voted, unless on some urgent necessity, and by ordinance of the City Council.

Appropriations

Expenditures.

SEC. 17. And be it enacted and ordained, that the Water Board shall have power to make all contracts for materials and work, which shall be printed or in writing, when the amount is important, or for new work, and verbally when for small or customary repairs.

Contracts.

SEC. 18. And be it enacted and ordained, that public notice shall be given, in two daily papers having the largest circulation, of the time and place at which sealed proposals will be received for entering into contracts.

Puplic proposals.

SEC. 19. And be it enacted and ordained, that the Water Board shall require security for the performance of important contracts, and whenever they deem it necessary.

Security required.

SEC. 20. And be it enacted and ordained, that no more than one proposition shall be received from any one person for the same contract, and all the propositions of the person offering more than one, shall be rejected.

One proposition only to be received.

SEC. 21. And be it enacted and ordained, that all sealed proposals for contracts, shall be for a sum certain as to the price to be paid or received, and no proposition which is not thus definite or certain, or which contains any alternative condition or limitation as to price, shall be received or acted on.

Definite sum for contract.

SEC. 22. And be it enacted and ordained, that it shall be the duty of the Joint Water Committee of the City Council, to inspect the works twice a year, in all their extent and details, and in the most thorough and complete manner, and to make report thereof to the City Council.

Duty of joint committee.

SEC. 23. And be it enacted and ordained, that they shall also, immediately after each inspection of the works, appoint a committee of three of their body to search and examine all the books, accounts and vouchers of the department, and the receipts of the water rents, and for connexions with sewers, and make report thereof to the City Council.

Sub-committee, duty of.

SEC. 24. And be it enacted and ordained, that the water rates shall be the same as those charged by the Baltimore Water Company, until the first day of May, 1855.

Water rates.

SEC. 25. And be it enacted and ordained, that the Water Board have and keep, all insurable property in their charge insured.

Insurance.

Approved December 29th, 1854.

SAMUEL HINKS, *Mayor.*

No. 2.

An Ordinance for the appointment of Agents to represent the City of Baltimore in the execution of the Will of John McDonogh, late of the City of New Orleans, deceased.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that immediately after the passage of this ordinance, there shall be appointed, as city officers are generally appointed, three persons of integrity and ability, one of whom shall be a citizen and resident of New Orleans, who shall originally have been a citizen of Baltimore, and two citizens of Baltimore, who shall be styled "Agents of the city of Baltimore for the McDonogh bequest," who, (after having given bond, as provided for in section 2, of this ordinance,)

Three agents to be appointed.

Residence.