from the second Branch, severally endorsed "concurred in"

The Second Branch, by message, assented to the appointment of a joint committee to meet the Commissioners of Baltimore County, relative to the jail — and naming on their part, Messrs Richardson, Essender and Forman as the committee.

The Second Branch, by message, assented to the reference of Bill No. 5. to a joint committee of conference, and naming on their part, Messrs Barnes, Wright and Boyd.

The Second Branch, by message, assented to the appointment of a joint committee on the subject of a re-organization of the wards of the City, — and naming on their part Messrs Wright, Collins and Lauderman.

Mr Purviance from the committee, submitted the following report: which was read a first and by special order a second time and adopted.

The joint committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Sellman & Crook, asking to be refunded for taxes paid by them on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Stock, and on Farmers and Merchants Bank Stock, report, That so far as refunding the amount paid on the Rail Road Stock, the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted; that with reference to refunding the amount paid on the bank Stock, your committee are not prepared to recommend a compliance with it. It certainly involves a very important question to the City, and requires all the consideration which a just regard to her rights and interests demand. Your committee respectfully suggest, that the Register of the City be required to obtain for the Council, a copy of the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, which negatives the power of the State to tax the Stock of certain incorporated banks, for a limited time; and that the Counsel for the City be required to give his opinion, whether the opinion of said Court can apply to the exercise of the right, on the part of the City, to tax said Stock under the general power given by the Legislature, in different acts of Assembly, authorising the corporation to tax the personal property of Baltimore, to aid in the internal improvements which were authorised by said acts. In conformity to this report, the committee offer the subjoined resolutions.

Robert Purviance
Wm F. Leonard
Rich'd Marley
Committee First Branch

W. S. Wright
Samuel Barnes
B. S. Richardson
Committee of the Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore That the Register be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to Sellman & Crook, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, twenty four dollars and fourteen cents; being for the sum overpaid by them, as taxes, on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Stock.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the Register of the city be requested to obtain, and transmit, for the use of the City Council, the opinion lately delivered by the Supreme Court of the United States, which relates to the taxation, by the State of Maryland, on certain incorporated banks.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, That the Counsel of the city be requested to give his opinion, whether the opinion lately delivered by the Supreme Court of the United States, touching the right of the State of Maryland to tax certain incorporated banks, does apply to the exercise of the right, on the part of the City of Baltimore, to tax said stock under different acts of Assembly authorising the corporation to tax the personal property of said City, to aid in the internal improvements authorised by said acts.

Mr Hudson, on leave, submitted the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order the second time, and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and fifteen dollars and nine cents; being the amount of bills for carpeting and repairs, in the chambers of the two branches of the City Council.

Mr Dallam, presented a petition from George Gordon Bell, former Counsellor for the City, praying compensation for extra services performed by him. — which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mr Breck offered the following resolution, which was read a first and by special order a second time and adopted.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the City