of the City, the cost so far exceeded expectation, that they believed the improvement not to be worth its expectation the neighborhood, they therefore petitioned the Council to stay the proceeding relating to said Alley, pledging themselves to pay the expenses which have accrued. The Council did in accordance with the wishes of the Petitioners, pass an Ordinance to prevent the widening of said Alley, provided the Petitioners would pay the expenses against the second Monday in January, 1838; but the parties finding it impossible to collect the money from some of those who were interested, without Law to aid them; they therefore thought proper to apply to the Legislature for the passage of a Law, to repeal all Acts relating to Sam Alley, and to authorize the City to collect the money to pay the expenses accrued in the same manner as if said Alley had been widened; the parties which were appointed to carry into effect the Ordinance authorizing the widening of said Alley, sued the City, obtained Judgment, and the City was compelled to pay the same, amounting to Twelve thousand dollars. The only question therefore, which remains for the Council to settle is, how can the City be paid for the advances which have been made by the Corporation. After all the circumstances appertaining to this subject have been considered by your Committee, the only plan which they can recommend at present is to pass an Ordinance to collect the expense as directed by the repealing Act which will accord with the wishes of a very large majority of those interested, as there are but fourteen persons who have petitioned in opposition to the repealing Act, and we believe they are not opposed to it provided they are not called on to pay any expense. Your Committee therefore ask permission to submit the following Ordinance.

J. Wesley Watkins, } Committee of the
Godfrey Meyer, } First Branch
John B. Stansbury }
Wm J. Wright } Com. Second Branch

Mr. Duncan presented a petition from John Gill & others asking for the opening of Monument Street from Howard to Roper streets, which was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

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The Preamble and resolutions from the second Branch relative to the issue of City Certificates being the order of the day, were called up for consideration by Mr. Brown and read; the amendment proposed by Mr. Yeates thereto was negatived by the following vote.

Yeas – Messrs. Walsh, Hanson, Yeates, Meyer, Dallam, Pinkney, Dryden, Jno. J. Brown, Brown, Keyser – 10.

Nays – Messrs. President, Landerman, Monumonier, Stansbury, Hooper, Prindell, Powel, Jackson, Donovan, Lucas, Duncan, Bender, Watkins, Joseph Brown – 14.

The question was then taken on the Preamble and resolutions as received from the second Branch and decided in the negative by the following vote.

Yeas – Messrs. Walsh, Watkins – 2.

Nays – Messrs. President, Landerman, Monumonier, Stansbury, Hooper, Prindell, Powel, Jackson, Hanson, Yeates, Meyer, Dallam, Pinkney, Donovan, Lucas, Dryden, J. J. Brown, Duncan, Bender, Brown, Keyser, Jos. Brown – 22.

The following message was received from the Mayor, & read.

Mayor's Office
March 2nd 1840.

To the Members of the first Branch of the City Council
Gentlemen:

I have approved and signed "An Ordinance relation to deaf, dumb, and blind persons residing in the City of Baltimore"; a "Supplement to an Ordinance relative to Officers of the City"; "A resolution relative to Charles Hanson, granting him leave to remove the improvements from a lot on the City Block"; a "resolution requiring the City Collector to collect the arrears of of taxes due as per his report in January last"; a "resolution relative to an alteration in Nutter Street at the intersection of Bath Street"; and a "resolution relative to, and releasing from taxation the Mr. Kim free School"; all of which originated in your Branch.

Yours Respectfully
S. C. Leakin, Mayor.

The two Branches met in Convention and after a short session the Convention rose, and the Branches seperated.

Mr. Dallam moved an adjournment, which was carried

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