Mr Cohen from the Committee delivered the following report and resolution which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee On Fire Companies beg leave to submit the following in reference to that part of the Mayors annual communication on the subject.

Feby 4th 1831 J. J. Cohen, Chas Diffenderffer Fred Sayler

Whereas it is represented that the passage of Fire Engines and Apparatus over the foot ways of the City is dangerous to passengers thereon, and that injurious effects have been produced thereby to the property of Citizens: and that in order to remedy and restrain what might in the course of time become a practice of serious import, it is only necessary to call the attention of the several Fire Companies thereto, Therefore Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, that it be recommended to the Officers and Members of the respective Fire Associations, to prevent and restrain as far as practicable, their Apparatus from being passed over the foot pavements of the City; and that the Mayor furnish a copy of the foregoing and of this resolution to the President of each Company, with request to lay the same before the members at their first meetings, and that such order may be taken thereon as may be deemed most expedient.

The resolution extending the appropriation for walling Harford run was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

A communication from John Scott Esq was received from the Mayor, which was read and laid on the table.

On motion by Mr E Stansbury a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing when the City Council adjourn this evening it adjourn to Monday next; the Second Branch concurred by message.

The Branch then adjourned until Monday afternoon at ½ past 3 o Clock.

By order Th Phenix Clk

Monday Feby 7th 1831

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

Mr E Stansbury presented a petition from William M Donald and others, which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee On Lighting the City; The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Diffenderffer presented a petition from John Hargrove and others which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Joint Committee On Streets. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Hubbard presented a petition from Jos Allender and others which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Joint Committee On Streets. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Hoffs presented a petition from George Winchester and others relative to a lumber yard in South Frederick street: which was read and referred to the Committee On Fire Companies.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

Baltimore Feby 7th 1831

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council.

I am induced to invite your attention to the propriety of making provision for the appointment of a trusty person to perform the duties of Porter for the City Hall, who shall have the general charge of the premises, saw wood, break coal, furnish drinking water, and perform such other duties, as shall be found necessary, for the preservation of the property, and should be required if possible to lodge in the building. The building Committee of the City Hall having had a laboring man in their employ it was found necessary to continue him at 87½ cents per day, which has been paid out of the incidental fund.

Respectfully submitted Jacob Small, Mayor

A communication was received from the Mayor relative to the ordinance respecting dogs, which was read and referred to the Second Branch.

A communication from Robert Smith, Printer, was received from the Mayor which was read and laid on the table.

A communication was received from William Patterson Esq ~~was received~~ thro the hands of the Mayor, which was read and on motion by Mr Carroll was sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer so much as relates to the Harbor to the Committee on that subject, and the residue to the Committee On Claims; the Second Branch concurred by message.

The resolution extending the appropriation for walling Harford run and the Bill entitled An ordinance to open Cypress alley were returned from the Second Branch endorsed the resolution endorsed "concurred in" the "Bill will pass".