Mayors Office.
February 13th 1840.

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

Gentlemen –

I have approved and signed "a resolution relative to the annual appropriation to the several Fire Companies in the City of Baltimore"; "a resolution relative to the memorial of Joseph Herbert master, and Isaac Tayla Pilot of the Brig Ida for release of fine" and "a resolution relative to a new floor in the house of the Keeper of the public walk," all of which originated in your Branch.

Yours, Respectfully,
S. C. Leakin Mayor.

Mr. Joseph Brown on leave introduced a bill entitled, "a supplement to an ordinance entitled an Ordinance for collecting the taxes of the City of Baltimore" approved May 22d, 1838, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and passed.

The Mayor communicated an account against the Corporation of the City from Henry S. Sanderson, late Sheriff of Baltimore County which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Mayor also communicated a letter from the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company, jointly inviting the members of the Corporate Authorities to take an Excursion in their new Boat Patapsco, to Annapolis on Saturday next for the purpose of trying her powers, which was read and on motion of Mr. Snyder, unanimously accepted, and a message sent to the Second Branch, referring the same to their consideration. The Second Branch returned a message stating their unanimous acceptance of the same.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to reimburse the Stock becoming due in the year 1840." was read the second time, Mr. Callam offered as a substitute, a bill entitled "An act relating to the Sinking Fund", which was read and accepted, passed and sent to the Second Branch.

Mr. Monmonier from the Committee submitted the following which was read and by special order the second time, concurred in, and sent to the Second Branch.

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The Joint Committee on Health to whom was referred the petition of John F. Poe and Edward Ridgely, asking an appropriation to the Baltimore General Dispensary, beg leave to report, that the prayer of the Petitioners appears reasonable and ought to be granted, they submit the following resolution.

John F. Monmonier, John L. Yeates, Francis Byrne — Committee of the First Branch.
William Keamey, William Barnet, James Graves — Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay to John F. Poe and Edward Ridgely, for the use of the General Dispensary, Four hundred dollars, to be taken out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

The resolution on the petition of James B. Bosley, Collector of fees on the inspection of green hides and skins, was returned by the Second Branch, and passed "Concurred in as reported by the Committee, and the amendment rejected". On the question of concurring in the rejection of the amendment aforesaid by the Second Branch, the yeas and nays were as follows.

Yeas – Messrs. Prudell, Walsh – 2.

Nays – Messrs. President, Landsman, Monmonier, Stansbury, Hoopes, Powel, Jackson, Hanson, Yeates, Mayer, Callam, Pinkney, Donovan, Lucas, Ryder, J. J. Brown, Snyder, Bender, Byrne, Keyser, Watkins, Jos Brown – 22.

Determined in the negative, and a message was accordingly sent to the Second Branch, stating their adherence to said proposed amendment.

Mr. Byrne presented a petition from Peter Lancaster and others, praying for the appointment of an additional Inspector of butter and lard, which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

On motion of Mr. Monmonier the report and accompanying Bills and estimates, made by the Committee of Ways and Means and taxes to be levied for the year 1840 were ordered to be published in all the daily newspapers of the City. Mr. Keyser moved a reconsideration of the above order which was agreed to, and on motion of Mr. Yeates, the subject was laid on the table.

/ Mr. Landsman /