on the plat of the City, "Cemetery Avenue", as laid down and made Public by an Act of the Legislature of Maryland, at December Session, 1837, chapter 42.

A report and resolution of the Joint Committee of Ways and Means relating to the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, was received from the Second Branch, which was read, and laid on the table.

The Branch then adjourned until Thursday Afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

S. H. Moore, Clerk.

Thursday, April 26th, 1838.

First Branch.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment – Present, John B. Seidenstricker Esq. President, and all the Members except Messrs. W. H. Cole, and Tensfield.

The following message from the Mayor was received and read.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, April 26th 1838.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed "An Ordinance for opening Madison Street from Forest Street to Aisquith Street", a "resolution authorising the acceptance of certain ground therein mentioned as a Public Highway", a "resolution authorising an appropriation to the Vigilant Fire Company", a "resolution authorising an appropriation to the Columbian Fire Company", a "resolution making special appropriations to Fire Companies therein named", a resolution authorising appropriations to have the Bells in certain Engine Houses put in repair, &c." and a resolution authorising John Hays to raise on his building in Fayette Street", all of which originated in your Branch.

Respectfully
Your obed't Servant,
S. Smith, Mayor.

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

The resolution on the petition of A. S. McComas and others;

The resolution on the petition of Margaret Waesche;
The resolution on the petition of L. L. Everett, and others;
The resolution on the petition of John Lester, and
The resolution for a Fire Plug at the Corner of High and Water Sts.:

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations for the year 1838", was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The revised Bill from the Second Branch entitled "An Ordinance to appoint City Commissioners and Port Wardens, and to prescribe their duties", was taken up; the substitute of Mr. Howard to the 18th section being under consideration Mr. A. G. Cole, moved to amend the same by inserting after the word "Monthly for", the following words: "the City's proportion of", which was concurred in by the following vote:

Yeas – Messrs. Randolph, Atkinson, Stanebury, Metzger, Legrand, Cross, Gittings, Gatchell, Schwartzauer, Snyder, Smith, Creagh, A. G. Cole – 13.

Nays – Messrs. Alricks, Howard, Myers, McDonald, Brooks, Brown, Watkins – 7.

Mr. A. G. Cole, also moved the following amendment thereto, which was adopted: strike out all of the section after the word completed.

Mr. Brooks moved the following amendment which was negatived. After the word "completed" in the 6th line insert, "and the City shall pay the whole amount due the persons doing the work within sixty days after the work is completed".

Mr. Watkins moved to insert the following at the end of said substitute: and the City shall pay the whole of the balance in six Months, except where individuals are a party. – Before the question was taken on the motion, the Second Branch appeared in the Council Chamber of the First Branch, when the two Branches formed in Convention, and after a short session rose and the Branches separated.

The Branch resumed the consideration of Mr. Watkins' Amendment, which was dissented from by the following vote.

Yeas – Messrs. Howard, McDonald, Brown, Watkins – 4.

Nays – Messrs. Randolph, Stanebury, Metzger, Alricks, Cross, Mathiot, Gittings, Gatchell, Schwartzauer, Myers, Snyder, Smith, Creagh, A. G. Cole, Brooks – 15.

The question was then taken on the substitute as amended, and concurred in by the following vote.

Yeas – Messrs. Legrand, Alricks, Howard, Schwartzauer, Myers, Snyder, McDonald, A. G. Cole, Brooks, Brown – 10.