Friday February 28th 1817

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present Henry Payson Esqre Prest. and all the members.

A Message was sent to the first branch, informing that this branch agreed to their proposal of referring the petition of the Scavenger of the City and precincts of Baltimore to the consideration of a joint Committee, and had appointed on the part of this branch, Mr White.

A Bill, Entitled, An Ordinance directing the inspection of Ginseng, was received from the first branch, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A Message was sent to the first branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn, it adjourn until Monday next 3 O'Clock in the afternoon, to which ~~that~~ the branch agreed and so informed this branch.

The petition of the measurers of grain, was referred to Mr Forney.

A petition from William Patterson praying permission to extend his wharf between Commerce and Patterson Streets, was received from the first branch, accompanied by a Message proposing to refer it to the consideration of the joint Committee appointed on the petition of Henry Thompson and others, to which this branch agreed and so informed that branch.

The Bill Entitled An ordinance to assist Samuel Davis in procuring Machines to remove mud out of the Harbour, was read the second time, passed and returned to the first branch.

The Bill Entitled A Supplement to an Ordinance providing for the lighting and Watching the City, was returned from the first branch, endorsed, will pass.

The following Resolution was received from the first branch for the concurrence of this, was read the first and by special order a second time, assented to and returned to that Branch.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the Mayor in conjunction with the Presidents of both branches of the City Council, be and they are hereby authorised to make purchase of Clopper's, Steuart's and Ahler's Springs, or either of them, and that the same be paid for out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury; provided they can be had upon such terms as in their opinion are reasonable.

This branch then adjourned until Monday next 3 O'Clock in the afternoon.

By Order, Thos Rogers Clk

Monday March 3d 1817

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present Henry Payson Esqre Prest. and all the members.

A Memorial was received from John Scott and others, owners of Hacks; which was read and referred to the Committee appointed on that part of the Mayor's communication relating to the impositions practised upon Strangers by the drivers thereof.

The following resolutions were received from the first Branch for the concurrence of this, were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council that the several Machines laid before this branch by Mr Peter Zacharie, be referred to the consideration of the Port Warden, with full powers to employ all or any of said Machines, provided they in their judgment believe that the City would be benefited thereby.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of Superintendants of the Streets in each district, to ascertain the number of houses in his district where liquor is sold in quantities less than one pint, the names of the keepers thereof, the street where they are situated, as far as possible, the general character of the houses, whether they have the conveniences required by law, and to make report thereof on the first days of January, April, July and October to the Mayor of the City. Resolved, that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to cause to be made a report thereof to the City Court of Baltimore at each session thereof, and to use his endeavours with said Court to have such houses as are not licensed shut up, and such as are licensed but are unnecessary and have not the conveniences required by law, or are of bad character, to be suppressed;

This Branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon 3 O'Clock.

By Order, Thos Rogers Clk