Mr. Wallis moved to amend the said resolution by striking out the words "and expunge" which motion was dissented from and the resolution concurred in and sent to the Second Branch.

The Branch then adjourned until Saturday Afternoon at half past three o'clock.

By Order

S. H. Moore Clerk.

Saturday June 1st 1839.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Joshua Dryden Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs Randolph, Willis, J. Myers and Keyser.

Mr. Watkins presented a petition from Robert Provance Jr. and others praying the passage of a Supplementary Ordinance to the Ordinance heretofore passed for the opening of a part of Apple Alley &c. which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Streets.

The Mayor transmitted Communications from the Treasurer for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the President of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company — in relation to the building of an efficient Steam Tow Boat, and the subscription of the State to the Stock of said Company — which were read, and on motion of Mr. Seidenstricker, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the same to the Joint Committee on Commerce — The Second Branch returned a message assenting thereto, and the same were accordingly so referred.

The Mayor also transmitted a Memorial from the Superintendant of Chimney Sweeps — praying for an allowance of compensation for certain services therein stated, which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Police.

The following message from the Mayor, was received, and read.

/Mayor's/



Mayor's Office June 1st 1839.

Gentlemen of the First Branch of the City Council:

I have approved and signed "A Bill entitled a further Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance authorising a loan of $3.000.000 approved April 12th 183" a "Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to regulate the riding and driving of Horses and Carriages, and to regulate Boats and Scows in the City of Baltimore and for other purposes; a "resolution appropriating a sum of money for the use of the Collector's Office; a "resolution authorising the Register to refund certain taxes; and a resolution relative to the Slaughter house of William Schenz", all of which originated in your Branch.

S. C. Leakin Mayor

The Second Branch returned the resolution for an appropriation to construct a stone Culvert over the Run on Madison Street, endorsed "Concurred in."

The following Communication from the Mayor was received and read:

Mayor's Office June 1st 1839

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council

Several Ordinances intended to make useful regulations have failed to effect the proposed benefit from some defect or omission in the language used to describe the acts intended to be prohibited or permitted — such is the case as to the Ordinance to prevent the erection of Wooden buildings, which is evaded as to its beneficial object by using materials equally or even more liable to be consumed; besides the repeal of the Old Ordinance of 183 in May 1833 legalizing all the previous erection of Wooden buildings. From a similar cause the 12th Section of the Ordinance for regulating theatrical and other public exhibitions, which prohibits the time of playing at a nine or ten pin Alley after eleven o'clock at night has nearly failed to produce any beneficial effect, as the playing is only suspended till midnight and then resumed. On both these cases some further legislation seems to be required. The late Supplement to the Harbor Law has been construed to subject to charges for Wharfage in some instances much more onerous than have been heretofore exacted in situations

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