In First Branch
Baltimore, March 23, 1846

Gentlemen of the Second Branch.

We propose, with the concurrence of your honorable body that the Councils adjourn on Friday next, the 27th Inst. to Wednesday afternoon the 15th April to receive and act on any communication the Mayor may have to make to the Councils, and if none, on that day to adjourn sine die.

On motion of Mr Watkins the message was laid on the table.

Mr Bishop presented a petition from Moses Shepard praying to be refunded certain taxes paid by him, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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

The joint committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of S. B. Nicholson asking to be refunded taxes erroneously paid, respectfully report, that they cannot recommend any favourable action upon the subject. An appeal having been taken to the decision of the Supreme Court, as to the right of the city to tax Stock in certain banks incorporated by the State, and until that issue is decided by the Court of Appeals, your committee respectfully report the following resolution.

William A. Hack — Wm J. Baker
N. Hickman — B. H. Richardson
Felix McCauley — John Green Jr.
First Branch, — Second Branch.

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

Mr Brown from the committee submitted the following report and a bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the appointment of a Collector of the City of Baltimore and prescribing his duties" which were read and laid on the table.

The joint committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the communication of the City Collector, have given the subject their consideration, and believing that it will be conducive to the public interests to have a book specially kept in which to enter the Stock account of incorporated institutions; and as the opening of such special book will add considerable labour to the office of the collector, they therefore respectfully submit to the consideration of the Council the accompanying ordinance

John S. Brown — B. H. Richardson
T. Yates Walsh — C. R. Sonderman
Wm. M. Starr — William J. Baker
First Branch — Second Branch

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

The joint committee on police to whom was referred the petition of Wm Burton, Bailiff of Baltimore City Court, beg leave to report, that the petition belongs properly to the consideration of the joint committee on claims, and submit the following resolution

Wm M. Starr
William J. Hack — B. H. Richardson
John Dutton — Henry Myers
Committee of the First Branch — Committee of the Second Branch.

Resolved, That the said petition be referred to the joint committee on claims.

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

The joint committee on police to whom was referred the bill passed in the Second Branch, entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance relative to swine in the City of Baltimore", beg leave to report, that they cannot agree, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Wm M. Starr
John Dutton — Henry Myers
William J. Hack
Committee of the First Branch — Committee of the Second Branch.

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

Mr Collins called up bill No 38, entitled "A further supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the appointment of high constable and to regulate his compensation".

On motion of Mr Buchanan the proposed amendment was "concurred in"

Mr Watkins called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets, relative to stepping stones in Low Street.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Watkins called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on streets, relative to the tunnelling of Gay Street.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Davis called for the second reading of the resolution attached to the report of the joint committee on water, relative to a fire plug at the corner of Eutaw and Hope Streets.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr Davis called for the second reading of the resolution attached

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