

Tuesday March 11th 1877.

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

The proceedings of Monday having been read, It was moved "that the branch form themselves into Committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of the permanent improvement of Harford Street", which being seconded the question was put "will the branch now form a Committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the permanent improvement of Harford Street"? Which being concurred in, it was then moved "that a chairman be appointed" - Col. Mosher being named by the President, took the Chair. When two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the seventh Ward, and other Citizens feeling themselves interested therein, were presented (the one recommending a Canal the other that of Tunneling, as being most proper) - and also report heretofore made to the second branch by a Committee of that branch, and the Report made to this branch by a Committee thereof - As also a Bill from the second Branch entitled "An Ordinance for Grading Harford Street" -

Which petitions, Reports and bill having been severally read, it was on motion agreed, "that any Citizen feeling himself interested or disposed to offer his opinion and advice on the subject, should be heard before the Committee". When Col. Howard rose, and at considerable length delivered his opinion in favour of Tunneling, as being the most proper and satisfactory mode of improvement, Mr. Hollins followed on the same side - General Stricker & others, had no particular objection to Tunneling, provided the thing was practicable and would be likely to be carried into effect - And provided also that it would not interfere materially with the grade of the streets already paved, but upon the whole rather recommended the improvement to be a Canal. The City Commissioners who had been invited and were present for the purpose

were requested to suggest their ideas on the subject, when Mr. Mosher one of the board offered his opinion at great length in favour of a Canal; and endeavoured to show by argument & actual admeasurement as exhibited on plates prepared for the purpose "that the object desired could not be attained by a Tunnel, or that the body of water which descends Harford Street cannot be advantageously vented by a Tunnel". After various opinions and suggestions of minor importance being offered, it was moved by a member and seconded "that the Committee of the whole now rise, and that they have leave to sit again" - which leave being granted, the Committee rose and the branch again resumed its sitting, when a motion was made for adjournment, which being agreed to, the Branch adjourned until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

By order Wm. Bailey Esq.



Wednesday March 12th 1877.

The Branch met agreeably to adjournment, present William Patterson Esq. President & all the other members.

The Resolution relative to the purchase of a Lot of ground adjoining Hanover Market, was returned from the second branch endorsed "Assented to".

A petition from John Edgar Howard & others, Counter to the act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to enlarge the bounds of Baltimore City", and praying the City Council in the exercise of the legal and constitutional discretion to which it may be entitled, will consider itself authorized to suspend taking measures to carry the said Act into execution, until such time as a meeting of the Legislature would afford them an opportunity of obtaining such relief as they are entitled to claim and expect" - was presented read, and on motion, agreed to be referred to the joint Committee to whom was already referred the consideration of the extension of the City of Baltimore - and a message transmitting the memorial & requesting