Thursday March 24th 1842

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present J McConnell Esquire President pro tem, and all the members except messrs Hindeyart, Bradshaw Sadler, Towson, Fogle & Roberts.

The amendment to the resolution relating to Mary Sotten was read a second time and concurred in.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Mayors office March 24. 1842

To the members of the First Branch City Council. Gentlemen, I have approved and signed "an ordinance to provide for the payment of the interest of loans allowed by the City for the purpose of prosecuting the works of intended improvements" also an ordinance to lay & collect a tax for the year 1842. Also a resolution relating to the salary of the Treasurer to the board of School Commissioners. All of which originated in your branch

Very respectfully Henry Snyder Ex officio Mayor

Mr Sandeman from the Joint Committee of ways & means submitted the following report & resolution which were read a first & by special order a second time & laid on the table.

The Joint Committee of ways & means to whom was referred the communication from the register in relation to certain acts of the Legislature passed at its recent session have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the following resolution

Henry R Sandeman Wm A Wade 1st Branch

P S Gittings Saml Jones Jr W S Wright 2nd "

Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the register of the city be and he is hereby authorised and directed to conform to the opinion of the Counsellor of the city, in discharge of the duties required of him by the provisions of the act of assembly of Maryland passed at December session 1841 entitled a supplement to an act for the general valuation and assessment of the property of this state and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the state — and also an act entitled an act to raise additional revenue to aid in paying the debts of the state by laying a tax on salaries incomes emoluments & profits.

A message was received from the second branch adhering to their amendments made to bill No 22 and asking for a committee of conference on the same & appointing on their part Mess Gittings Jones & Bender. The branch assented and appointed Messrs Sandeman Rechester & Slindecumb on their part.

Mr Sandeman from the Joint committee of ways & means submitted the following report and resolution which were read a first & by special order a second time & concurred in.

The Joint Committee of ways and means to whom was referred the communication from the school commissioners in relation to the amount of railroad orders now in their possession, which they ask the councils to permit them to return to the register and have the amount placed to the credit of the public schools, have had the same under consideration and of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to legislate on the subject, they therefore offer the following resolution respectfully submitted

H R Sandeman Wm A Wade Committee 1st Branch

P S Gittings Saml Jones Jr W S Wright " 2d "

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

Mr Cole asked & obtained leave to offer a bill allowing the register to grant a license to any person occupying a butchers stall which was read a first time.

Mr Cole asked & obtained leave to offer the following resolution which was read a first time.

Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners with the approbation of the mayor, be and they are hereby authorised to have the footways in front of any property belonging to the city, paved, repaved or repaired, as in the Judgment of said Commissioners the public convenience may require, and that the register pay out of any unappropriated money in the treasury to the order of the City Commissioners, the amount necessary to pay for work done by authority of this resolution.

Mr Cole asked and obtained leave to offer the following resolution which was read a first time.

Resolved by the mayor & City Council of Baltimore that from and after the passage of this resolution the watchmen of the city shall receive $35 per month as compensation for their services.

On motion of Mr Hoss a message was sent to the second branch requesting them to reconsider the report & resolution of the Joint Committee in strike out the