of the Sub-Corporation of the City of Baltimore, to be indulged in the freedom of speech, whether it is in the forum, or in the Legislature of the State, or as a member of the City Council — this right is an unalienable one — the freedom of speech — and cannot be invaded. If the undersigned has transgressed in the premises he then is amenable, but not otherwise, — words are but winds; charges general and indefinite are in opposition to the spirit of our institutions — He therefore asks in virtue of his official character that this paper, which is designed to assert his rights, may constitute a part of the proceedings in the case, and follow immediately the resolution as aforesaid upon the Journal or any publication or other notice that may be taken of the matter. And further, if he, the undersigned should deem it necessary, that he may be assigned at the Bar of the City Council in his defence.

Philip Wallis.

A member of the First Branch of the City Council from the 7th Ward.

Mr. Mathiot moved to adjourn, which was dissented from by the following vote:

Yeas — Messrs. Powel, Pindell, Mathiot, Crop, G. Myers, McDonald — 6.

Nays — Messrs President, Metzger, Yeates, Wallis, Pinkney, Russell, J. Myers, Brung, Watkins — 9.

On motion of Mr. Wallis, a call of the Branch was had, when it appearing that there was not a quorum present, on motion of Mr. Watkins, the Branch adjourned until To-morrow afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By order,

S. H. Moore, Clerk.

Thursday, April 11th, 1839.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Joshua Spyder Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs Spyder, Myers, Brung and Brown.

The President presented a petition from Philip P. Grayson, praying to be permitted to use, as heretofore, a shed situated in the yard of the dwelling house he now occupies, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Fire Companies.

Mr. Watkins presented a petition from Wm. Lamar and others, offering to surrender certain property to the City, named in said petition, for a public Square, &c. which was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Pinkney on leave, introduced a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the acceptance of an Act of Assembly, therein mentioned" which was read a first time.

Mr. Prindell from the Committee, submitted the following, which was read a first time:

The Committee of Conference to whom was referred the petition of James Cattan, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable & ought to be granted; they therefore offer the following resolution.

A. Prindell, D. H. McDonald, Geo P. Knotts } Committee of the First Branch.

Saml. Boyd, Wm. Keeney } Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to so alter the grade of Aisquith Street, between Low, and McElderry Streets, so as to turn the water into Low Street, or in such manner as to prevent the water from remaining in Aisquith Street, to the injury of the property in said street, and draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Crop, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the communication from Charles Howard, President of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, with the Act of Assembly accompanying the same, together with the Bill

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