Nays — Messrs. Atkinson, Stansbury, Alricks, Howards, Mathiot, Gittings, W. H. Cole, Smith, McDonalds Creagh — 10.

Mr Gatchell moved the following amendment thereto. After the words Maryland, in the 6th line, insert, "or unless they belong to persons living without the limits of the City of Baltimore."

The above amendment was concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas — Messrs. Atkinson, Stansbury, Cross, Mathiot, Gittings, W. H. Cole, Gatchell, Schwartzman, Myers, McDonalds, Creagh, A. G. Cole, Brooks, Watkins — 14.

Nays — Messrs. President, Randolph, Metzger, Alricks, Howards, Snyder, Smith, Brown — 8.

Mr Howards moved a reconsideration of the 17th sect, which was assented to; he then moved the following amendment thereto, which was read: after "Hackney Coach" insert "seven dollars and fifty cents for the original license, and seven dollars for every renewal thereof; and for every" — before the question was put on the last proposed amendment; the Bill and amendment were on motion of Mr Gittings laid on the table.

The following communication from the City Counsellor, was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Claims.

In answer to the resolution of the First Branch calling for information in relation to the petition of Charles Grover, the undersigned respectfully states, that a claim was advanced by the heirs of William Fell to about five acres of land on the east side of Jones' Falls, and to a larger quantity on the West side, and an action of ejectment was brought against Mr Grover, who was in possession of part of the land claimed. No action was brought against the Corporation, but a lot of about 90 feet front on Monument Street held by the Corporation was within the claim of Fell's heirs, and the whole question of title to it was involved in, and would have been tried in the action against the petitioner: the action after pending for a considerable time was dismissed by the Plaintiffs, but whether they have finally abandoned the claim, I do not know. The Corporation were undoubtedly interested to the amount of the property held on Monument Street in the determination of the action against the petitioner, but (the)

the claim of the petitioner is wholly equitable, and can only be for an equal contribution with the other holders of the whole property claimed, with reference to the property held by them respectively. Not being a judge of the value of any of the property, nor knowing indeed its actual location, I am unable to state what portion of the expenses, the City ought in equity to pay.

Very Respectfully,
Geo. Gordon Bett. Coun. & Sol.

J. B. Seidenstricker, Esq. Pres. First Branch.

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The Bill to provide for the opening of Calhoun Street was returned by the Second Branch, endorsed "will not pass". Mr Gatchell on motion therefore had leave to withdraw the petition of Saml Canby relating to the above subject.

Mr Cross offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council, That the communication from the Assessors of tax made to the First Branch 2nd March, 1838, be referred to the Committee of Ways & Means, with instruction to make the levy for 1838, on the assessments as now being made, taking the assessment made under the ordinance of 1835, for such wards as are not completed and returned.

Mr Atkinson from the Committee, delivered the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The Joint Committee on the Harbor, to whom was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company, report, that they believe the prayer of the petitioners to be reasonable and ought to be granted; they therefore offer the following resolution.

Joshua Atkinson, Aug. Mathiot, Thos Myers, } Committee of the First Branch.
Henry R. Landerman, James Greves, Samuel Russ, } Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore - That the Steam Towing Company be and they are hereby authorized to use their Lot at present occupied by their Tow Boat at the Public Wharf, free of charge for wharfage for two years from the (First)