Friday March 12th 1841.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment present Henry Snyder Esquire President and all the members except Mr Ryden.

The following communication was received from the mayor and read

Mayors office March 11th 1841

To the Members of the Next Branch City Council

Gentlemen I have approved and signed a resolution in favor of Thomas Redgitmore, also a resolution in favor of Bull & Little both of which having originated in your branch

Respectfully Sam. Brady Mayor

A Communication was received from the City Comrs relating to the cost of repairing Belvidere street bridge which was ordered referred to the Joint Committee on bridges

On motion of Mr Weller the branch resumed the consideration of Bill No 31 relative to filling water carts from pumps attached to the reservoir at Fells point market which was read a second time & amended by striking out the word of in the 6th line & inserting the words not exceeding twenty

The bill as amended was then passed

Mr Pinkney offered the following resolution which was read and on motion of Mr Weller laid on the table and afterwards he obtained permission to withdraw the same

Resolved that the Committee on bridges report to this branch the reasons which have prevented the Committee from reporting upon a resolution of the Council relative to the bridge at Gay street passed 15th January 1841.

Mr Pinkney from the Joint Committee on claims submitted the following report and resolution

The Joint Committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Robert Hickley and others praying to be released from the payment of a pump tax which they allege has been improperly assessed to them by the City Commissioner for the erection of a pump at the intersection of Franklin street and Long alley begleave to report that after a careful examination of the subject they are of opinion that the number of property holders applying for the erection of said pump was less than is required by the ordinances of the city, and therefore any assessment under such ordinances on the parties now petitioning the Council for relief was illegal & therefore void

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Wm Pinkney L Hiller Wm A Hook Com of Branch

Resolved by the mayor and City Council of Baltimore that Robert Hickley Saml Smith Charles Clemens & Richard Dendle and they are hereby released from the payment of any assessment charged to them for the erection of a pump at the south west corner of Franklin street and Long alley now called Jack street which were read a first and by special unanimous time & concurred in by the following vote the yeas & nays being called for by Mr Keyser

Yeas Messrs President Seeley Myers Ramsay Nelson Smith Blakeney Hiller DeSoughey Brinkhow Dallam Pinkney Williams Monroe Bowles Hook Keyser 18.

Nays Messrs Cole Burns Keyser 3.

A Message was received from the second Branch concurring to the message of this branch to adjourn until Monday afternoon next and that they adjourn sine die on the 19th Inst.

Bill No 25 to collect a direct tax for 1841 was received from the second Branch and read Will pass

On motion of Mr Pinkney the resolution on the petition of Chas R Barney & others was called up and on motion of Mr Keyser was laid on the table

Mr Weller from the Joint Committee on claims submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first second time & concurred in The undersigned being a part of the Committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Charles R Barney & others for refunding monies heretofore paid by them for paving done in Hollins street in consequence of Parkin street having been at a subsequent period condemned & opened as a public highway begleave to differ with the chairman and minority of the Committee on claims & think that the aforesaid petitioners have no claims whatever on this corporation for refunding monies set forth in their application & ask leave to offer the following resolution

L Weller Wm A Hook Com of Branch

Resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject

The report & resolution offered by the chairman of the Joint Committee on claims were dissented from.

The following reports & resolutions were received from the second Branch severally endorsed concurred in.

The report & resolution of the Joint Committee on claims