We have thus given our views on this subject, because we believe property holders should always have the privilege of paving by private contract, provided, their work is done according to law, but in this case we believe the Council has no power to act.

We therefore submit the following resolution.

J. Wesley Watkins — John Green Jr
Wm Colton — Isaac M. Denson

Committee of the First Branch — Committee of the 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 minority of the joint committee on streets, to whom was refered a communication from Christian Keener, complaining of the manner in which the contract for paving Sharp Street, between Little Montgomery street and the Southernmost side of Stockholm street, as determined on upon the 18th of December 1845, by the City Commissioners, report: that they have carefully examined the same and are of the opinion that the ordinance under which the City Commissioners acted gave to the proprietors of a majority of the feet of ground between the points designated in their application addressed to the City Commissioners, the right of making a private contract, and having maturely investigated the whole subject matter, your committee are of opinion that the City Commissioners acted correctly, and that they could not consistent with the provisions of the ordinance under which they acted, have arrived at any other decision than the one they adopted. Entertaining those views, your committee submit the following resolution.

Geo. A. Davis — Henry Myers
First Branch — Second Branch.

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

Mr Colton called for the second reading of the resolution relative to removing the trees and curbstones in the centre of Broadway.

Mr Colton moved to fill the blank with "twenty five" which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was lost.

The following message was received from the Second Branch

In Second Branch Baltimore May 1. 1846

Gentlemen of the First Branch

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence

concurrence, that when the Council adjourn this evening it stands adjourned until Tuesday the 5th inst, and on that day adjourn over until Tuesday the 12th inst, and on that day adjourn sine die.

By order,
A. H. Pennington Clerk.

Mr Watkins moved to concur in so much of the message as proposes to adjourn until Tuesday afternoon next, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Collins moved to concur in the remaining portion of the message, which was determined in the negative by the following vote the yeas and nays being called for by Mr Collins.

Yeas. — Messrs Collins and Starr — 2.

Nays. — Messrs President, Colton, O'Leary, Walsh, Hightman, Bishop, Turner, Doran, Watkins, Buchanan, Davis, Hooper, Brown, McCurley, Hack and Grove. 16.

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

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That in no case shall the Board of Health, grant permission under the authority of the resolution passed at the present session of the Council, providing for the erection of slaughter houses, or any other resolution or ordinance, to any person or persons to erect any slaughter house or houses or soap and candle manufactory, or suffer any house now erected, and not already used as such, to be used for such purposes within the limits of the City, until at least a majority of the property holders in the neighborhood of the same, shall consent thereto by writing.

Mr O'Leary called up the bill entitled "An ordinance for the further preventing of fires"

Mr Watkins moved to amend the first section, by striking out the words "of all" in the fifth line, and inserting the words "in writing of two thirds of" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Hack moved to amend the first section, by adding to the end thereof, the words, "and that said consent be filed with the Register of the City," which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill being on its passage, was passed.

Mr Watkins called up the bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for exercising certain powers vested in this corporation in relation to Streets in the City of Baltimore"

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