Wednesday February 16th 1842.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Henry Snyder Esquire president and all the members except Messrs Blakeney, Tugent & Brent absent.

Mr Stack presented a petition from the Hibernia fire company asking an appropriation for the purpose of liquidating a claim against said company which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on fire &c.

The president presented a petition from William Carmichael & other butchers asking certain alterations in the ordinance regulating the several markets in the city of Baltimore which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on markets.

Mr Cole called up the resolution authorising the erecting of a shed at the south end of the Belle air market house which was read a second time & referred to the Joint Committee on markets.

A communication was received from the City Commissioners relative to the sewers at the corner of Gilliday & Bath streets which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on streets.

A message was received from the Second Branch requesting this branch to return to them the resolution of the Joint Committee on streets in the petition of C R Barney & others, this branch concurred therein and returned the same.

Mr McCormick presented a petition with a claim of Michael Hefer for printing the ordinance for drainage of the City into Jones Falls which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on claims.

Mr McCormick from the Joint Committee on health submitted the following report and resolution which were read & first by special order a second time & concurred in.

The Joint Committee on health having had their attention directed to that portion of the Health ordinance that relates to the admission of vessels into port have discovered in them a most lamentable defect in regard to sick passengers who may come during the period in which these laws are in operation. Your Committee are convinced

that the quarantine regulations of the port are not fully adequate to their demands as they need be the defect complained of is that no provision has been made to shelter in hospital such unfortunate beings as may arrive here in a state of disease and for whom comfort and relief is essential they should be immediately removed from the crowded hold of the vessel.

During the past season a concurrent authority prevailing the pressing demand therefore for such provision either by building a suitable receptacle within convenient distance of the quarantine ground or by making a proper effort to obtain the use of the government building at the Lazaretto known as the public stone house on Lazaretto point.

A knowledge of the importance of that building to the General Government in point of fact may be learned from the annexed communication of the Deputy Collector. Your committee incline to the belief that on certain conditions the use of it would be granted to the corporation as a remedy for the defect in question. For the purpose of being more thoroughly informed upon this matter the passage of the following resolution respectfully is recommended. J W McCormick J Pringey J Schumann Com. on B R

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Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the mayor & presidents of both branches of the City Council be requested to address a letter to representatives in Congress requesting them with all the delay consistible to execution of the public building on Lazaretto point could be used by the corporation as place of shelter for sick emigrants during the season of quarantine respon what conditions it could be so used.

Mr Stack presented a petition from John Ruth inspector of hay and weighing measures praying the passage of an ordinance to regulate the size of a bushel and quarter peck measures which was read & referred to the Joint Committee on police.

Mr Rochester offered a resolution directing the City Commissioners to be instructed to inquire into the expediency of lighting the City better lighted which was read & concurred in.

Mr McCormick called up the resolution