Monday January 11th 1841

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment - present Henry Snyder Esq.e president, and all the members except Messrs Ballam J. S. Brown & Burns

Mr Hack presented a petition from Robert Jarrett & sons & others praying the appointment of an additional Inspector of land & butter, which was read, and referred to the joint Committee on Commerce.

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

Resolved that the Committee on the Harbor be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having the obstructions now existing in Jones falls between Alice Anna Street (Fells point) bridge and its junction with the basin, consisting of a steam boat and raft removed.

The following message was received from the second Branch and read,

In Second Branch
January 11th 1841

Gentlemen of the First Branch

We have appointed on the part of this Branch, Messrs Boyd, Reaney and Wright, the committee relative to the division of the wards, and Messrs Warden Lucas & Hack on the committee relative to the collection of taxes

By order A. H. Pennington C.R.

Mr Pinkney offered the following resolution, which was read a first and second time.

Resolved by the first Branch of the city Council that the City Commissioners furnish to this Branch the amount paid by the city for repairing paved, and Cross streets from the year 1835 to 31st December 1840.

On motion of Mr Pinkney all after the word resolved were stricken out and the following was inserted which was read & concurred in.

By the first Branch of the City Council that the City Commissioners furnish to this Branch the amount paid by the City for repairing paved streets also the amount paid by the city for repairing paved sheets, also the amount paid by the City for repairing

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cross streets, and the amount paid for repairs of paved streets in each and every year from 1835 to 31st December 1840, shewing seperately the amount paid for each of the above objects.

A Communication was received from J. S. Eastman through the Mayor in relation to opening Sharp Street which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

The following communication with the accompanying documents was received from the Register of the city the communication was read and on motion of Mr Keyser the whole were ordered to be printed in the journal, and a message sent to the second Branch, proposing to refer the same to the Joint committee on ways & means.

City Registers office Balto Jany 11th 1841

To the First and Second
Branches of the City Council

Gentlemen, At the last session of the Council a resolution was adopted requiring the Register to open a correspondence with the Mayors or other officers of the corporations of Philadelphia New York & Boston, making enquiry into the system of taxation pursued in these cities respectively.

In compliance with said resolution I addressed a communication a copy of which is herewith enclosed to the Mayors of New York & Boston respectively, and also to the Treasurer of Philadelphia, copies of which accompany this report, the continued severe indisposition of the Mayor of New York is doubtless the reason why an answer has not been received from him

Very respectfully submitted
Jesse Hunt Register

City Registers Office Baltimore Jany
November 23rd 1840

Honorable Isaac L. Varian, Mayor of the city of New York

Sir

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