Thursday January 16th 1840

The branch met pursuant to adjournment present F. Lucas Jr Esqr. President and all the members except Mr Jones

A Report & Resolution relative to placing Bollards at the corner of Streets;
A Resolution directing the City Commissioner to draft a Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to improve the Harbor; and
A Bill entitled a supplement to an Ordinance to regulate the riding and driving of Horses and Carriages &c. were received from the first branch which were read and lying on the Table —

The Resolution granting permission to P. McCall to remove a frame building was read the second time, concurred in and returned to the first branch —

A Resolution relative to grading Aisquith Street was received from the first branch which was read the first and by special order the second time, and on motion of Mr Griffith referred to the Committee on Streets

The Resolution to prevent fraud in the sale of Laths, was returned from the first branch disagreed from —

A Report & Resolution relative to abolishing the office of apprentice Register, was received from the first branch which was read the first and by special order the second time concurred in and returned to the first branch —

The branch then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon

By order M Polk Clerk

Friday January 17th 1840

The branch met pursuant to adjournment, present F. Lucas Jr Esqr President and all the members

The Bill entitled An Ordinance relative to swine was read the second time — Mr Kearney proposed as an amendment to strike out the words "levying of direct taxation," which was concurred in — The yeas and nays were then called on the passage of the Bill as amended, which resulted as follows:

Yeas Messrs President, Rogers, Harden, Jones and Hook 5
Nays Messrs Magee, Griffith, Boyd, Howard, Kearney, Wright & Barnet 7 —
Disagreed from and returned to the first branch —

A Report & Resolution relative to the night watch; and
A Resolution of enquiry relative to the Inspection of Red oak staves, were received from the first branch, which were read the first and by special order the second time, concurred in and returned to the first branch —

Mr Griffith submitted the following Resolution which was read the first and by special order the second time and concurred in —

Resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, that the Committee on Streets be and they are requested to enquire into the expediency of lowering the present grade of Caroline Street between Lancaster Street and Dock Street; and also into the propriety of lowering the stone wall on the east end of the City Dock, and on a line with Caroline Street —

A Resolution on certain accounts furnished by the Register was received from the first branch which was read the first & by special order the second time and on motion of Mr. Jones recommitted —

On Motion of Mr Howard a Message was sent to the first branch proposing a Committee of Conference on the Resolution to prevent fraud in the sale of Laths — Messrs Howard Boyd & Hook were placed on the Committee from this branch — The first branch