purposes as in the performance of any other duties they may deem necessary, and the Mayor shall approve, without greatly increasing the number of City Officers, I would propose, that an additional City Bailiff, or police Officer, should be appointed for each Ward, in the manner and with the qualifications, and subject to the provisions described in the revised Ordinance No. 40; that the two police Officers in each Ward, be also ex-officio Superintendants of Streets and pumps for their respective Wards, and that it be made their duty to obey the orders and instructions of the Board of Health, approved by the Mayor, in regard to the time and manner of cleaning the streets, and preventing and removing nuisances in and from any part of the City; and also to render such other services to the Board of Health, with the approval of the Mayor, as may be required. The increase thus proposed would only, in fact, add six to the number of City Officers, while two very desirable objects would be thereby accomplished - the police would be doubled, and the number of Superintendants of Streets quadrupled - the propriety and necessity of which, in both instances, it is believed, will be apparent to the Councils; and it will also be apparent, that both duties may with convenience, be performed by the same persons - It will, however, as it appears to me, be also necessary, on account of the importance and extent of the duties of the High Constable, and to provide for cases which may often occur, where from sickness or accident he may be absent, or where his presence shall be required in more than one place at the same time, that another Officer with the same powers and subject to the same duties shall be appointed, either with the same, or such other title as the Councils shall think proper.

Yours respectfully,

S. G. Leakin, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Seidenstricker, a message was sent to the Second branch, proposing to refer so much of the above message and documents as relates to the Board of Health, to the Joint Committee on Health - so much thereof as relates to the Superintendants of Streets to the Joint Committee on Police - so much as relates to the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, to the Joint Select Committee on the

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accounts of said Commissioners - so much as relates to the sinking fund and City Scrip to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means - and so much thereof as relates to the Union Bank to the Joint Committee on Claims.

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

Resolved, That the Joint Committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of appointing an Auditor, for the purpose of examining all the accounts of every receiving and disbursing Officer connected with the Corporation, and also the disbursements under any appropriation made by the City Councils, whose report shall be final, reserving to the party aggrieved the right of appeal to the Mayor for the time being.

The Mayor communicated a Memorial from the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal Company, praying for an additional appropriation; which was read, and on motion of Mr. Wallis, ordered to be printed in the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Seidenstricker, a message was sent to the Second branch, proposing to refer the above memorial to the Joint Committee on Internal Improvements - the Second branch assented thereto by message.

The Register's annual summary, together with a statement of expenses of Baltimore County Court for 1838, was received and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mathiot presented a petition from Robinson Woolen, & others counter to the petition of Thos. Magan, praying for permission to erect a new pottery kiln, which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Fire Companies.

The President delivered the following Communication, which was read.

Baltimore, January 19th 1839.

To the President of the First branch City Council of Baltimore.

Sir: In consequence of indisposition and severe illness in my family, it will be impossible for me to attend to the duties required of a member of the branch. I therefore respectfully beg leave to offer this my resignation as a Member of the Council from the Fifth Ward.

Yours, with great respect,

Benjamin Buck.

/Mr. Seidenstricker/