Thursday, March 2, 1854.

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John S Brown, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Groomes and Rogers.

Mr Simms presented the petition of Wm H Berry, asking the return of taxes paid in error, which was read and referred to the joint committee on claims.

The President presented the annual report of the Watchman fire company, which was read and referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Sepson offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the joint committee on highways:

Resolved, that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to have stepping stones placed across Fremont Street from the north side of Mc Henry Street, the expense of the same to be paid for out of the annual appropriation for flag and stepping stones.

Mr Hunt offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, that the committee on the harbor be instructed to enquire into the expediency of erecting a pier or solid wharf, running from Caroline Street to 40 feet west from the entrance of Harford run into the Back Basin; and also, into the propriety of completing the wharf on the south side of said basin, and deepening said basin so as to admit vessels of eight feet draft.

Mr Norwood offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the First Branch City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to examine the condition of Arch Street, at its intersection with Saratoga Street, and report to this branch.

Mr Spicer called up the resolution in favor of John Young and others, which was concurred in.

Mr Weathers called up bill No. 12, an ordinance relative to the appointment of a superintendant and two watchmen for the Court House and Record Office, which was read.

Mr Weathers, moved to fill the blank in the 28th line of section 2, with the words "one hundred".

Pending the question,

Mr Roche moved to lay the ordinance on the table, and make it the order of the day for Tuesday next; which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution discharging the committee on the City Commissioner's and Port Warden's accounts, was received from the Second Branch, read a first and second time, and concurred in.

A resolution asking information of the Commissioners for opening streets, as to the probable cost of the public square on Federal Hill, was received from the Second Branch and read.

Mr Boulden moved to amend the resolution, by adding to the end thereof the words:

"And also, whether the plat called the Benefit Plat has been made, and if made when ordered, and when returned to said Commissioners".

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution was concurred in with proposed amendment.

Mr Sepson offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested to inform this branch, if he did not make an arrangement with the owners of the hog lots at the corner of Carey and Pratt streets, for their removal, and if so, when the said arrangement is to take effect.

Mr Zimmerman offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, that the City Surveyor inform this branch why he has not made his report to the Mayor and Council of Baltimore, as required by the 5th section of ordinance No. 42, 1852.

The Second Branch, returned the resolutions relative to obtaining an appropriation from Congress for removing obstructions from the Patapsco river, endorsed "concurred in".

A resolution of the joint committee of conference, relative to a new City Hall, was received from the Second Branch, read and laid on the table.