

Wednesday 5th March 1817.

The branch met agreeably to adjournment, present William Patterson Esquire President and all the other members except Messrs. McCall & Co.

The Resolution directing the sale of all the gunpowder belonging to the City" was returned from the second branch endorsed "Assented to with the proposed amendments" to wit: strike out the words "And directed" in the 3^d line of the Resolution" - Which amendment was concurred in, and the second branch informed thereof by message.

The Resolution making appropriation of \$104.83 for the purpose of discharging the several bills of expences incurred in altering the Scale House and upper end of the Fish Market, was returned from the second branch endorsed "Assented to".

On motion therefor the documents which accompanied the Mayors Communication, relative to the City Hospital, were read through, when it was moved and concurred in, that the consideration thereof be referred to a joint Committee of both branches; Messrs. Woodgear, Wilson & Mosher nominated as the Committee on the part of this branch, and the second branch informed thereof by message.

The Committee to whom were referred the petitions from sundry Committees representing Fire Companies, praying pecuniary aid or assistance, made their Report by submitting the following Resolution to wit: "Resolved by both branches of the City Council that there be inserted in the appropriation Bill" to be passed at the present session, a clause appropriating a sum of money, not exceeding _____ dollars to be appropriated among the following Fire Companies. Viz: The New Market Engine, Liberty, United Fire, Union Engine, First Baltimore Fire, Mechanical Friendship, Independent, Vigilant, Deptford, Columbian, Fells Point Fire and Suction, and Washington Fire Companies and the Property Guards. - The said sum or so much thereof

as may be necessary for keeping their engines and other apparatus in repair to be drawn for by the Presidents of the said Companies from time to time provided they produce to the Mayor a satisfactory account of the expenditure of the same.

And also a clause appropriating a further sum of _____ hundred dollars for each of the following companies Viz: The Independent, the Mechanical, the New Market, and the First Baltimore Fire Companies, to assist them in paying their debts contracted in providing apparatus for extinguishing fire and houses for the safe keeping of the same."

Which report and Resolution having been read the first time was ordered to lie on the table.

The Bill entitled "A further Additional Supplement to an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance for regulating and inspecting Weights and measures used within the City and Precincts of Baltimore" was on motion read a second time, passed and sent to the second branch for their concurrence - who returned the same endorsed "will pass".

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Mayors Communication as relates to Cleaning the streets made Report, "that they have considered the subject and are of opinion, that the present mode is preferable to any other they can devise; and that they cannot suggest any other alteration therein, than an increase in the number of the superintendants."

Signed John Berry, B. Mezick, Jos. Jamison."

Which having been read the first and by special order a second time and was concurred in.

The following Resolution was on motion submitted, Viz: -

"Resolved that there be included in the appropriation Bill of the present session, the sum of _____ hundred dollars, to be paid to John Purviance Esquire for professional services heretofore rendered to, and expected of him by the Mayor and City officers for the ensuing year." Which having been read, was on motion referred to the consideration of Messrs. Jamison & Mosher to report thereon.