The following Communication from the Mayor was received and read.

Mayor's Office, June 5th 1839.

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

I have approved and signed "An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance for the improvement of Jones' Falls"; "A Supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to provide for the opening of Apple Alley from Pitt Street to Mullikin Street"; a "Bill entitled an Ordinance relating to the Individual Stockholders of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company"; a "Resolution appropriating a sum of money for additional Watchmen, &c. and a "resolution that the Counsellor of the City prepare a memorial to be presented to the Legislature of Maryland relative to the Act in relation to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company," all of which originated in your Branch.

Yours Respectfully,
S. G. Leakin Mayor.

Mr. Seidenstricker presented a petition from Daniel Brook complaining of an accumulation of stagnant water, caused by the opening of Madison Street which was read, and referred to the City Commissioner.

The Branch resumed the consideration of the Bill Supplementary to the Ordinance for the preservation of the Harbor — Mr. Brown moved the following amendment which was concurred in: after the 39th line insert "hogsheads of sugar, molasses and all other merchandize not named in this Bill, twelve and a half cents." — Mr. Coy moved to strike out the word "the" in the 6th line and insert "any", also to strike out all from the word "purpose", to the "shall" in the same line, which amendments were also concurred in — the Bill was then passed as amended and sent to the Second Branch.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing to refer the amendment of this Branch to the amendment of the Second Branch to the resolution

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relating to a new Steam Tow Boat, to a Joint Select Committee naming on their part Messrs Howard and Frazier — this Branch returned a message assenting thereto and naming Messrs. Barnard, Cross and Brown on their part.

Mr. Keyser 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 Fire Companies, to whom was referred so much of the Communication of the Mayor of the 1st June as relates to the Ordinance preventing the erection of Frame buildings, report that having had the same under consideration, are of opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Charles M. Keyser, Godfrey Meyer, J. Atkinson } First Branch
Samuel Hardin, William Keaney, Joseph Hook Jr. } Second Branch

Resolved, That so much of the Communication of the Mayor of the 1st June as relates to frame buildings be referred to the next annual Session of the City Council, and that the Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

The Second Branch returned the same, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Seidenstricker 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 Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. McDonald, President of the Board of Trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church, relating to a tax upon the parsonage of this Church respectfully report that inasmuch as none of the similar buildings belonging to other religious sects are exempt from paying taxes, it would be inexpedient to release the property under consideration from the same burden.

The petitioner is in error when he assumes that because

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