The Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past 3 O'clock.

By Order J. A. Moore, Clerk.

Thursday, February 19th 1835

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – Anthony Miltenberger, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Tyson.

Mr. Stewart presented a petition from Thomas Nelson & others, a committee from the Eastern Dispensary, praying for an appropriation to aid the funds of said institution, which was read and referred to the joint committee on health.

On motion of Mr. Stewart the resolution on the petition of J. P. K. Henshaw and others, and James Bloansburg and others, were severally read the second time, concurred in and sent to the second branch.

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, and on motion of Mr. Child laid on the table.

Ordered that the practice now pursued of printing an abstract of the proceedings of this branch be discontinued, and that the clerk be, and he is hereby directed to furnish the several proprietors of newspapers in the city with a copy of the journal

Mr. Ridgely offered the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and on motion of Mr. Scott unanimously concurred in and sent to the second branch.

Resolved unanimously by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that whilst we deeply deplore the recent calamitous destruction of public property by fire, the entering and successful exertions of the firemen of Baltimore to mitigate the heavy public loss threatened by the devouring element justly excites our liveliest admiration, and invokes our profound gratitude

Resolved that the unfeigned thanks of the Corporation are hereby most gratefully tendered to the firemen of the City of Baltimore, for the

extraordinary zeal and devoted industry exhibited by them in their efforts to rescue the Court house from the inevitable destruction to which it seemed destined, on Friday, the 14th Inst.

Resolved, that the Mayor of the City of Baltimore in conjunction with the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council be, and they are hereby requested to convey, on behalf of the corporation, to the several fire companies of the City of Baltimore, this unanimous expression of our gratitude.

Mr. Strun offered the following which was read and concurred in

Resolved, that the Committee on Water enquire into the expediency of having a reservoir made somewhere near the eastern fountain, to receive the waste water from said fountain, to be used in case of fire in that neighbourhood.

Mr. Ball offered the following, which was read and concurred in.

Resolved that the Committee on streets be, and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of having flag stones placed across Gay street at the intersection of Lexington street.

On Motion of Mr. Child the branch called up for further consideration the bill from the second branch supplementary to the ordinance for the preservation of the harbor &c which was passed and returned to the second branch.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely the resolution from the second branch on the petition of T. E. Thomas President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, was read the second time concurred in and returned

The report and resolution of the minority of the committee to whom the resolution from the second branch authorising the selling or leasing of certain City property fronting on Monument street, Forest and Madison streets, was referred, was on motion of Mr. Seidenstricker read the second time.

Mr. Scott moved the following as an amendment.

Strike out all after the word "the" in the second line, and insert, "commissioners of finance be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered in their discretion to sell or lease, at public or private sale, the lot of ground now owned by the city fronting on Monument, Forrest and Madison streets, it being the same lot of ground purchased by the City from the trustees of the House of Industry."

Which amendment being read a first and by special order the second time was

concurred