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Tuesday 22nd February 1825

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment present John B. Morris Esq. President and all the members except Messrs. Haefter, Miles & Moore.

Mr. Reese presented a petition from John and Thomas L. Perry praying payment for bills furnished the City Commissioners in 1821 and 1822, which was read and referred to Messrs. Reese, Krebs and Diffeenderffer.

Mr. Heath ~~was~~ obtained leave to withdraw the petition of Geo. Heide.

A message was received from the Second Branch respecting to a proposal from this Branch to refer the communication from John S. Tyson Esq. to the Committee on public schools.

Mr. Wright presented a petition from William Hollins and others praying an appropriation for tunneling Chatsworth Run, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cushing submitted a message to the Second Branch proposing that the City Council adjourn ~~some~~ ^{on} Friday 5 March; Mr. Clark moved that the message lie on the table, the Yeas and Nays being called for were as follows: yeas Messrs. Clarke, Worthington, Hubbard, Diffeenderffer, Dorsey, Heath, Nulley, Russell, Ridgely, Reese, Sprague, Krebs and Mr. Wright 13 Nays Messrs. President, Stansbury, Rife, McWhite, Rowlings, Gurley and Cushing 7 is the motion prevailed.

Mr. Clarke from the Committee delivered a Report and Bill, entitled An Ordinance to authorize James Corned and Clement Vickers to extend a wharf, which was read a first and by special order the second time and will pass.

A communication from the City Commissioners was received from the Mayor which was read and referred to Messrs. Clarke, Reese & Russell.

The following Resolution was read a second time and concurred in.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed with the approbation of the Mayor to pay to said Register the sum of six dollars and twenty five cents on his giving a receipt in full of all claims against the City.

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Mr. Nulley from the Committee delivered the following Report which was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Cavere, and also so much of the communication from William Manchester Esq. intendant of the Baltimore Water company as relates to property out of the limits of direct taxation, beg leave to report that they have already reported an Ordinance for the collection of a tax for the repairs of property out of the limits of direct taxation, and assigning the duties of the Board of Superintendents to the City Commissioners, under whose direction the amount of the tax collected is to be expended, and to whom if said Ordinance becomes a Law applications for Appropriations can properly be made.

They therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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The Resolution making an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned was returned from the Second Branch endorsed ^{disputed} ~~disputed~~ from.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to repeal An Ordinance regulating the sale of cattle at the Centre market, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed will pass.

The Resolution making an appropriation for repairing the City property on W. Holiday street was returned from the Second Branch endorsed concurred in.

The Amendments, from the Second Branch to the Bill, entitled a further supplement to An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to regulate Auctions &c, was read a second time, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd were disputed from and the 4th & 5th concurred in; on motion by Mr. Ridgely a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence the appointment of a committee of conference & appointing on the part of this Branch Messrs. Ridgely, Heath and Cushing; the Second Branch assented to the proposal and named on their part Messrs. Meeter and Miller.

The Bill entitled An Ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of high ways and bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore, was read a second time and will pass.