

The following Message was received from the 2^d Branch.
"Gentlemen of the first Branch

We have received a supplemental Report from the Port wardens, and are induced by the magnitude of the object to propose with your concurrence to refer it to the consideration of a joint Committee, and have nominated on the part of this Branch Mess^{rs} Hollins, Biays and Bromwell"

Which proposal was agreed to by Message & Mess^{rs} Jamison Sheppard, Levinger & Woodyear appointed the Committee on the part of this Branch.

The President William Patterson Esquire having left the Chair Col. James Mosher was elected President pro tempore, - When an motion A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize and permit William Patterson Esquire to extend two wharves from his property between Commerce ^{& Patterson} Streets in the Fourth Ward" was submitted, Read the first and by special Order a second time passed and sent to the second branch.

The Committee appointed on the Memorial of Christopher Hughes submitted the following Report;

"The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Christopher Hughes pray leave to report in part - That they have taken the situation of Hughes Street into consideration, and from the Annual proposal of John McNulty which they pray may be taken as part of their Report, it appears it will cost the enormous sum of Ten thousand five hundred dollars to cut down the bank in said Street, and they are of opinion it will cost at least five hundred dollars per Annum to keep the said Street free of the earth which will from time to time fall from the said Bank into the said Street. And your Committee are advised and believe that taking down Montgomery Street in the neighbourhood of Hughes Street will answer all the purposes contemplated in opening Hughes Street, and that the

sum of Five hundred dollars will be adequate to that purpose, they therefore recommended the adoption of the Resolution referred to them, appropriating that sum for opening Montgomery Street.

With respect to Quay's Street your Committee Report that the same appears to be in a state of nuisance, but they cannot undertake to determine whose province it is to remove the same."
March 25th 1817. Signed Peter Levinger, J^r Woodyear, John Reese."

Which having been Read was concurred in, - Whereupon the Resolution making appropriation for cutting down Montgomery Street" was on motion Read again & concurred in.

M^r Patterson the President having returned to the Chamber took the Chair, - When The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Petition of James Ward & others, submitted the following Report "The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Ward and others ask leave to Report,

That they have examined the Laws on the subject of Nuisances and are of opinion that the grievances complained of are completely within the provisions of the Ninth section of the Ordinance entitled

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Baltimore 13th March 1817
Gentlemen of the City Council I propose to cut down and level Hughes Street to the regular grade established for and at the sum of Ten thousand five hundred dollars.

I likewise propose to fill in Key Street from Forrest to Johnson Street being the same length, for and at the sum of Four thousand dollars, with having the privilege of taking the Clay of Hughes Street to fill heretofore part of Key Street, and do the same as soon as any other person that would undertake it, and give sufficient security for my performance."

Signed John McNulty. Resolutions for the new up, Read