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The Branch met agreeably to adjournment, present James Carey Esquire President, and all the other members.

The following Communication from the Mayor was received from the second Branch, and read, to wit:

"Baltimore 21st February 1814

Gentlemen of the City Council

Having no money in the Treasury to meet the immediate demands against it, & having no prospect of shortly receiving any considerable sum, a loan from Bank appears to me our only alternative, which will require a Resolution on your part to enable me to effect it.

Edw. Johnson

The following Resolution from the 2nd Branch, accompanying the above communication, to wit:

"In 2nd Branch, February 23rd 1814.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation of the City of Baltimore from any of the Banks in said City, a sum of money in his discretion, not exceeding Ten thousand dollars, and the funds of said Corporation are hereby pledged for the payment of the same.

By Order, Tho. Rogers Clk

Which being read a first, and by special order the second time, was concurred in and returned to the second Branch.

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A Memorial from a Committee appointed by and on behalf of the Union Fire Company, stating improvements made by them on the Hammer Market House Square, & requesting remuneration therefor &c. was presented & read, and on motion therefor, referred to a Committee composed of Messrs Messrs Mosher, Sheppard and Fulton, to consider & report thereon.

A Petition from John Hoffman of Frederick County praying a remission of Fines incurred the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent the exportation of Flour not Merchantable and for other purposes therein mentioned". was received from the Mayor, read & ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion the following Resolution was presented & read, viz. "Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Powder Magazine, to cause all the Casks of powder in the Magazine, from time to time to be turned over at least once every ten days". Which being read a second time by special order was concurred in.

The following communication from the City Commissioners was received from the second Branch and read, to wit.

"To the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore
Gentlemen

The City Commissioners deem it their duty to state to your Hon^{ble} Body that it will be indispensably necessary for the following appropriation to be made the ensuing season for paving Cross Streets say \$2000— of which is due to Bry & Feltzler for paving Hill Street 2. 517. 61 last year Bal. \$1482. 39