which was read, & by Special Order read a second time & will pass -

Adjourned till tomorrow afternoon 3. o'Clock

Nov.r 21. 1805. The branch met

Pres.t James Calhoun — Mich.l Diffendorfer
Jacob Fite — Jacob Myers
Henry Payson — Mark.d Pringle
On motion of Mr. Payson Thom.s Chase

Whereas it is very desirable that the City of Balt.e should receive a permanent supply of good & wholesome Water for all public purposes & it is apprehended that the Annual expense that may be required to pay therefor, for extinguishing of fires, for the use of the indigent and poor; for watering & Cleaning the streets & for a variety of public & indispensable purposes (if the water should remain in the hands of individuals) may entail upon the citizens of Balt.e a burdensome annual

tax, & Whereas there is reason to believe that the Stockholders in the Water Company are liberally disposed to sell their right in said Company for a proper & reasonable consideration and upon seriously weighing the Subject, the city Council are of Opinion that the Corporation will find it greatly beneficial to the citizens of Baltimore to purchase the right of the Stockholders in said Company — Therefore Resolved That a Joint Committee of the City Council be appointed to ascertain the terms upon which the directors of, or any number of the Stockholders in the Water Company will or are disposed to sell their Stock & on the part of the Mayor & city Council to make conditional Contracts for said Stock, to be hereafter approved of by the Mayor & City Council & to report ways & means for the payment of said stock as well as to enquire & report generally upon the subject of their appointment —