Monday Jan.y 17th 1831

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment, present John B Morris Esq President and all the members except Messrs Mr E Hansbury and Carroll.

A resolution that the Committee on Ways and Means enquire into the expediency of selling certain property was received from the Second Branch, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr Hanson presented the returns of the Vigilant Fire Company which was read and referred.

Mr Hubbard presented the returns of the Deptford Fire company which was read and referred.

Mr Seyler presented a petition from the New Market Fire Comp.y for a special appropriation which was read and referred.

Mr Thomas 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 one lamp at the corner of Mott and Stirling street Old Town, and one other in Mechanic Street Old Town near the pump.

The President appointed Messrs Baer, Ridgely & Williamson on the select joint committee relative to Theatres and the Second Branch was informed thereof by message. The Second Branch appointed Messrs Moore and Lucas and informed this Branch by message.

On motion by Mr Cohen a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the petition of G Blanchard to the above committee the Second Branch concurred and informed this Branch by message.

Mr E Hansbury presented the annual report of the Independant Fire Company; which was read and referred.

Mr Hubbard from the committee on the Harbour delivered the following report and resolution which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The committee On the Harbour to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Hollins to the General Assembly of Maryland, take leave to offer to the consideration of the

City Council a counter memorial to the said General Assembly, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

William Hubbard, Wm H Hanson Z Woolsey 1 B
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Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the memorial to the General Assembly of Maryland, presented by the committee on the Harbour, counter to the memorial of Samuel Hollins to the said General Assembly be adopted; and that the Mayor forward the same to the representatives of the City in the House of Delegates with a request that they will present the same to the House.

Resolved that the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland;

The Memorial of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore counter to the memorial of Samuel Hollins of the City of Baltimore, Widow, respectfully represents, That Your Memorialists admit it to be true that John Smith late of Baltimore County deceased, the Father of the said Samuel Hollins, was in his life time seized in fee simple of lot number 96, a part of Baltimore Town, as originally laid out, bounding on the east side of South Gay street, and extending southwardly to the waters of the basin; and that on the 28th day of July, in the year 1786, the said John Smith, made application to the Wardens of the Port of Baltimore for permission to extend his wharf on the said lot into the water in the said basin. And Your Memorialists also state to Your Honorable Body, that the said application of the said John Smith to extend his said wharf, also contained an application to extend at the same time eleven feet of Gay street in connection with his said wharf and west thereof - and that on the 26th day of September in the same year, the said John Smith obtained the permission of the Wardens of the Port of Baltimore, to extend his said wharf and also eleven feet of Gay street in connection therewith, agreably to his said application; but your memorialists have been advised that the permission of the Wardens of the Port of Baltimore granted to the said John Smith to extend eleven feet of Gay street with his said wharf, was not granted pursuant to the provisions of the acts of 1745 Chapter 9 or of 1783 Chapter 24 or of either of them, but in contravention thereof, and that the said John Smith obtained no right or property whatever in that part of Gay street so extended by him pursuant to the said