motion of Mr. Metzger the Bill was laid on on the table.

The following resolutions were returned by the Second Branch, severally endorsed, "Concurred in", viz.

The resolution on the memorial of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company;

The resolution on the petition of Mauldin Perine and others;

The resolution on the communication of F. I. Gallum, late City Collector; and

The resolution on the subject of exempting certain property from taxation for support of Public Schools.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1838," was received from the Second Branch and read the first time.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of the revenue, &c. was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Cross a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing that they reconsider and return the resolution on the subject of exempting certain property from taxation for support of Public Schools.

The Branch then adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order,

S. H. Moore, Clerk.

## Wednesday, March 28th, 1838.

### First Branch.

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

The Branch took up for further consideration the revised Bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the sale of Bread." The several amendments proposed by the Joint Select Committee, and the Second Branch, were concurred in, and the Bill as amended, passed and returned to the Second Branch.

The Second Branch returned the Bill relating to the admission and regulation of Pawnbrokers, with a message stating

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their assent to the amendment proposed to substitute a new section for section 9th, and their dissent to the amendment proposing to strike out in 1st section, 10th line, the word "Fifty", and to insert "One hundred", and requesting this Branch to reconsider and recede therefrom. This Branch on motion of Mr. Watkins, adhered to their amendments, and informed the Second Branch thereof by message.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to rent the room over the Engine House on Fell's Point for a School, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following Bills were received from the Second Branch, severally read a first time, and laid on the table, viz.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for certain expenses of the Courts, Coroners, Jail, &c.";

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Courts of Baltimore, and of the City Poor in the Poor House of Baltimore City and County."

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the repairs of Highways and Bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore;" and

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools in the City of Baltimore."

The Second Branch having reconsidered the same, returned the resolution on the Bill to exempt certain property from the tax for support of Public Schools, which being again taken up for consideration, Mr. Cross moved the following substitute, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Aleck's laid on the table.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Collector of the taxes of the City be and he is hereby empowered to deduct any or all tax or taxes for the support of Public Schools arising on property belonging to persons of Colour.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the appointment of a High Constable, City Bailiffs, and for other purposes," was read the second time. Mr. Brown moved the following amendment thereto: strike out all after the word 'that' in 1st line, 2d section, to the words 'strong' in the 2d line, and insert, 'there shall be appointed annually Twenty Four'; before the question was put on this motion, the Bill and amendment, on motion of Mr. Snyder, were laid on

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