Wednesday, February 5th 1840.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment — present Samuel Brady, Esq. President, and all the Members.

Mr. Keyser presented a petition from Luther Cox, adm. of Chas. Kent, deceased, praying to be refunded certain taxes erroneously paid to the City, which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Joseph Brown presented a petition from Wm. McCauley and others, praying that lamps may be erected along Hollins Street to the Market house, which was referred to the Committee on the Police.

Mr. Lucas presented a communication from Wm. L. Montgomery, suggesting the propriety of establishing a machine shop for the exclusive use of the City in making repairs of Fire Boats and Machines &c which was read and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Prout offered the following, which was read and concurred in.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Markets enquire into the expediency of extending the hours for holding the markets in the morning, to extend the same to eleven o'clock instead of ten as is now provided by Ordinance, and that they report to this Branch by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hanson offered the following order, which was read and concurred in.

Ordered by the First Branch of the City Council, That the Joint Committee on Markets, enquire into the expediency of changing the conditions of the 7th section of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance regulating the several Markets in this City, which Ordinance directs that Monday and Thursday of each week shall be the days for holding Market in the Belle-air Market.

Mr. Monmonier presented a petition from A. Worthington and others, praying for the opening of Monument Street &c. which being read, Mr. Monmonier moved to refer the same to the Committee on Streets. Mr. Watkins moved to amend the proposed reference by striking out "Committee on Streets" and inserting "City Commissioner," which last motion was dissented from, and that of Mr. Monmonier concurred in.

A report and resolution, relating the subject of Run

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alley to the Committee on Streets were received from the second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The second Branch returned the bill entitled "an Ordinance to continue in force a supplement to an additional supplement to an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance to regulate the several markets in the City of Baltimore," endorsed "bill pass."

The second Branch returned a message assenting to the reference proposed by this Branch of the Communication from James Wilson (of Howard Street) and James Whitefoad, City Directors in the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, to a Convention of both Branches of the Council.

A memorial from Joseph Herbert (pilot) and Isaac Taylor (master) of the Brig Ida, recently arrived at this port from Boston, praying exemption from a fine incurred through ignorance, by the violation of a certain Ordinance of the City of Baltimore, was received from the Mayor, read, and referred to the Committee on Health.

The two Branches met in Convention, and after a short time, the Convention rose, and the Branches separated.

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

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Streets, be directed to enquire whether the cross streets between the Union Dock and Mill street and south of Pratt street, are public streets, and if so, why the same are not kept open, and report to this Branch by bill or otherwise.

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

By Order

J. H. Moore Clerk.