Friday January 15th 1841

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment Present Henry Snyder Esq President and all the members except Messrs Burns & Gregory.

Mr Hoch presented a petition from John Durham & others relative to flaxseed casks, counter to the petition of C & Winks & others which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on Commerce.

Mr Bender presented a petition from Michael Gallagher praying for the passage of an ordinance to permit him to continue the soap and candle manufacturing business which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on health.

Mr Bender presented the annual report of the Howard fire company which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on fire companies.

The second Branch returned the resolution relative to licensing hucksters & wood endorsed concurred in.

On motion of Mr Pinkney the Branch resumed the consideration of the report & resolution of the majority of the Joint Committee on police relative to Metallic roofs which was read the second time and concurred in.

On motion of Mr Keyser the communication from the city Commissioners relative to costs of repairing streets &c which was referred to the Joint committee on streets.

On motion of Mr Pinkney the Branch resumed the consideration of the resolution and a bill entitled a supplement to an act relating to the city of Baltimore passed December session 1817

On motion of Mr Keyser the same was laid on the table.

Mr Hanson from the Joint Committee on the Harbour submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first and by special order a second time concurred in and sent to the second Branch.

The Joint Committee on the Harbour to whom was referred an order of enquiry relative to a sunken

vessel on the south side of the bason with the reply of the port wardens to that call report that they have examined the 32 section of an ordinance entitled an ordinance to preserve the navigation of the harbor of Baltimore to appoint port Wardens and harbor masters and prescribe their duties as referred to in said call, and find that ample powers now exist in the port Wardens by giving to the owner or owners of such vessel for the removal of such obstruction, therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Wm H Hanson Jos Ramsay John S Brown Com. First Branch

James Bayne Saml Boyd Wm Barnett Com. Second Branch

Resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject and that the same be referred to the port Wardens for their immediate attention.

A message was received from the second Branch, proposing that when the councils adjourn this evening they adjourn until Monday afternoon next, this Branch assented and informed the second Branch by message.

The annual report of the Liberty fire company was received through the Mayor and referred to the Joint Committee on fire companies.

On motion of Mr Keyser the Branch again resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled a further supplement to an ordinance to appoint superintendents of pipes and pumps, On motion of Mr Potter the words twelve months in the sixth line were stricken out and three substituted.

On motion of Mr Keyser the blank in the 4th line second section was filled with $200 & in dollars in the 5th line, Mr Pinkney moved the blank to be filled with $10.00. the question was then put on the motion of Mr Keyser being the largest amount and decided in the affirmative. Mr Potter moved the blank in the 10th line second section be filled up with the word December being the latest day. Mr Keyser moved the blank be filled with the word "October" which was carried. Mr Fields moved to lay the bill on the table which was lost. Mr Fields moved to reconsider the first section which was lost by the following vote the ayes and nays being called for by Mr Bender

Yeas Messrs Fields Hanson Pinkney & Hoch 4

Nays Messrs President Tuby Myers Kenney Gooch Rollin Blakeney Potter Dougherty Bordstine Colebaltum John S Brown Donovan Dryden John H Brown Bender Keyser 18. The Bill as amended was then passed by the