Nays — Messrs. Cross & Myers, Wallis, Pinkney — 4.

The following ~~resolution~~ communication from the Counsellor of the City was received, and on motion of Mr. Keyser, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the same to the Joint Committee of Ways and Means.

June 19th 1839.

Dear Sir. — I have been called on by the Counsel of several of the Marine Insurance Companies to state their determination to resist the payment of the taxes assessed on their Capital Stock of their respective Corporations — and the City Collector informed me to day that this objection is very generally, perhaps uniformly made, and with some similar ones from Individuals, is likely to cause him great difficulty and delay in his Collections. The grounds of these objections is explained and sustained as correct in the opinion of John V. L. McMahon Esq. reported to the First Branch of the City Council by the Joint Committee of Ways and Means on the 21st Feby. last.

As some action of the City Council may be necessary on this subject, I have deemed it proper to send you this Communication before this Session closes.

I am, respectfully yours
Wm. F. Boyd, Counsellor, for the City.

S. H. Leakin Esq. Mayor, &c.

The Second Branch assented to the message in regard to the reference above proposed.

Mr. Yeates from the Committee, submitted the following, which was read a first and by special order the second time.

The Joint Committee on Health to which was referred a Communication from the Board of Health, exhibiting a statistical account of receipts into the Treasury of the City, from the sale of Street manure, during the years 1837 and 1838, and the expired portion of the current year, having had the same under consideration, and presuming that any legislation on the subject was not intended at the present Session, would respectfully present the following resolution.

John T. Yeates, } Committee of
Alex. Russell, } First Branch.

(W. Keeney)

William Keeney, } Committee of the
James Graves } Second Branch.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject, and that the same be referred to the next annual Session of the City Council.

Mr. Cross moved to amend the above resolution by adding thereto "and that the same be referred to the next annual Session" which amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended, concurred in and sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "Concurred in."

Mr. Cross from the Committee, submitted the following report and a bill entitled "a supplement to an Ordinance to improve the navigation of the Harbor of Baltimore, appoint Port Warden and Harbor Master and prescribe their duties," which was read a first and by special order the second time passed and sent to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "Will pass."

The Joint Committee on the Harbor to whom was referred the Communication of James McGuire Harbor Master of the Middle District, relating to wood landed on the Public Wharves, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following Ordinance.

R. J. Cross. } Committee
J. Atkinson, } of the
Thos. Myers. } First Branch.
James Frazier } Committee of the
William Keeney } Second Branch.

A resolution for removing a fire plug situated on Light near Lombard Street, to the corner of said Street, was received from the Second Branch, read a first and by special order the second time, Concurred in and returned.

Mr. J. Myers 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 of Ways and Means, to which was referred the Communication from the Mayor in relation to the power of the City to assess the Capital Stock of Marine Insurance Companies and other Corporations, to such Corporations, beg leave to report,

(That)