

A Petition from Charles R. Green & P. Meade, praying that an appropriation may be made by the City Council, of a sum equal to the balance due the Contractor who built the Foot Bridge across Jones' Falls from Luman Street to Rowman Street, being about the sum of One hundred and Ninety dollars, was presented read & referred to Messrs Sheppard & Russell to consider & report thereon.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, submitted the following "Rules for the government of the 1st Branch of the City Council of Baltimore", which being read were concurred in.

- 1st At the appointed hour of meeting the Roll shall be called, and the absent members (if any) noted.
- 2nd Every Member shall take his seat when the President takes the Chair.
- 3rd Every member while speaking on any subject under discussion shall stand up, and address himself respectfully to the President.
- 4th No member while speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction - such as "the gentleman from the — Ward."
- 5th Should two, or more, members rise to speak at the same time, the President shall determine the right to the floor.
- 6th No member shall speak more than twice on any subject of debate, unless by special permission from the Chair, or in explanation of what he has before said.
- 7th All questions of Order shall be determined by the President.
- 8th While the Branch is sitting, no private conversation shall be carried on between members, so as to interrupt any member speaking in debate, or otherwise to interrupt the business of the Chamber.
- 9th No motion shall be debated on until the same be seconded; and if required by the President, or any member, the motion shall be reduced to writing, delivered in at the Table, and read by the Clerks.
- 10th When a motion is made and seconded, that motion shall

always receive a determination, either by the question being taken, postponed by consent, or withdrawn by the mover, before any other motion can be received.

- 11th Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas & nays collected at the Request of any one member.
- 12th If any motion or question in debate contains more parts than one, the same may be divided into as many questions as parts, at the Request of any member.
- 13th All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, and all questions shall be put by the President - who shall declare the decision in the affirmative or negative, which declaration shall decide the majority, unless the yeas and nays be called for in which case the question shall be determined as the majority shall appear on the journal.
- 14th Every Bill brought in by a member, or received from the other Branch, shall be read on two several days, with an interval of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless when the Branch shall dispense with this rule.
- 15th Conferences and Committees shall in all cases be appointed by the President.
- 16th A fair journal of the proceedings shall be kept, and the substance of every application entered on the same.
- 17th Every member present shall vote on every question, unless excused by the Branch.

The following Resolution was submitted, read the first, and by special Order a second time, concurred in and sent to the second Branch for their concurrence, to wit: "Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that the Mayor and the Presidents of said Branches be required to cause the metes and bounds as described in an act entitled "An Act to enlarge the bounds of the City of Baltimore" passed at the last session of the General Assembly of Maryland to be forthwith surveyed, so far as the same are on the waters of the Patapsco River and Gwynns Falls, with a view to the