Monday March 21st 1842

The branch met pursuant to adjournment. Present J. McConnell Esquire president pro tem and all the members except Messrs Pendergast, Bradshaw & Taylor.

Mr Cole presented a petition from Thomas Cowley praying the refunding of certain taxes overpaid by him which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on claims.

Mr Ludlow presented a petition from Manl. W. Tolson praying the removal of a nuisance in the rear of Fennon street which was read & referred to the Joint committee on streets.

Mr Ludlow presented a petition from Isaiah Martin and others praying to have Cantland street from Franklin to centre streets opened which was read & referred to the Joint committee on streets.

Mr Tugwell presented a petition from Frederick Gray and others asking to be paid for certain passing. done by him which was read and referred to the Joint committee on claims.

Mr Tugwell presented a petition from the mechanical fire company relative to alarm bells which was read and referred to the Joint Committee on fire companies.

An ordinance to provide for the payment of certain expenses of Baltimore County Court &c was returned from the second branch endorsed will pass with a proposed amendment. amendment proposed strike out in third line six and insert five.

Bill No 17 was returned from the second branch endorsed will pass with the proposed amendment, which was in first section 2nd line strike out "five" insert "one & 4" which was concurred in by this branch.

An ordinance to levy the real & ledge taxes, and a bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate the second markets in our city" was returned from the second branch endorsed "will pass"

The report and resolution of the Joint Committee on ways & means on the communication from the President of the Franklin Bank, and the report & resolution of the Joint Committee on ways & means on the petition of McCormick & others

were returned from the second branch concurred in & endorsed concurred in.

A communication was received from the City Commissioner relative to a site for a market house in the south west section of the city which was read & referred to the Joint committee on markets.

The following communication was received from the ~~City Commissioner relative to a site for a market house in the south west section of the City~~ Mayor & read

Mayors office March 21st 1842

Gentlemen of the 1st Branch. I have approved and signed a resolution authorizing the fence around the park to be repaired under the direction of the City Commissioner & a resolution relating to an obstruction at the corner of Canal and monument streets, both of which originated in your branch

very respectfully Henry Taylor Jr Mayor

Mr Tugwell called for bill No 33 which was read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr Brezey submitted the following resolution which was read. Resolved by the 1st Branch of the City Council, that any rule or usage heretofore adhered to by this branch, prohibiting the same to amend, alter or substitute a bill or resolution emanating from a joint committee of conference be and the same is hereby suspended.

Mr Cole moved to strike out the word "first branch" and insert "both branches" which was concurred in. The resolution as amended was lost.

The branch then resumed the consideration of bill No 33 and will not pass by the following vote, the yeas & nays being called for by Mr Brezey. Ayes Messrs J. Ramsay, F. Ramsay, Richardson, Taylor, Tugwell, Greenfield, Pendergast, Dashiell. 8

Nays Messrs President, Sauerwein, Roberts, Hartshorn, Blakeney, Cole, Ludlow, Schwamm, Norris, Quinn, Timon, Brezey, Hack, Zimmerman 15.

Mr Tugwell asked & obtained leave to offer a bill entitled a supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance relative to the public debt of the city of Baltimore, which was read a first & by special order a second time.

Mr Brezey moved to fill the blank in the 7th line third section with $2000 Mr Blakeney $1500 Mr Ludlow $2100 Mr Rechardson $1700 Mr Greenfield $1800 Mr Timon $1900. The question was taken on $2100. and decided in the negative by the following vote Yeas 7. nays 15. The question was