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Monday 26th May 1817.

The Branch met agreeably to adjournment, present William Patterson Esq. President, and all the other members, except Messrs Berry & McCulloch.

On motion, a message was sent to the second branch, proposing with their concurrence, to appoint a joint committee of both branches to wait upon the Mayor for the purpose of receiving from him any communications which he may be pleased to make to the City Council, and nominating on the part of this Branch Messrs Woodyear & Windstandley - which proposal was agreed to by the second branch & message, and Mr. Miller appointed on their part. - Which joint committee reported the following as the communications received from the Mayor - Viz:

Gentlemen of the City Council

Since your adjournment, but little worthy to be communicated has occurred, some few things, nevertheless I consider necessary to inform you of, viz:

Orange Alley, between Gay & Holliday streets is the property of Governor Ridgley and Doctor Fendall, which they are willing to make public, provided they are not taxed with that part lately opened between Holliday street & North street.

The pavement of County street, Castle Alley and Washington street, has not been commenced in consequence of a supposed error in the Ordinance, which if so, can be corrected at this sitting. - By an old Ordinance, Castle Alley was to extend a public alley to the water, which does not appear so, by the late Order to pave it; its carrying water only into Milk street does not remove the damage done to the navigation at Washington street for the water would go down Milk street into the navigation at the same place it now does.

The road to Chinkapin hill, is also in its original state, owing to the considerable sum it will cost to pave it, and the decided objection of Mr. Moore to consent to it, as he

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found one, that if we attempted it, he would lay an injunction; all we want it would be a long time before we could compel payment. I would recommend that it is repaired something like the Turnpike, but it is absolutely necessary to lower the summit of the hill very considerably, owing to an error committed by the Turnpike Company which they have since discovered and will, if the City reduces its part, lower the part under the direction of the Company; it would be a very desirable improvement.

The Committee appointed to purchase Lots for account of the Corporation have bought of Mr. Henry Thompson three squares, with the exception of one 99 foot lot, in the water, between the Town and Point for \$22,000, and from Mr. George Brown one square in the same proportion, payable in stock to be created by the City Council, bearing an interest of 6% per cent, payable quarterly.

A very prospective spring, and excellent water, has been discovered in digging for the foundation of the Exchange, which I do consider well worthy the City Council's exertions to secure for the benefit of the City, particularly when such a large public establishment is now so rapidly progressing.

Great inconvenience is experienced by the manner the Wharves are incumbered with lumber, particularly at the head of the Basin.

The improvements of the Bazaar Market has exceeded the appropriation it appears, by the inclosed statement \$1049 7/100, but more has not been done than was absolutely necessary for the general comfort, and it yet requires about \$250, to put benches to the outside ports, which when complete, will not only be a great convenience, but rent for a handsome income.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen, Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Sign'd Geo. Stiles.

Accompanying the foregoing Communications was a Statement of Expensures on Bazaar Market. Which together with the Mayors Communication having been read. - On motion, a message was sent to the 2^d Br: proposing with their con. to appoint a joint Committee to consider and report thereon, and nominating on the part of this branch Messrs Woodyear, Sheppard & Wilson - which proposal was agreed to by the 2^d Branch, and Messrs White and Hollins appointed on the part of their branch.