Thursday Feby 17. 1831

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

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer an accompanying communication from the City Commissioners relative to opening Lexington street west to the Committee on Streets; and a petition from P.R.S Frisee, to the Joint committee on the Harbour; which was concurred in and the Second Branch informed by message.

The resolution for erecting a wooden bridge in Lexington Street was returned from the Second Branch endorsed "Concurred in".

Mr Hubbard offered the following which was read a first and by special order the second time and "concurred in".

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council that the Port Wardens be, and they are hereby requested to furnish this Branch the names of the proprietors of all the property bounding on the Dock agreable to a map lodged in the Port Wardens office and marked B which improvement was not to commence until the assent of the proprietors of the property binding on the water was first had and obtained in writing, agreable to An Ordinance approved March 25th 1814.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that our Senators and Delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland be requested to use their utmost efforts to prevent the passage of a Law incorporating a company to make a rail road from the deep cut on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail road to tide water of the Middle Branch of Patapsco.

The resolution for making two copies of the Port Wardens book of record, was returned from the Second Branch endorsed concurred in with the proposed amendments viz.

Strike out all that follows after the word "that" at the commencement of the 2d line and substitute the following.

That the Register be and he is hereby authorised & directed to procure two suitable books, and cause two copies of the Port Wardens original book of record to be transcribed accurately, and that the same be done in his offices.

Resolved further that the Register shall examine the copies so transcribed carefully, and certify the same under the Corporate seal of the City of Baltimore, agreably to An Act of the General Assembly of Maryland entitled "A Supplement to An Act entitled An Act relating to the City of Baltimore" passed December session 1825 Chap 184.

Resolved further that the Register deposit one of the copies so transcribed in the Clerks office of Baltimore County Court, and the other in the Office of the Port Wardens; and that the compensation for the aforegoing be fixed by the Mayor and Presidents of both branches to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Resolved that the Register cause these resolutions to be entered on the first page of each of the said books.

Which were read a first time and laid on the table.

The resolution for erecting a bridge at Saratoga Street was read a second time, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The following communication was received from the Mayor.

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Gentlemen of the First Branch
of the City Council.

I have approved and signed the resolution relative to certain expenses therein mentioned.

Respectfully yrs

Jacob Small Mayor.

Mr Seyler from the committee on Fire companies delivered the following report and A Bill which was read and 50 copies of the Bill ordered to be printed.

The Committee on fire companies to whom was referred so much of the Mayors annual communication of the 12th January as relates to fire walls and depositing combustible materials on vacant lots beg leave to report the accompanying bill supplementary to the ordinance to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires

Feby 17. 1831. J.J. Cohen Jr, Chas Dissenderffer, F. Seyler.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer an accompanying petition from Ann Hubbard to the committee on Claims which was concurred in, and returned to the Second Branch.

Mr Hubbard from the committee on the Harbour delivered a report which was read and on motion by Mr Hubbard referred to the Second Branch.