Wednesday Jany 12th 1831

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment present John B Morris Esq President, and all the members.

Mr Ross presented the returns of the Friend ship Fire company which was read and referred.

Mr Cohen offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch; the Second Branch returned the same endorsed "concurred in".

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, that the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the limits of direct taxation.

Mr Carroll from the committee on education delivered the following report and resolution, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The joint committee on Education to whom was referred the petition of R J Crop and John Wilson, praying that the Mayor and City Council would grant them the use of the public school room in Asquith street for one of the Sunday schools attached to the Second Presbyterian Church beg leave to report; that under authority granted by the legislature of Maryland, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, have established public schools within the City; that these schools have been placed under the charge of a Board of Commissioners, whose rights and duties are defined by ordinance, that in order to a discharge of those duties, Your committee believe that the Commissioners should have control of the buildings in which the public schools are established, and if they are appropriated to any other purposes than of the schools under charge of the Board it should only be done with their consent and approbation. The application should therefore have been made to the Commissioners of Public schools and not to the Mayor and City Council. Under this impression we beg leave to report the following resolution.

James Carroll Jr, Isaac Munroe, M S Baer, Com
P Lawrenson, Samuel Moore

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Resolved that the Joint Committee on Education be discharged from the consideration of the petition of R J. Crop, & Wm Wilson.

Mr Hubbard offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch; the Second Branch returns the same endorsed "Concurred in".

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that the Committee on lighting the City be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing a lamp at the south east corner of Bond and Thames streets.

A message was received from the Second Branch assenting to the proposal made by this Branch to refer the letter from James Ramsay to the committee on lighting the City.

The resolution discharging the Health committee from further considering the accounts of the Board of Health; the resolution discharging the committee appointed to examine the accounts of the City Commissioners, and the resolution authorising the Register to pay the Port Wardens orders for purposes therein mentioned, were returned from the Second Branch endorsed "Concurred in".

The resolution for vaccinating &c was returned endorsed dissented from. Mr Thomas asked for a committee of conference, Messrs Thomas, Baer and Henby were appointed and the Second Branch informed by message; the Second Branch appointed Messrs Lawrenson Moore and Schaeffer and informed this Branch by message.

Mr Hubbard offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council that the committee on streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of taking up and repaving Washington street, from fifty feet north of Fleet to the North side of Allisana.

Mr Young offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council that the Joint committee on streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repairing Chamberlain alley from Eutaw street to Eager alley; and Pence alley from Eutaw to Howard street, and that the memorials on those subjects from John Lynch and others, and William Gibson and others presented at the last annual session of the City Council, be referred to said Committee.

The resolution discharging the committee on Fire Companies from further considering the petition of A G Cole Coates & Co was read a second time and concurred in.

The resolution requiring the Committee on lighting the City to enquire into and report on the propriety of establishing a silent watch &c was returned from the Second Branch endorsed dissented from.

The following communication was received from the Mayor which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Joint committee heretofore raised on the Mayors annual message for dividing the subjects therein set forth between the two Branches. The Second Branch assented and informed this Branch by message.