Committee on Police.

The following message was received from the Mayor, read, and on motion of Mr. Pinkney, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the message to the Joint Committee on Internal Improvements. The Second Branch returned a message assenting thereto.

Mayor's Office, January 14th, 1839.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

I herewith transmit to you a Communication from the President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, accompanied by one made by a former President of the same Company to a Committee of the City Council. They relate to the depot at the old Alms House and the City Block.

Yours, respectfully,

S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

Baltimore & Susquehanna Rail Road Office
Baltimore, Dec. 15th, 1838.

Hon. S. C. Leakin.
Mayor of the City:

Sir —

By the first Section of an Ordinance of the City, approved April 25th, 1831, which authorized the extension of the Baltimore & Susquehanna rail road to the Old Alms house lot, and to the City property on the east side of Jone's Falls, the Mayor and City Council agreed to lay off a lot of ground of one Acre at each of those places, to be used by this Company as a Depot.

The Council being in Session in March, 1832, a communication was received by the Company from a Committee of the First Branch, stating that a proposition was before the Councils to sell the Old Alms house property, but that the pledge given to appropriate a part of it to the use of the Company might prevent their doing so with propriety. The Company having no prospect of requiring the use of the lot at that time, within any fixed period, felt it to be their duty to refrain from interposing any obstacle to the views of the City, and accordingly relinquished their claim to the lot in question. I have the honour to hand you herewith a copy of the Communication made in consequence by the President of this Company to the Committee of the Council.

This Company is now actually constructing branches of their

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road, both into Howard Street and the City Block, by a route to the latter, varying in some measure as authorized by subsequent Ordinances from that proposed by the Ordinance of 1831. I have now respectfully to ask, that the lot to be laid off at the City Block, for a Depot may be designated, and that the Company may be authorized to take possession of the same. I would ask also, that as the City has no property in Howard Street to give to the Company in place of the Alms house lot relinquished as above, an additional lot at the City Block may be appropriated to their use, in lieu thereof.

I have the honor, to be,
Very respectfully, Your obed.t Serv.t
Chas. Howard, Pres.t

Baltimore & Susquehanna rail Road Office,
March 29th, 1832.

To the Committee of the City Council on the subject of the Depot at the Old Alms House, laid off for the Susquehanna Rail Road Company:

Gentlemen —

I am instructed by the Board of Directors to state that it is the positive intention of the Company to construct the Rail Road to or near the Old Alms House, so soon as the Westminster Branch of the said road shall be extended far enough into the country to divert the trade from the present channel of communication to the Rail Road, as its mode of its transportation. The precise period at which this will occur cannot be exactly stated, and in the meantime the uncertainty of the matter may be prejudicial to the public interest, and be calculated to injure the sale of the public property, at and near the Old Alms House. Nothing could be further from the wish of the Company than such a result. If therefore it should be thought by the City Council, that under existing circumstances the holding the claim to this property by this Company, would be calculated to embarrass the proceedings of the Corporation in the sale of the lands at or near the Old Alms House, or be otherwise injurious to the public interests, they have instructed me to say, that they would feel it their duty to relinquish the grant heretofore made by the Corporation, to this institution of an Acre. They hope however, that this necessity may not exist, and that the City Council will be satisfied that the branch to the Old Alms House will be constructed in time sufficiently early to gratify the public interest, and the trade at the

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