Tuesday 1st March 1825

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment present John B Morris Esqr President and all the members except Messrs Niles and Rawlings

Mr Shaeffer presented a petition from Daniel Evans asking permission to remove a frame building; which was read and referred to Messrs Shaeffer Browning and Diffenderffer.

Mr Ridgely from the Committee to whom was recommitted the Bill entitled An Ordinance providing for the erection of lamps, with standing instructions, delivered a Bill, which was read a first time & ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Ridgely from the Committee to whom was recommitted the Bill entitled A further supplement to An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to license and regulate Auctions within the City of Baltimore, reported the same with amendments, which was read a first and by special order the second time and Will Pass.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the sum of one thousand dollars out of the appropriation for deepening the harbor be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of procuring suitable materials for building a new digging mud machine the same to be disbursed by the City Commissioners and Wardens of the Port with the approbation of the Mayor.

The Resolution relative to the Falls was read a second time and dispensed from.

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

The Committee to whom the petition of Chas Boston and others praying that a Watch box may be placed at the corner of Wolf and Wickes street was referred have had the same under consideration beg leave to report that it is inexpedient to build a new Watch box and inasmuch as the Mayor has the power to remove the Watch boxes to any part of the district which in his opinion may be necessary your committee beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same and that the said petition be referred to the Mayor

Jas A Clarke, Chas Diffenderffer M Kinsolver.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that James Bosley be permitted to sink a cistern in the alley leading from Baltimore street to Fayette street in the rear of the soap Factory of Isaac Phillips for the purpose of retaining the salt leas from said Factory provided the same shall not open more than three feet into said Alley and shall be secured by a light and substantial covering and provided further that if it shall at any time hereafter be found a nuisance the said Bosley shall remove the same by having the Cistern filled with Earth and the pavement restored, on notice from the Board of Health under the same liabilities as in case of other nuisances.

The following communication was received from the Mayor

Mayors Office 1st March 1825

The First Branch

Gentlemen,

An Ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of such Ways and Bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore, An Ordinance to authorize James Comes and Clement Vickers to extend a Wharf and a Resolution relative to Harford Run have been this day approved

Wm Montgomery Mayor

The Bill entitled An Ordinance to prevent the obstruction of the streets, lanes and alleys in the City of Baltimore, was read a second time and put on its final passage the Yeas and Nays being called for were as follows, Ayes Messrs Shaeffer, Heath and Hinkley 3 Nays Messrs President, Clarke, Browning, Hubbard, Diffenderffer, McKinsolver, Stansbury, Bosley, Cox, McWhiter, Moore, Russell, Ridgely, Reese, Earley, Cushing, Hynes, Krebs and Wright 19 so the Bill Will not Pass.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, pay the Board of Commissioners for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehannah, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland December Session 1821, a sum not exceeding Five Thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury, at such times and in such sums as they may require the same. The same to be in lieu of the like amount of Stock required by the act aforesaid to be issued by the City for the year 1825.