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Tuesday April 1st 1817.

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

The Committee to whom was submitted the petition of William Fitch of H. submitted the following Report. Viz:

"The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Fitch of H. have made enquiry and are of opinion that the Mayor is invested with full powers to compensate him for any extraordinary labour he may have performed in endeavouring to keep the City Clean".

Which Report on being read was concurred in.

The following Resolution was on motion submitted. Viz: "Resolved that the Park Wardens & City Commissioners & Commissioners of Health be, and they are hereby directed to Report to the City Council in the first week of their annual session the State of the several Subjects committed to their charge; And to suggest such alterations and amendments, if any, as may be found from experience necessary in the Ordinances connected with their respective departments".

Which Report having been read the first and by Special Order a second time was concurred in & directed to be sent to the second branch for their concurrence.

The "Resolution making an appropriation for the benefit of the Vigilant Fire Company" being called up to a second Reading, it was moved to strike out the words "Five hundred dollars" which was agreed to. It was then moved to fill the blank with the sum of "four hundred dollars" on the question being put from the chair, it was determined in the negative. "Three hundred dollars" was proposed & also negatived. "Two hundred" was then proposed. - the same result. It was then moved, second and agreed to, that the blank be filled with the sum of One hundred dollars. The question being then put from the

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Chair "Shall this Resolution making an appropriation of one hundred dollars for the benefit of the Vigilant Fire Company be concurred in?" it was moved, previous to the vote being taken, that the Resolution be rejected in toto. The question being then taken on the motion to reject the Resolution, it was determined in the affirmative - so the Resolution was non-concurred in.

The "Resolution making appropriation for the improvement of of Bedford street by tunnelling" was on motion read a second time - When the member who presented said Resolution asked & obtained leave to withdraw the same.

A Resolution requesting the Mayor to consider the most eligible mode of preserving the navigation &c. was received from the second branch, read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee appointed on the Resolution from the second branch, authorizing the Repaving of Howard street from Fayette street to German street" was on motion read a second time and concurred in. When on motion therefor the "Resolution authorizing the Repaving of Howard street, from Fayette street to German street" was read a second time and concurred in with the proposed amendment to wit: Add the words, "provided the expense thereof do not exceed fifteen hundred dollars". Which amendment was agreed to by message from the second branch.

The "Resolution making appropriation for cutting down and removing the dirt out of John street, and for paving the Cross street intersecting the same" was returned from the second Branch endorsed "Agreed to with the proposed amendment" Viz "Strike out the proviso and substitute therefor. "Provided nevertheless that no part of the aforesaid appropriation be expended or drawn for until the owners of property on Eutaw street from the intersection of Conway street, agree to pave the same to John street, and that the owners of property on John street agree to pave said street to Ridgely's Cove; And provided