Samuel Jones, Jr. } Committee of the
William Keaney } Second Branch.

February 26th 1840.

Mr. Landeman from the Committee on the Harbor reported the following bill, which was read and laid on the table, viz. a bill entitled "A further supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to preserve the navigation of the Harbor of Baltimore, appoint Port Wardens, and Harbor Masters, and prescribe their duties."

The resolution on the petition of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company, asking to borrow a certain amount of City six per cent. stock to complete their new Ice Boat, was returned from the Second Branch, endorsed "dissented from", and a substitute in lieu thereof received from said Branch authorizing the Commissioners of Finance to issue and pay over as a loan to said Company Certificates of City Stock, to the amount of $25.000, bearing an interest of 6 per cent. in anticipation of the State's Subscription to the Capital Stock of said Company - which substitute was read, and laid on the table.

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled "An act relating to the sinking fund", endorsed "dissented from" - and the original bill for which the above was substituted, entitled "An Ordinance to reimburse the stock becoming due in the year 1840" endorsed "bill passed." On motion of Mr. Joseph Brown a message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing a Committee of Conference on the said Bills, and naming on the part of this Branch, Messrs Brown, Dallam, and Keyser; the Second Branch assented, and appointed Messrs. Jones, Harden and Hook on their part.

The Second Branch returned the bill entitled "An Ordinance for the appointment of Inspectors of white and red oak staves and heading in the City of Baltimore", endorsed "bill passed."

The following message was received from the Mayor.

Mayor's Office
February 27th 1840

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

(Gentlemen)

Gentlemen -

I have approved and signed "A further supplement to an Ordinance to preserve the navigation of the Harbor of Baltimore, appoint Port Wardens, and Harbor Masters, and prescribe their duties"; "a supplement to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance for collecting the Tax of the City of Baltimore, approved May 22d 1838"; and "a resolution appropriating a certain sum of money for expenditures in maintaining the quiet of the City in August last" all of which originated in your Branch.

Yours, Respectfully,
S. G. Leakin, Mayor.

The resolution relative to reducing the price of Fire Plugs &c. was read the second time. Mr. Hanson moved to recommit the same with instructions to enquire of any other party a person competent to give information on the subject, which motion prevailed.

The following Bills were returned by the Second Branch severally endorsed "bill passed", viz.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, and for the City Poor in the Poor house of Baltimore City and County."

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain expenses of the County, Coroners, Jail &c."

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools in the City of Baltimore."

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1840."

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and Bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore."

The bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the interest on loans obtained by the City for the purpose of prosecuting the works of Internal Improvements: and

The bill entitled "An Ordinance relative to deaf, dumb and blind persons residing in the City of Baltimore."

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

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