It is proper, that these works should be executed with judgment, fidelity, and economy: much depends, in the execution, on the Executive, to whom extensive power is given, as to the general arrangement, and to whom the superintendance, exclusively, belongs. Gentlemen may justly in believing, that it is to enable me to discharge these duties, with the best advantage to my Country, that I have undertaken this tour. From the increased harmony of public opinion, founded on the successful career of a Government which has never been equalled, and which promises by a further development of its faculties, to augment, in an eminent degree, the blessings of this favored people, I unite with you, in all the anticipations which you have so justly suggested.

In performing services, honestly and zealously intended for the benefit of my fellow citizens, I shall never entertain a doubt of their generous and firm support. Incapable of any feelings distinct from those of a citizen, I can assume no style, in regard to them, different from that character; and it is a source of peculiar delight to me, to know, that while the Chief Magistrate of the United States acts fully up to this principle, he will require no other guard than what may be derived from their confidence and affection.

Jas. Monroe

Baltimore June 2. 1817

This branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon 3 O'Clock

By Order, Wm. Rogers Clk

Thursday June 5th 1817

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present Henry Payson Esq. Pres. and all the members, except Mr. Biays.

The following resolution was read the first and by special order a second time, agreed to and sent to the first branch for their concurrence, by that branch concurred in and returned to this.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council, that the sum of twelve hundred and ninety nine dollars and two cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of making up the deficiency in the appropriation at the last February session, for improving Lake Market.

A Message was sent to the first branch, stating that this branch Concurred in the report of the Committee of Conference on the subject of the amendment proposed by this branch to the Bill, Entitled, A Supplement to the Ordinance respecting the Powder Magazine.

A Message was received from the first branch, stating also its Concurrence in said amendment.

The Bill, Entitled, a further Supplement to the ordinance Entitled, An Ordinance for licensing and regulating auctions within the City of Baltimore and precincts thereof, was reconsidered as respects the amendment thereto, passed without the amendment, and returned to the first branch.

The Bill, Entitled, a further additional Supplement to the ordinance Entitled, An Ordinance to regulate the public wharves, and for the collection of certain rates therein, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the first branch.

The Bill, Entitled, An Ordinance for the benefit of Dugan's and Bonnell's Tobacco Inspection Warehouses, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the first branch.

Amendment proposed.

At the end of the Bill add "provided that the usual tonnage be paid for the forty five feet of the wharf, which is public property"

A Message was received from the first branch, stating their concurrence in said amendment.

A Bill, Entitled, a Supplement to an Ordinance, Entitled, An Ordinance to prevent nuisances and enforce useful regulations within the City of Baltimore, was received from the first branch, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A Bill, Entitled, An Ordinance to provide for laying out election districts in the City of Baltimore, was received from the first branch, was read the