originated in your branch.

Yours respectfully,

S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

The Second Branch returned the resolution on the petition of William Freaner endorsed, concurred in.

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

Resolved, That the joint Committee on Police, be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the Ordinance relative to licensing Pawn-Brokers.

Mr. Keyser from the Committee, submitted the following report, which was read a first time.

The Committee on fire Companies to which was referred the petition of John Stewart praying permission to retain a frame building erected by him contrary to Ordinance No. 21, approved May 22nd, 1838, report, that having examined the building referred to, the Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Charles M. Keyser, Godfrey Meyer, Joshua Atkinson, } Committee of the First Branch.

William Reaney, Saml. Harden, Jos. Hook, Jr., } Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

Mr. Barnard called up the report and Memorial on the subject of Amendments to the Registry Law, which were read the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Wallis presented a Memorial from F. W. Brune, & others, praying for an appropriation to construct an efficient Ice-Boat, &c., which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Powel offered the following resolution, which was read & concurred in.

Resolved, That the City Commissioners inform this Branch the reason that the obstructions are not removed in Caroline-Street, from Little Hampstead Street to Union Alley, according to the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 216, passed March 16th 1833, and also according to Ordinance No. 4, passed

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Mr. Randolph offered the following resolution, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Committee authorised to be appointed to visit New-York and Philadelphia in relation to a house of Industry, be directed in conjunction with the President or such other Member of the Board of Public Schools or Commissioners as the Board may select, to visit and examine the Public Schools of said Cities, in order to suggest such improvements in the Public Schools of this City as they may see proper.

The Second Branch returned the resolution for a Memorial to Congress, asking an appropriation to aid in deepening the Harbor;

The resolution on the petition of Stephen Bridges, and others; and

The resolution on the petition of James Conner, David Grieves, and others, severally endorsed, "Concurred in."

Mr. Seidenstricker from the Committee, submitted the following, which was laid on the table.

The Joint Committee of Ways and Means, respectfully ask leave to present their estimates for the year 1839.

The Committee would respectfully take leave to remark, that by the Act of Assembly of December Session, 1833, c. 143, the Corporation is prohibited from levying more than $200,000 in any one year. The estimates now presented exceed this amount by $16,990.89. It is generally known, that the largest collections ever made in the City during any one year, has not much exceeded one-half of the levy for that year. It is therefore incumbent upon the Committee, to recommend some measure whereby the difficulty under which the Corporation must inevitably labor, shall be removed.

It will be necessary, for the purpose of meeting any temporary emergency this year, to empower the Mayor and Registry jointly, to borrow any sum of money in their discretion, not exceeding $100,000.

And in order to provide for the next Council, it appears to this Committee to be proper to empower the Mayor and Presidents of the Councils to petition the General Assembly of Maryland, for the necessary power and authority to levy upon the Assessable property within the City, at least to the amount of 350,000 dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and the Committee offer the following resolutions.

(Jno. B. Seidenstricker)