Monday April 4. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.
Present John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.
A report of the joint committee on Sinking Fund, with a bill, in favor of Wm W. McCollam, was rec.d from the First Branch, read a first & second time, and bill pass.
On motion of Mr Suter, the bill entitled, "a supplement to an ordinance appointing a keeper of the market house under the hall of the Maryland Institute" was taken up & read.
Mr Suter offered the following amendment, which was read a first time and adopted: Sec 2, Be it Enacted and ordained, that the keeper of said market shall not close the doors of said market house, until sunset, on any day in the week, Sunday excepted, anything in the ordinance to which this is a supplement ~~to the contrary notwithstanding~~ that conflicts with this, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
Mr Suter moved to strike out all of the first section after the word "Institute" in 6th line which was determined in the affirmative.
The Ordinance being with passage will pass.
A communication was received from the City Commissioner, stating that the cost of erecting a wharf in front of the Old Fish House wharf, would be 8,238 Dollars, which was read & referred to the joint cmt on the Harbor.
Mr Perkins, Chairman of the joint cmt on Ways & means, submitted the following resolution which was read & lay on the table;
Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the city, with the approbation of the Mayor, be, and he is hereby directed to provide for the interest for the current year, on the internal improvement debt of the City, either by borrowing the money, or selling so much of the Dividend Stock of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company as may be necessary therefor, as the interest of the City, may in their judgment, require.
On motion of Mr Suter, the ordinance to change the grade of Gundry street was taken up, read, & will pass.
On motion of Mr Griffith, the resolution to conduct a tunnel over Chatsworth run, at Eisler street, was taken up read & concurred in.
On motion of Mr Suter the resolution to change the grade at the intersection of Aisquith and Gough streets, was taken up, read, and concurred in.
Mr Richardson offered the following resolution, which was read & lay on the table;

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the Register be respectfully requested to report to this Branch, whether or not the ordinances and resolutions of the Council are published in a sufficient number of the papers, so as to give general information to the citizens of the daily doings of the Council; if so, what papers?
The following messages were rec.d from the Mayor, read & lay on the table;

Mayors office Baltimore April 4. 1853

To the members of the Second Branch of the City Council, Gentlemen; I have approved and signed - An ordinance to number the houses in the City of Baltimore - A supplement to an ordinance to permit the Baltimore & Susquehanna R.R. Co. to extend a branch, along road within the City - resolution to enlarge the water way of Schroeder run, at Washington road - resolution to repair the benches in the Belair fish market house - resolution to increase the appropriation for cleaning the Falls Point market house - resolution to lease the wharf at the foot of Conway street - resolution to fill up Alice Anna, and other, streets with gravel - resolution to clean out the sewer at Caroline & Alice Anna streets - resolution in favor of Wm Cole - and resolution to pay the expenses of the Commissioners for dividing the joint property of Baltimore City and County - all of which originated in your Branch

J. Smith Hollins. Mayor

Mayors Office, Baltimore April 4. 1853

To the Members of the First & Second Branches of the City Council, - Gentlemen; The Ordinance to purchase the square of ground bounded by Chase, Caroline, Eager & Eden streets, has been handed to me for consideration. I cannot find authority in the Charter, or any act of Assembly, to make purchases for the purposes contemplated; but with or without this requisite power, I think it would be very injudicious, as the taxes for 1853, without such expenditures, will be alarmingly high, and, as I cannot give my consent to any expenditure for any ornamental purposes, until the very large debt now due for materials furnished and work done is paid, I return the ordinance without my approval, to the Branch in which it originated

J. Smith Hollins - Mayor

On motion of Mr Falls, a message was sent to the First Branch, requesting them to return to this Branch the resolution in favor of Thomas & Bart.
The First Branch by message concurred, and returned the resolution.
Mr Falls moved to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the resolution which was determined in the affirmative, by the following vote; Yeas 7. Nays 2.
Mr Falls moved to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the amendment to strike out all after the word "pay" in 11th line, to the word "and" in 15th line and insert &c, which was determined in the affirmative. Yeas 7. Nays 3.