near York Avenue, and draw upon the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of Four hundred dollars (400) or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved for a second reading of the resolution by special order; on this motion Mr. Wally called for the yeas and nays which were as follows:

Yeas — Messrs. President, Randolph, Atkinson, Metzger, Hewitt, Powel, Pindell, Seidenstricker, Solley, Mathot, Cross, G. Myers, Yeaty, Pinkney, Repple, J. Myers, Barnard, Byng, Keyser, Brown, Watkins — 21.

Nay — Mr. Wally — 1.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore That High Alley from Aisquith Street to Canal Street be, and the same is hereby auth as a public highway, & as such shall be subject to all the Ordinances and regulations of this Corporation; provided always that the owners of the fee simple estate in the ground over and on which the said Alley so condemned extends, shall first convey the same by a good and sufficient deed, approved by the Counsellor for the City, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and on such conveyance being made and fully recorded, it shall be the duty of the City Commissioners to cause the said Alley as condemned, laid down on the atlas of the City.

The Second Branch returned the resolution condemning High Alley as a public highway, endorsed "Concurred in."

The President having retired from the Branch, and Mr. Cross being called to the Chair, Mr. Snyder offered the following resolution, which was read and concurred in.

Resolved unanimously = That the thanks of this Branch be tendered to Joshua Dryden Esq. its President, for the correct and gentlemanly manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Chair; for the courtesy and urbanity which distinguished his conduct towards the Members, and that our affectionate regards accompany him in our separation from this body.

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On motion therefor the Branch then adjourned Sine die.

By order.

S. H. Moore. Clerk.

April 29th 1839.

Extra Session.

Monday, May 27th 1839.

The Branch met pursuant to a summons from the Mayor — present Joshua Dryden Esq. President, and all the Members except Messrs. Metzger, and J. Myers.

On motion of Mr. Barnard a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a Joint select Committee to wait on the Mayor, and inform him that the Councils were in Session agreeably to his summons, and ready to receive any communication he might have to make, and naming on the part of this Branch Messrs Barnard and Brown, the Second Branch assented thereto, and appointed on their part Mr. Keaney.

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

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means enquire into the expediency of exempting the City Stock from all taxation for municipal purposes.

On motion of Mr. Seidenstricker the Branch reconsidered the above resolution, Mr. Seidenstricker on leave then introduced a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to exempt certain property therein mentioned from taxation", which was read a first and by special order the Second time, and on motion of Mr. Barnard laid on the table.

Mr. Barnard from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the Mayor &c. made a verbal report, that said Committee had discharged the duty assigned to them, and that the Mayor informed them he would transmit a message in a short time.

The following Communication was thereupon received and

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