The City Commissioners in compliance with a call of this Branch directing estimates for repairing certain parts of Pennsylvania avenue made a report which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee on Streets.

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

By order Gh Pleasants Clk

## Wednesday Feby 9th 1831

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

The resolution making an appropriation for a copper boiler to the Steam dredging machine was returned from the Second Branch endorsed concurred in.

Mr Cohen presented a petition from Owen Boulden for the payment of a claim therein mentioned: which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee on Claims. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Munroe presented a memorial from John Bamford and others: which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee on Health. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Russell presented a petition from William Hall and others, which was read and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill relative to swine running at large.

Mr Munroe presented a petition from John Lafette and others for flag stones on the east side of the intersection of St Paul and Franklin street which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee on Streets. The Second Branch concurred by message.

The Ordinance for a new division of the City into wards was returned from the Second Branch endorsed "Will pass with the proposed amendments viz. "In the first and last sections (printed bill) strike out "two" and insert "one".

In the second section, third and fourth line "strike out "East Baltimore street" and insert "Alice Anna street" 4th & 5th lines strike out "Caroline street" and insert "Bond street" 5th 6th and 7th lines strike out "to Gough street, thence easterly along the centre of Gough to Marke street &c thence southerly along the centre of Market street.



In the 3 section 2d & 4th lines strike out "Market street" and insert "Bond street" 4th & 5th lines strike out "Gough street" and Gough to Caroline street, thence along the Centre of Carolines" and insert Alice Anna street to Market street &c. thence along the centre of Market street — and in 4th 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th 10th 11th, & 12th Sections add the word "the" before the word beginning at the conclusion of each section. Which were read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr Hubbard from the committee on the Harbour delivered the following report and resolution, which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The Committee on the Harbour to whom was referred that part of the petition of William Patterson, relative to deepening the water on the east side of his wharf Fells Point take leave to report, that they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion, that the relief asked for is reasonable and ought to be granted, and for that purpose they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which is respectfully submitted

Feby 9th 1831. William Hubbard, W H Hanson Z Woolen 1st B
P Lawrenson William Jones 2d B

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Port Wardens be and they are hereby authorised and directed to employ at suitable times, at their discretion", the dredging machines to excavate and deepen the water on the east side of William Pattersons wharf on Fells Point, that has been injured or filled up by the change of the course of Jones Falls so that it may be restored as nearly as possible to its original condition, and that they continue from time to time to deepen and cleanse the same, so as to preserve the aforesaid condition.

Mr Young offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time and ordered to be on the table.

Resolved that a select committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature for an alteration of the Charter respecting the manner of electing the Mayor of the City.

The Bill entitled An ordinance for the erection of Gas lamps was returned from the Second Branch endorsed "Will pass" with the proposed amendment viz. At the end of the 2d Section add the following "To be taken out of the appropriation for watching and lighting the City Which was twice read "concurred in" and the Bill pass as amended.

Mr Young offered the following which was read a first time.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the Delegates from this City be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to procure the passage of a law amending the charter of the City so that the Mayor may be elected directly by the people, without the intervention of Electors.