

Friday February 28th 1817.

The Branch met agreeably to adjournment, present William Patterson Esquire President, and all the other members Except M^r McCulloch.

A Petition or Communication from William Patterson Esquire on the subject of extending his ground, lying between Commerce and Patterson streets & wharfing the same - was presented and read, when on motion therefor the subject was referred to a joint Committee of both Branches. Mess^{rs} Sheppard, Mezick and Jamison were appointed as the Committee from this Branch, the second Branch informed thereof by message, Mess^{rs} Hollins and Warner appointed by them as their Committee.

A message was received from the second Branch, agreeing to the proposal from this Branch to refer the subject of the Silversmith's petition to a joint Committee & appointing on their part Doctor White.

The Committee appointed on that part of the Mayors Communication respecting the Hanover Market House begs leave ^{respectfully} to report that they have examined the Market House and find it in a very unfinished state - a great part has never been plastered and paved, several new shambles wanted - and by a petition by a number of Inhabitants of that part of the City it appears it is the wish to have the square lowered to the grade of the other streets - your Committee willing to gratify this therefore respectfully submit the following Resolutions.

signed Peter Levering, M^r Robt. B. Mezick

- 1st "Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of cutting

down, paving, plastering and erecting new shambles in the Hanover Market House; And that a further sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of Repairing the upper Market House and to build a new weigh House between the two Markets Houses in the eighth Ward. The said sums to be expended by the City Commissioners with the approbation of the Mayor."

"Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that the City Commissioners with the approbation of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a lot of ground, on the North side of Hanover Market house for the purpose of opening a street: provided the said lot can be purchased on or Credit of from eight to ten years."

Which Report and Resolutions having been severally read, the Considerations thereon were referred to & made the order of the day for Monday the 10th ~~and~~ the tenth day of March.

A Message was received from the second Branch, proposing "that when the City Council adjourns this evening, they adjourn until Monday next, 3 O'Clock - which proposal was agreed to and the second Branch informed thereof by message."

A Communication was received from James Chalmer, "Inspector of Rotten Land and Flaxseed" recommending an alteration in the Ordinance relating to the inspection of Land" which having been read, was on motion referred to Mess^{rs} Reese, Winstanley & Lawrence to consider and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed on that part of the Mayors Communication which relates to Harford Run, submitted the following Report. That in their opinion a real necessity now