The Resolution in favor Shepperd & Leslin was returned from the second Branch endorsed "concurred in".

The Resolution permitting James Dorsey to sink a cistern was returned from the second Branch endorsed "concurred in" with the proposed amendment viz Add at the end of the Resolution" And also provided that before the said Cistern be used it shall be submitted to the inspection of the Board of Health, and the same be found right and sound. The amendment was read a first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance permitting Daniel Evans to remove a frame building, was read a second time & will pass.

The Bill entitled A further supplement to An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to regulate the Inspection of lime was read a second time, Mr Niles moved to strike out the 1st and 2d Sections which was concurred in and the Bill will pass.

On motion the Branch adjourned until 3 o'Clock to Morrow Evening

By Order
Th Hinsey Clk

Friday 4th March 1825

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment present Wm Mears Esqr Pres and all the members except Mr Hubbard.

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

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Watchman and Bratt have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report.

That they have examined the model of a mud machine exhibited to them by the Memorialists, but that they are not prepared to give an opinion on the construction of so complex a machine, the principles of which are of a nature to require considerable time and some mechanical knowledge to comprehend. Yet being desirous to give every facility to the efforts, making

to preserve our navigation, and to obtain such knowledge on the subject as a case of such importance does require they recommend the following resolution.

Sam Moore, J Cushing, Com 1st
David Burke, Jno Beatty 2d

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners and Wardens of the Port be and they are hereby directed to examine minutely the model presented by Watchman and Bratt to the consideration of the Council at their present session, of a machine intended to raise mud by steam, and they are also directed to obtain such information relative to the usefulness of such a machine as they can procure from other sources; and if the result of their examination and information should be favorable, the said Commissioners & Wardens are further directed to obtain from Bratt & Watchman an estimate in writing of the lowest terms they will contract to build a Boat and Engine, which will be suitable for our Harbours, also the time they will agree to have said Boat and Engine completed, which estimate the City Commissioners and Wardens of the Port are hereby directed to report to the City Council during the first week of their next annual session.

Resolved that the City Commissioners & Wardens of the Port be and they are hereby directed, should a favorable report be the result of their enquiries as directed by the foregoing Resolution, to take into their consideration and to devise the best plan for depositing the mud to be raised by said Steam Engine and to report the same as before directed.

A communication from William P Smale was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to the second Branch.

A communication from Thomas Hinsey Harbor Master was received from the Mayor, which was read and referred to Messrs Reese, Ross and Rawlings.

The following communication from the Mayor, with sundry documents, was received and read.

Mayors Office 4th March 1825

The First and Second Branches of the City Council

Gentlemen,

Herewith you will receive a