Thursday 3d Feby 1831

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

A message was received from the second Branch assenting to a proposal from this Branch to refer certain lists of fines to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr Cohen from the committee on Ways and Means reported two Bills the titles of which are, A Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, and of the City Poor in the Poor house of Baltimore City and County, and A Bill entitled An ordinance to provide for certain expenses of the year 1830 - which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the resolution making an appropriation for a foot bridge at Centre Fish Market space, endorsed "Concurred in".

The resolution making an appropriation for Gas lamps therein designated was read a second time. Mr Baer moved to fill the blank with $53.00 and to amend by taking the appropriation out of the fund for watching and lighting the City, which was assented to, and the resolution being put on its passage was dissented from.

The President being about to retire for the evening called Mr Carroll to the chair.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

Balt^e Feby 1831

Gentlemen of the First & Second Branches of the City Council. Permit me to invite your attention to the following subjects. viz

By the 2^d Section of the Ordinance of 1829 page 45 the informer is made liable for the costs in case of nonsuit; this provision has had a most mischievous effect, in causing the City Ordinances to be violated with impunity, as the informer once defeated is very cautious in any future prosecutions; it is a matter of no consequence who becomes the informer, provided it produces no cost to the City, and we can by these means cause the City Ordinances to be respected, which is all important to the well being of the community; this provision has had a direct contrary effect and has in many cases prostrated some of our most useful regulations.

By the 3^d Section of the same ordinance, the Justice of the Peace before whom information is made, is required to furnish the Bailiff a copy of such Judgment, which he is directed to deliver to the Register, after the

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of no responsibility, perhaps a minor, with whom the law can have no effect, consequently he may commit any irregularity and the party injured can have no redress; and in the event of the driver being of mature age he cannot be punished because the number thereof does not furnish his name, and the owner will not disclose it, under the apprehension that he may be compelled to become his security or lose his driver. Taking a view of all the circumstances, the case appears to require some further provision.

The Ordinance relative to dogs is found insufficient and the following project is respectfully submitted for your consideration. To repeal all the Ordinances relative to this subject and require the Superintendants of Chimney Sweepers to make a list of the owners or Harbourers of all dogs found in their respective districts, and return a copy of such list to the Register of the City semi-annually and the said Superintendants be required to leave a bill of such tax at the place of residence of such owner or harbourer, stating that unless the

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First Branch.

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