Friday, March 9th 1838.
First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment,— Present, John B. Leidenstricker, Esq. President, and all the Members, except Messrs. Cross, Mattiot and Tensfield.

Mr Pryden presented a petition from Lewis H. M. Gisse, praying to be released from the payment of a tax for paving Market Street, and Park Lane, which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Claims.

The Second Branch returned the resolution on the petition of Edwards M. Greenway and others, relative to the improvement of the grounds contiguous to the Washington Monument, endorsed, "Concurred in with a proposed amendment," which amendment being read a first and by special order the second time, was laid on the table.

The resolution substituted for the report of the Joint Committee of Conference, relative to a loan of City Corporation Certificates a scrip, to the Officers and Agents of the Balte and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, was returned by the Second Branch, endorsed, "Concurred in."

Mr Watkins from the Committee, submitted the following report and a bill entitled, "An Ordinance to exempt a part of Mott Street from the operation of the Acts of December Session, 1816, Chap. 218, and of December Session, 1817, Chap. 148, which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on Streets to whom was referred a resolution of the First Branch of the City Council, instructing them to enquire into the expediency of closing that part of Mott Street, between Gay Street and Low Street, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed at December Session, 1832, Chap. 207; have had the subject under consideration and consider that it would be doing nothing more than justice to the parties, to give the Public a certain portion of time to open the said Street, and to have as full possession as they would if the said Street had not been laid down on the plat of the City, or otherwise to permit the owners to use the bed of the Street, they therefore ask permission to submit the following Ordinance.

J. Wesley Watkins, } Committee of the
Dr. J. Cross, } First Branch.
Samuel G. Legrand, }
F. Lucas, Jr. } Committee of the
M. Klinefelter, } Second Branch.

The resolutions on the petition of Archibald Sterling, were returned by the Second Branch, endorsed, "Concurred in."

Mr Atkinson offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Register be directed to furnish the Council with a printed report of the returns of the Harbor Masters, and Market Masters for the year 1837.

Mr Gittings on leave, offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorised to pay out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, $81.94, to M. Hickman, for stationary furnished the City Assessors.

Mr Albricks on leave, offered the following, which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Streets.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,

That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to meet water breaks of stone, in the gullies on Market Street leading from Monument Street to Harford Run, and for that purpose to draw on the Register of the City for the sum of Fifty Five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

The following revised Bills were received from the Second Branch and laid on the table.

A Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for regulating the sweeping of chimneys in the City of Baltimore, and for other purposes."

"An Ordinance to restrain certain evil practices therein mentioned."

"An Ordinance for inspecting weights and measures used within the City of Baltimore."

"An Ordinance to regulate the measuring and weighing of certain articles, and for other purposes," and

"An Ordinance to regulate the sale of Bread."

The revised Bill from the Second Branch, entitled "An Ordinance

(for)