Tuesday February 1st 1825

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment present Philip Moore Esq. President and all the members

Mr Mosher from the Committee delivers the following report which was read a first & by special order a second time and concurred in

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hollingsworth and others, relative to the sunken condition of the stone pavement of a part of South Calvert Street beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find it in the state described in the petition, and they regret to be obliged to state it as their opinion that a compliance with the prayer would only afford a very partial relief. All the water and filth of the street is obliged to pass through two flat sewers under Pratt street into the Basin which sewers are, and must of necessity be a nuisance a great part of the year while they remain. The Committee would therefore recommend that the City Commissioner be instructed forthwith to examine and report whether said street cannot be so altered and graded as to carry off the water on the surface and if so what will be the cost thereof to the Corporation — All which is respectfully submitted

James Mosher
Henry Stouffer
Wm P. Patterson

Mr Bosley from the Committee delivers the following report which was read a first time & ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred a resolution for building a Causeway over the three Springs Branch have had the same under consideration and recommend the following amendments

Daniel Bosley
Jas Beatty

1. Provided however that before the City Commissioner shall commence the work proposed to be done, the persons applying for the improvement

shall give satisfactory security to the Mayor that they will make good any deficiency that may arise for completing the same. And that the proprietor or proprietors of property over which said street shall pass or adjoining the improvement proposed to be made shall relinquish all claim for damages which they may conceive they are entitled to, by opening said street, only the improvement proposed to be done — 2. And provided also, that the improvement proposed to be made is within the limits of direct taxation.

The Bill entitled a Further Supplement to an ordinance entitled an Ordinance for the inspection of Flour within the City of Baltimore was read a second time endorsed "vote pass" and sent to the first Branch

The following Communication was received from the Mayor and read.

Gentlemen I have the honor to communicate to you that the resolution authorising a sum of money to be paid to E. P. Roberts is herewith returned not being approved for the following reasons

Upon comparing the resolution of the 20th March 1824 under which the money is claimed, with a resolution on a similar subject of the 12th March 1824 & also with a resolution of the 17th March 1818. pa 67, the phraseology of these resolves will be found the same, the similar duties in examining proof sheets as necessary in all, and making indexes under the resolve of 17th March 1818 and also marginal references as equally required as in the resolution of the 12th March 1824 and the officers who under the former resolves executed the duties imposed never claimed any compensation for the work required to be done under the resolutions or even contended they were entitled to any. If the claim of the present applicant is correct, the officers under the former resolutions may with equal justice contend that they too have a right to be allowed for similar services performed by them, for which they have received no compensation, they are each salary officers of the Corporation tho' the manner of their appointment is different, my construction