The Branch then adjourned until Monday Afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

By Order.
S. H. Moore, Clerk.

Monday, January 20th 1840.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Samuel Brady, Esq. President, and all the members except Mr. Hanson.

Mr. Bender presented a petition from Bartholomew Dasey, praying for a passage of an Ordinance limiting the period within which time Monument Street shall be opened a extended west of Eutaw Street, which was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Timms presented a petition from Michael Warner, praying the refunded taxes paid by him for paving a cross Warner Street, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following message from the Mayor was received.

Mayor's Office,
January 20th 1840.

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

Gentlemen — I have approved and signed a "resolution authorising a memorial to the Legislature to pass a Law condemning property &c. for the extension of the Belle-Air Market house," which originated in your Branch.

Yours Respectfully,
S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

The Second Branch returned the resolution authorising a memorial to Congress for an appropriation to deepen and improve the harbor, endorsed "Concurred in."

Also the report and resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the subject of placing indexes at the corner of streets &c. endorsed "Concurred in."

Also the resolution relative to the removal of Criminal cases for

for trial, endorsed "Concurred in."

A message was received from the Second branch, assenting to the proposed reference of the letting of R. Gilmor and the Register's answer thereto, to the Joint Committee of Ways and Means.

A Communication from the Board of Health, was received, read & laid on the table.

Mr. Hoop offered the following resolution, which was read, and concurred in:

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council: That the Committee on Police be directed to enquire into the expediency of memorializing the legislature to enact a Law giving full power to the City to sell at public sale all merchandize supposed to be stolen, which may be at any time in the hands of any officer appointed by the City or County or Sheriff, also any baggage at Steamboat or Rail Road depot, which has remained in either place twelve months uncalled for, the proceeds of the same to be paid over to the Register for the use of the Alms house.

The annual report of the Liberty Fire Company was received from the Mayor, read, and referred to the Committee on Fire Companies.

The Mayor returned the Bill entitled "a supplement to an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance relating to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company," approved May 3rd 1830," with the following message, which was read and laid on the table:

Mayor's Office,
January 20th 1840.

To the Members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council —

Gentlemen:-

A "Bill supplementary to the Ordinance relating to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company" has been passed by both Branches of the City Council, and sent to me for my approbation — Such an Ordinance is rendered necessary by the passage of an Act of the Assembly, by the Legislature of this State, at their last session, "Authorizing the City of Baltimore to appoint two Directors of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company," and the manner of exercising that power, being a new one, different from any that had previously existed under the Laws of the State, can only be regulated by Ordinance, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "A further supplement to the act, entitled an act, relating to the City of Baltimore" passed at December session of 1828, (see new edition of revised Ordinances, page 356)

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