The President this day presented to the Mayor for his approval, bill No 10. entitled "An ordinance for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore, and to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases within the city of Baltimore"

On motion of Mr Duke hart, the branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at half past three o'clock

By order

Jno A Thompson Clerk

Tuesday March 20th 1849

The branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.- Wm A Hack Esq President, and all the members except Mr Warner.

Mr Shaffer from the joint committee on health, presented the following report and resolution on the petition of James Wilson and others, read a first, and by special order a second time, adopted and sent to the First Branch.

The joint committee on health to which was referred the petition of James Wilson and others, beg leave to report that they visited the place designated, viz: that part of Ross street between Howard and Eutaw streets; and are compelled, from the facts in the case to pronounce it a nuisance,- and in their opinion if not speedily remedied will be a fruitful source of disease to the surrounding neighborhood. They cannot recommend that the prayer of the petitioners, to have said street paved at the expense of the city be granted, because of the manifest impropriety there would be in using the public monies for private benefit, notwithstanding the peculiar circumstances surrounding and accompanying this case.

If your committee do not mistake the intention of the framers of the law regulating the paving of the streets, (as far as it requires a majority of feet to be subscribed before it shall be paved) it was intended to protect the poor holders of small tenements or lots from being oppressed by the rich or large landed proprietor, and was never intended, as is made use of, in this case to enable the holder of an side of a street, to prevent the other side of the same street from ever being paved; thereby perpetrating a great public injury, and creating a public nuisance under cover of the law: they therefore offer the following resolution

John Disney
R C Wells
Chas Farquharson
First Branch

F Lillig Shaffer
John W Willson
Elias Ware Jr
Second Branch

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the petition of James Wilson and others, be referred to the board of

health with instructions to ascertain from the city counseller whether or not there is sufficient law on the statue books to compel the paving of said street at the expense of the property holders on both sides of said street, or to abate said nuisance. And if there should not be sufficient power already granted by the state to compel said paving, that he be requested to prepare a law to remedy such evils in future, and have it presented to the next general assembly of Maryland.

Mr Shaffer offered the following resolution, read a first, and by special order a second time and adopted.

Resolved that the board of health be and they are hereby requested to inform the council whether or not "sulphurous gas and other noxious gases" such as are used in the bleaching of straw goods, is deleterious to health and is the cause of disorder to the throat and lungs, and if yea, whether or not the board of health have not sufficient authority to suppress the nuisance; and if nay, what additional authority is required.

A report of the joint committee on internal improvements, on the petition of Louis Audoun and others, relative to the speed of locomotives through Fells point and Canton - and bill No, 18. entitled an ordinance to regulate the use of locomotive engines, by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company within the city of Baltimore, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Bill No 23. entitled an ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the use of the State, for the year eighteen hundred and forty nine was received from the First Branch, read, and laid on the table.

Bill No. 24. entitled an ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the city court of Baltimore, and for the city poor in the alms house of Baltimore city and County, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Bill No. 25. entitled an ordinance to collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Bill No 26. entitled an ordinance to provide for the payment of the expenses of the public schools in the city of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Bill No 27. entitled an ordinance to provide for the payment of certain expenses of the courts, coroners, Jail, &c was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.