That the opinion of John V. L. McMahon Esq. delivered by him in reply to an enquiry of the Committee of Ways and Means, as to the power of the City to tax Bank Stock – is in the opinion of the Committee conclusive upon the subject submitted to the consideration of the Council, they therefore offer the following resolution.

Godfrey Meyer } Committee
Charles M. Keyser } First Branch.
Samuel Young Jr. } Committee
Samuel Harden } Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. That it would not be proper when the Stock is assessed to the Individuals owning it, to tax also property held by the Corporations themselves.

The Second Branch returned the same endorsed Concurred in.

The Bill Supplementary to the Ordinance to permit the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company to extend Branches of said Road within the City, was returned by the Second Branch endorsed "Will pass with the proposed amendments" Amendments proposed.

Fourth line printed bill after the word proper, strike out "deed" and insert "lease" 5th line after the word "Lancaster" insert "Street" 11th line, strike out all after the word "lot" to the word "for" in the 12th line and insert "for the term of fifteen years at the annual rent of $173 payable to the Commissioners of Finance" add the following as the 2d Section.

Section 2d And be it enacted and ordained that the acceptance of the provisions of this Ordinance by the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, shall be considered as an entire and absolute release of the City from all obligations contained in the 1st Section of an Ordinance approved April 25th 1831 entitled "An Ordinance to permit the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company to extend Branches within the City of Baltimore".

The above proposed amendments having been read, were concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required thereon by Mr Pindell.

(Yeas)

Yeas – Messrs President Atkinson, Powell, Mathiot, Crop, Finkney, Russell, J. Myers, Barnard, Berry, Keyser – 11.

Nays – Messrs Rutzgen, Tolley, G. Myers, Wallis, Dryden, McDonald – 7.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing that when the Council adjourn this evening the adjourn sine die. The Second Branch returned a message assenting thereto.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait on the Mayor and ascertain whether he had any further subjects to Communicate for the consideration of the Council, naming Mr. Keeney on their part – This Branch assented and appointed Messrs Barnard and Russell – said Committee having reported verbally that the Mayor had no further Communication to make, on motion therefore the Branch adjourned Sine die.

By Order.

J. H. Moore, Clerk.

Extra Session.

Tuesday August 13th 1839.

The Branch met pursuant to a summons from the Mayor – present Joshua Dryden President and all the Members except Messrs Mathiot, Wallis, J. Myers and Barnard.

A message was received from the Second Branch proposing the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to wait on the Mayor, and inform him that the Council were in session agreeably to his summons and ready to receive any Communication he might have to make, and stating their appointment of Mr. Keeney on their part; this Branch assented thereto and appointed Messrs Pinkney and McDonald on their part.

Mr. Pinkney from the above named Committee, reported verbally that the Mayor would send up a Communication in a short time.

Mr. Pinkney offered the following resolution, which was

(read)