Monday, March 9th 1835.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present – Anthony Ellenberger, Esq. President and all the members.

Mr Sanders from the Committee submitted the following, which was read a first time.

The joint committee on streets to which was referred the petition of George A Hughes, and a resolution relative to Hughes street, have had the same under consideration; they acknowledge that said street is at present in a situation requiring a considerable expenditure of money to make it a public thoroughfare, but viewing the opening of the same so as to make it passable the interest of property holders thereon and contiguous thereto, deeply interested, believe that the same ought to be done at their private expense. Therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and submit the following resolution.

James H. Lee, Benedict J Sanders, Thos P. Shan } committee of 1st Branch.
Jacob Smith, Jas Brazier, Samuel Ready } committee of 2d Branch.

Resolved that the committee be discharged.

Mr Sanders from the same committee, also submitted the following which was read a first time.

The joint committee of streets, to whom was referred, "A further & supplement to an act entitled An act, supplementary to an act entitled An act for opening Bottle alley in the City of Baltimore" have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the following resolution.

Benedict J Sanders, Jas H. Lee, Thos P. Shan } committee of 1st Branch.
Jacob Smith, Jas Brazier, Samuel Ready } second branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the act of assembly entitled A further supplement to an act entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act for opening Bottle alley in the City of Baltimore" passed December session 1834, be and the same is hereby approved.

On motion of Mr Dryden the branch proceeded to the order of the day, it being on the resolution relative to the purchase of the rights of the Baltimore Water Company and obtaining an act of assembly for the purpose of procuring a copious supply of pure and wholesome water for the use of the City &c, which resolutions being read Mr Tyson offered the following resolutions as substitutes to the above

Resolved, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised to employ some competent person or persons to examine the various water resources in the vicinity of Baltimore, with a view to the introduction into the City of a copious and pure supply of water.

And be it further Resolved, that such person or persons shall report to the Mayor, at as early a day as practicable – the respective capabilities of said Water resources – their respective elevation above tide water – the probable expense of watering the City from each, and all such information that will enable the Corporation to decide upon the merits of each.

And be it further Resolved, that when the said person or persons shall have reported to the Mayor, he is hereby authorised and empowered to have said report published in the several newspapers of the City, and to devise some plan to obtain as far as practicable the voice of the people of Baltimore upon the plans suggested.

Which substitute being read, was subsequently withdrawn to give place to the following offered by Mr Ridgely, which were read.

Resolved that the report of the joint committee on Water be recommitted to the Committee with a request that they ascertain and report to this branch the following information.

1st A plat of all the streets through which the pipes of the Water Company now pass.

2nd The kind of pipe, whether of iron or wood, laid in each street, and designating on said plat the diameter of the pipe.

3rd The ability of the pipe so ascertained respectively in each street, to answer the more extended operations contemplated by the committee in their report for a more general supply of water.

4th What quantity of pipe (if any) thus ascertained to be laid down in each street, may be found insufficient for that purpose, the probable expense of substituting pipe of suitable calibre, and the value of the pipe to be removed, if sufficient for lateral pipe to more enlarged main pipes.

5th A schedule of the whole estate real and personal of the Baltimore Water Company, if practicable to obtain it, and its probable value, excluding the Water rights and lands offered to the Corporation for sale, and the terms upon which the said Water Company will transfer their whole estate and chartered rights to the City.

Resolved that the Joint Committee on Water be, and they are hereby authorised to employ the services of a competent Civil Engineer for the purpose of obtaining so much of the information asked as may require his aid.

Mr Scott moved to lay the whole subject on the table which was determined