Thursday February 8th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Wm A Hack Esq President and all the members.

Mr Taylor presented a petition from William Linton asking permission to make certain alterations to his pottery, corner of Lexington and Pine streets, which was read and on motion referred to the joint committee on fire companies.

Mr Taylor called up Bill No 4. entitled. "An ordenance supplementary to an ordenance relating to cleaning the streets and alleys in the city of Baltimore by contract" which was read a second time.

Mr Dukehart moved to amend by adding the following,

Section 6. And be it enacted and ordained, that no payment shall be made to any contractor or contractors, unless heor they shall produce to the Mayor a certificate from the health commissioner, that the work required to be performed by his or their contract has been faithfully executed.

Mr Ware moved further to amend by adding the following

Section 7. And be it enacted and ordained, that this ordinance shall not go into effect if the lowest bids for such contracts shall collectively, exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

Section 8. And be it enacted and ordained, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this, be and they are hereby repealed.

The amendments were adopted.

The question was taken on the bill as amended and it will pass and was sent to the First Branch

Mr Ware offered the following resolution which was read a first, and by special order a second time, and adopted:

Resolved that the President of the German society and the President of the Hibernian society of Baltimore city, be respectfully requested to furnish the city council ~~with statements, respectively~~ of the amount of monies expended in the years 1847 and 1848. on account of relief to emigrants arriving at the port of Baltimore in those years, specifying respectively the sum expended for the relief to the sick, for defraying the expense for conveying emigrants out of the limits of the city and county of Baltimore, and for the transmission of persons to the alms house of Baltimore city and county.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on claims on the petition of Alice McCormick were received from the First Branch Read a first, and by special order a second time, concurred in and returned to the First Branch.

A report and resolution from the joint committee on markets on the petition of John W Disney and others, asking that the Bel Air market

may be made a morning market were received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Bill No 5. entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to provide for certain powers vested in the corporation in relation to streets in the city of Baltimore" was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Taylor the branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past three o'clock.

By order

Jno A Thompson Clerk

Friday February 9th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Wm A Hack Esq President; and all the members.

The President presented the following communication from George B Sumwalt, captain city night watch, southern district, which was read

To the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore

Gentlemen

In reply to a resolution of your body. I have the honor to state that there are twenty-five watchmen in the Southern District: there is one regular watch in the house, who attends to sweeping and cleaning the watch house, and giving out oil &c. The watchman of the house has a large square to attend besides his other duties

Very respectfully yours

George B Sumwalt.

Mr Ware presented a communication from George H Hickman in relation to the revision of the city ordinances, which was read and on motion of Mr Ware referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr Taylor. from the joint committee on streets, presented the following report, with a supplement to an ordinance entitled "an ordenance to provide for certain powers vested in this corporation in relation to streets in the city of Baltimore", approved May 15th 1846, which was read a first and by special order a second time. and on motion of Mr Dukehart the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The joint committee on streets to whom was referred the resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the board of commissioners for opening streets, and assign that duty to the city commissioners, beg leave to report that they have had the matter under consideration, and they are of opinion that the board of city commissioners, composed of four members