Wednesday February 25th 1846.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Jacob I. Cohen Junr. Esq President, and all the members, except Messrs Neilson and Watkins

The resignation of Addi Pindell as a member of this Branch, was read and accepted.

Mr Colton presented a petition from John T. Davis asking permission to alter a frame house, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Davis presented a petition from Christian Kaner relative to paving streets, which was read.

Mr Davis moved that a message be sent to the Second Branch proposing to refer the petition to a joint select committee, which was determined in the negative.

The petition was then referred to the joint committee on streets.

A communication was received from the Mayor addressed to the "First and Second Branches of the City Council in convention assembled"

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

The joint committee on health, to whom was referred the petition of William Doan and others for the removal of the quarantine, have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that its removal is unnecessary at the present time, and offer the following resolution.

Jas Buchanan — John Keene
T. J. Turner — Hugh Bolton
Edward O'Leary — Elias Ware Jr
First Branch — Second Branch

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr Davis from the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

The joint committee on bridges to whom was referred a recommendation from the joint committee appointed to examine the accounts of the City Commissioners and portwardens, recommending an appropriation for the purchase of oak timber for the repairs of the City bridges, have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the purchase of timber, to be piled and seasoned before it is used will be a considerable saving to the city. They therefore recommend the

the passage of the following resolution.

Michael Groff — John Green Jr
Geo. A. Davis — Elias Ware Jr
Wm Colton — Hugh Bolton
First Branch. — Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners and port wardens, be and they are hereby authorised to contract for and purchase for the use of the city, oak timber for the repairs of bridges, and that they draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for the same; one hundred dollars of this amount to be taken out of the tax received from highways and bridges, and the residue of four hundred dollars out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Dutton offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the directors on the part of the City in the Baltimore and Chesapeake Steam Towing Company, be requested to report to this Branch, whether the boats of said Company, or either of them, have been employed in the service required by section 3d. of Ordinance No 35. approved April 21. 1843. with an account of the service performed, the expense attending the same, and the amount of revenue produced from that source. Also, to report the annual expenses of the company their present liabilities and the condition of the boats.

Mr Collins on leave offered the following resolution which was read and laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That hereafter it shall not be lawful for any member of the City Council to be appointed to fill any office held under the appointment of the Mayor and City Council, during the term for which he was elected a member of the City Council.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint committee on streets on the petition of John Lester;

The report and resolution from the joint committee on water on the petition of Solomon Miller; and

The report and resolution from the joint committee on fire companies on the petition of James T. Jackson, severally endorsed "concurred in"

The Second Branch returned bill No 21. entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of the Watch house, at the corner of Bank and Bethel Streets," endorsed "will pass"

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