In 2d Branch Feby 20. 1815

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present James Calhoun Esqr Pres.t and all the Members.

The following resolution was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Whereas it is of great importance to the people of Maryland, and especially to the Citizens of Baltimore, that the quality of the flour exported from thence should be equal to that of other States, Therefore, Resolved that two of the Inspectors be directed by the Mayor to proceed to the City of Philadelphia for the purpose of examining and accurately ascertaining the quality and fineness of the Flour inspected in that City and it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of flour in the City of Baltimore, thereafter to keep the Standard fineness thereof equal at least in every respect to that in Philadelphia, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said Inspectors to continue the same, and not to reduce the said Standard of Inspection on any account whatever: and that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to defray the expense attending the journey of the Inspectors aforesaid.

Mr Bohn from the joint Committee delivers the following report, which was read.

The Committee appointed to examine the sworn accounts of the Register, City Commissioners, and Port Wardens, beg leave to report, that they have carefully performed that duty and do find the said accounts to be correct, supported by proper vouchers, and in no instance do they discover that the expenditures have exceeded the appropriations, All which is respectfully submitted.

Feby 17.th 1815

Wm Ross, Wm Patterson } First Branch

Charles Bohn, Second Branch

Mr White, from the Committee delivers the following report; which was read and concurred in.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's communication which relates to the payment of the interest of the money loaned by the monied institutions for the defence of the City and precincts, beg leave to report, that in their opinion no appropriation can be made for that purpose until the Legislature of the State authorizes the City Council to impose a tax or taxes on the City and precincts for the liquidation of said debt with its accruing interest.

20 Feby 1815. John Campbell White

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A Communication was received from the Port Wardens, which was read and referred to the consideration of the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's communication which relates to the improvement of the Harbour.

The following Resolution was read the first and by special order a second time, assented to, and sent to the first Branch for their concurrence, by them concurred in, and returned to this Branch.

Resolved by both Branches of the City Council, that the Mayor's communication at the present Session