Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore That the Commissioners of Finance by and with the approbation of the Mayor be and they are hereby authorised to purchase so much of the property fronting on the south side of the Basin between Water Street and Fifth Lane as may be deemed by the Port Warden necessary for the better completion of the wharf now being completed opposite to the City property provided the same can be obtained at a reasonable price.

The Branch then on motion thereof adjourned until To-morrow Afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order.

J. H. Moore Clerk

Wednesday August 14th 1839.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Joshua Hyden Esq. President and all the members except Messrs Atkinson Mathiot Wallis Russell, J. Myers Barnard and Brown.

The Mayor communicated a petition from John V. Wood all praying to be remunerated for the hire of a person to kill dogs &c which was read and on motion of Mr. Kinkney the same was referred to the Mayor.

A petition from Watchmen & Brate and others relative to the opening of Lee-Street &c. was received from the Mayor read, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Mayor also communicated a petition from Thos. C. Coyle asking permission to place his iron Kettles in such portion of Streets or Alleys as he might be engaged in for the purpose of applying his cement to dwellings, Cellars &c. which was read. Mr. Randolph moved to refer the petition to the Committee on Fire Companies which was dissented from and the was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Seidenstricker presented a petition from Isaac Knight counter to the petition of Saml. & James Canby. Also a Communication from Messrs Fowler & Tyson

(explanatory)

explanatory of the subjects embraced in the above petition which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The resolution authorising the Commissioners of Finance to purchase certain property between Water Street and Fifth Lane was read the second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch who returned the same also concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Seidenstricker a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing that when the Councils adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday next 6. The Second Branch assented thereto by message.

Mr. Cross from the Committee submitted the following report and a resolution which were read a first and by special order the second time concurred in and sent to the Second Branch who returned the same endorsed "Concurred in."

The Joint Committee on the Harbor to whom was referred the Communication of Messrs J. C. White & Son relating to a Wall now being erected on their property binding on Jones' Falls have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report.

That the work alluded to in said Communication has been begun by the City Commissioners under the provisions of a recent Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council requiring Owners of property on Jones' Falls to wall the same. Notice was served on the 19th of June by the Commissioners and on the non compliance of the parties to build the wall or make any preparation for the same the Commissioners had no alternative but to begin the work which they have accordingly done, and your Committee are glad to find that the building of the wall has progressed rapidly and will speedily be completed and when done will present an effectual barrier to the overflowing of Jones Falls. With these facts before them the Committee would respectfully recommend that no action whatever be taken by the Councils on the Communication and submit the following resolution

R. J. Cross } Com of First Branch.
James Harvey }
Wm. Barnet } Committee
Wm. Keaney } of the Second Branch.