Tuesday, March 24. 1846

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - Jacob I. Cohen Junr Esq President, and all the members except Messrs Nelson, Dutton and Turner.

The Second Branch returned the report and resolution from the joint committee on streets, relative to tunnelling Run Alley, endorsed concurred in with proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed - Strike out in the first resolution all after the word "line" in the 18th line, to the word alley inclusive in the 25th line" Add at the end of the first resolution the following

"And provided further, that in no case shall the grade of Saratoga street, east of said Run alley, be raised or altered beyond the actual necessary curve for said tunnel, without the consent of the several property holders binding on said street, between said alley and Pearl street, be first had and obtained."

Strike out the present second resolution, and insert the following as a new second resolution.

"And be it further resolved, That the Register of the city be, and he is hereby authorised, with the approbation of the Mayor, to pay to the order of the City Commissioners for the tunnelling of said alley, the sum of four thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated arising from the levy for ground tax for the year 1847: Provided that Henry Rieman, George Austen, Allen Paine, Robert Mickle and such others as may unite with them, shall give bond and security in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the Mayor, conditioned that in no case shall the corporate authorities of the city be at any further cost or charge for said tunnel, the paving or grading the cross streets, or for any other purpose connected with the tunnelling of said alley, more than the amount hereby appropriated, - but that they, the parties of the bond above named, shall at their own proper cost and charge, complete in every respect the said tunnel, raise the grades, and pave the streets, and do all other thing necessary for its entire safety and completion, according to the provisions heretofore prescribed."

Mr O'Leary presented a petition from Joshua Cromwell, asking to be allowed for damages incurred to his property by altering the grade of Sun Street, which was read and referred to the joint committee on streets.

Mr Walsh presented a petition from Henry S. Pentz and others holding stalls in the Belle Air Market, praying that measures may be taken to purchase ground on the East side of the Market for the purpose of widening said market, which was read and referred to the joint committee

committee on markets, with instructions to make the necessary enquiry.

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

The joint committee on streets, to whom was referred a resolution of the First Branch of the City Council, directing them to enquire into the expediency of gravelling Castle Alley, report: that they have examined the premises and do not believe it to be the business of the city to gravel or grade the same; and ask permission to submit the following resolution

Henry Myers
John Green Jr
Isaac M. Denson
Committee of the Second Branch

J. Wesley Watkins
Geo. A. Davis
Committee of the First Branch

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

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

Resolved, That the committee on health be directed to inquire into the propriety of appointing (at a small salary) a clerk to the Board of Health; and report to this Branch if the duties could not be more thoroughly attended to under such an arrangement, than by compelling them to furnish a clerk from the Board.

Mr Brown called up bill No 67. entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the appointment of a collector of the City of Baltimore, and prescribing his duties."

Mr Collins moved to amend the bill by adding at the end thereof, the words "provided that the office thus created shall expire on the first of April 1847" - which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins:

Yeas. - Messrs O'Leary, Hickman, Collins, Watkins, Davis, Hooper, M'Cauley and Grove - 8.

Nays - Messrs President, Colton, Walsh, Bishop, Foran, Buchanan, Starr, Brown and Stack - 9.

The bill being on its passage, was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for by Mr O'Leary

Yeas. - Messrs President, Colton, Walsh, Bishop, Foran, Collins, Buchanan, Starr, Brown and Stack. - 10.

Nays - Messrs O'Leary, Hickman, Watkins, Davis, Hooper, M'Cauley and Grove - 7.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on police relative to huckstering wood &c. were received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.

The report and resolution from the joint committee on the harbor

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