The Bill from the Second Branch entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance to authorise the construction of certain rail-ways in the City of Baltimore", was read the second time, passed and returned.

The following Message from the Mayor was received and read.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, March 22nd. 1838.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed a "resolution relative to removing Cases from Baltimore City Court to the adjoining Counties," which originated in your Branch.

Respectfully,
Your Obed't. Servant,
S. Smith, Mayor.

The following Communication from the Mayor, was also received and read:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore March, 22nd. 1838.

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council:

The German Reformed Church consider the Town Clock to be their property, and have appointed Robert Hallaway to take charge of it.

The expence of winding, oiling and cleaning the Town Clock, and for keeping in repair and use the Alarm Bell, has been a City charge - Fifty dollars for the one, and Twenty dollars for the other. Owing to the ill health of Mr. Jones, the clock has been greatly neglected, and much injured, as appears from the enclosed letter to me, from Mr. Halloway.

The repairs absolutely necessary may require an appropriation of $125, which I recommend to your immediate attention. A Town Clock is the Regulator of all, and more particularly for the Passengers in the Steamboats, and Rail Road Cars, and ought to be accurate.

And have the honour to be,
Respectfully
Your obed't. Servant,
S. Smith, Mayor.

Mr. Hitchins moved to refer the above communication to the Joint Committee of Conference on the Bill to appoint (a suitable)

a suitable person to keep the Town Clock and Alarm Bell in order, which motion was dissented from. On motion of Mr. Mathiot, a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing to refer the same to a Joint Select Committee, and naming on the part of this Branch Messrs. Mathiot, Brown, and Brooks.

Mr. Brown from the Committee, delivered the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the revised Ordinances No 41, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the sale of Bread, in the City of Baltimore", have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following amendments in the 1st. and 3d. Sections of said Ordinance. After the word "Flour" in the 1st. section, 6th. line, erase the balance of said section, and insert as follows "Wheat and Rye-flour, Wheat and Indian-flour, or Rye and Indian flour weighing when cold not less than 2 lbs Loaves to be denominated and sold as Half Loaves, weighing when cold not less than 1 lb.; and Loaves to be denominated and sold as quarter loaves when cold not less than 1/2 lb."

3d. section, 4th. line, strike out the word "Work" and insert, "Mouth".

And beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Sol. Brown,
Aug. Mathiot,
Sam'l. D. Legrand, } Committee of the First Branch.
Walter Ball, } Committee 2d. Branch.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order,
S. H. Moore, Clerk,

Friday, March 23d., 1838.
First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment - Present John B. Leadenstricker, Esq. President, and all the Members, except Messrs. Randolph, Legrand and Tensfield.

Mr. Atkinson presented a memorial from the President and Directors of the Baltimore & Chesapeake Steam towing Company, praying (permission)