Thursday. April 18th, 1839.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Joshua Dryden Esq. President and all the Members except Messrs Proctor and Russell.

The following Message was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayor's Office April 18th, 1839.

To the Members of the First Branch of the City Council:
Gentlemen,

I have approved and signed a resolution for a post & rail fence on Harford Run; a resolution condemning part of Josephine Street as a public Highway; a resolution authorising a sum of money to be paid to Thomasina Temply Administratrix; & a resolution appropriating a sum of money in defraying the expense of the Registering of Voters &c; all of which originated in your Branch.

Yours Respectfully.
S. C. Leakin, Mayor

Mr. Pinkney from the Committee submitted the following, which was read a first, and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

The Joint Committee on Water to whom was referred the petition of John Creagh and others asking for Fire plugs in the vicinity of Franklin, Saratoga and Green Streets, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report, that from the large number of Fire plugs already authorised to be located during the present session of the Council, exceeding greatly any former appropriation to this particular object, the Committee however favorable they might feel to grant the prayer of the petitioners, believe it inexpedient further to increase the appropriation for this object during the present year. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

William Pinkney.
Augustus Mathiot. } First Branch.
Thomas C. Lolley.

Resolved. That the Committee be discharged

The resolutions on the petition of James W. Colling & others were read the second time. Mr. Brown moved to amend the 1st Section by inserting after the words "appropriated" in the 3rd line, the following: "to be paid by the Register"; which amendment was concurred in — The resolutions as amended were

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then concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

A Report and Bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to preserve the navigation of the Harbor &c." was received from the Second Branch, and read a first, and by special order the second time. Mr. Prindell moved to amend as following: strike out in the 3rd Section 26th line, "15" and insert "10" which amendment was concurred in. Mr. Randolph moved to strike out "11" in the 27th line, and insert "6¼", which motion was dissented from. — Mr. Craig on a reconsideration of the 2d Section moved to amend the same by adding at the end of the first line the following: "except those loaded with fire wood", which was concurred in. Mr. Prindell moved to lay the Bill on the Table, which motion was dissented from — the Bill as amended was then passed, and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Watkins from the Committee, submitted the following report, and a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to limit the time for opening certain Streets therein named", which was read a first time.

The Joint Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of James P. Battyell and others requesting the City Council to pass an Ordinance or Ordinances to close certain Streets therein mentioned which are laid down on Poppleton's Plat, and permit the owners of the property to open other Streets in accordance with the Plat herein filed, drawn by A. I. and O. Bouldin, have given the same their attention, and consider that if the request of the petitioners should be granted it would be a great benefit to the individuals owning said property, without any disadvantage to the public, as it would not disconnect the said Streets to any great extent from the Streets in the neighborhood, as they are laid down on Poppleton's Plat; they therefore ask permission to submit the following Ordinance.

J. Wesley Watkins. } Committee of the
Henry Snyder. } First Branch.
W. T. Wright. } Committee
Joseph Hook Jr. } of the
Samuel Boyd. } Second Branch.

The resolution relative to Fire plugs being placed in the vicinity of Saratoga, Franklin and Green Streets, was returned by the Second Branch, with a resolution substituted therefor, recommitting the same with instructions to examine the premises and report thereon — which substitute was dissented from, and returned to the Second Branch.

A resolution for the removal of a Fire plug &c. was received from

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