Monday February 21 1831

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

Mr Thomas presented a communication and memorial from William Jenkins and others relative to the widening of Bridge street, which was read and referred.

Mr Cohen presented a memorial from the Maryland and Virginia Steam Boat Company, which was read and sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the committee On the Harbour, the Second Branch concurred by message.

The following letter was received from Jesse Hunt and J S Nicholas Esqrs which was read and on motion by Mr Young ordered to be entered on the Journal.

House of Delegates 18th Feby 1831

Gentlemen,

We have the honour to state that the petition of Richard Eaton Esq and others, relative to the construction of a rail road from a point on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail road as already constructed to the south harbour of Baltimore, was referred by the House of Delegates to a select Committee, who unanimately agreed upon the report herein annexed. Upon shewing the proposed report to the Gentleman who has the direction of the petition, he requested that the latter might be withdrawn from the files of the house, which shall be done. This will preclude the necessity of any further proceeding upon the subject. Hoping the above will be a satisfactory answer to the resolution of your Honorable Body which we have this moment received.

We have the Honor to be
Yr Obt Servts.
Jesse Hunt, J. S. Nicholas.

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Eaton and others praying an act of incorporation to make a rail road from the deep cut of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road to the south harbour of Baltimore.

Report, that having considered the same they are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer therein contained and therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A communication from Hugh McElderry agent Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Steam navigation Company, was received from the Mayor, which was read and on motion by Mr Meeter sent to the Second Branch with a message proposing to refer it to the Committee On the Harbour. The Second Branch concurred by message.

A communication was received from the Port Wardens in compliance with a resolution of the Branch on the 17th Inst which was read and laid on the table.

Mr Dushane presented a petition from Edward Kenley and others which was read and referred to the Committee On Bridges.

Mr Seyler 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 to whom was referred the petition of John W Berry ask leave to report the accompanying resolution

Feby 21. 1831. J. J. Cohen Jr, Chas Jeffers per Jno Seyler

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that John W Berry be and he is hereby authorised to remove his one story frame building from its situation on Cove street to his vacant lot on Warner street.

On motion by Mr Cohen a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing with their concurrence the distribution among the members of both Branches, the report of the Chief Engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail road company, and the map engraved agreably to instructions given to the joint committee, not exceeding 20 copies to each member, the remainder to be delivered to the Register for further disposition. The Second Branch concurred by message.

Mr Meeter offered the following which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorised to have all the ordinances and resolutions which may be enacted or passed from time to time by the Mayor and City Council, published in the several daily news papers of the City, also for publishing the proclamations of the Mayor, the notices of the Register, and the advertisements of the City Commissioners and Wardens of the Port and the Board of Health, all of which shall be paid for at the rates of twenty five cents the square for the first insertion and twelve and a half cents for all future insertions. The Register is also authorised to make arrangements with the proprietors of the aforesaid papers for the insertion of an abstract of the