Wednesday May 4. 1853.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present John B. Seidenstricker Esq. Pres. & all the members.

Mr Parlow presented a petition from Wm Talbot & others, relative to the grade of Caroline street, which was read & referred with the Joint Cont. on Highways.

On leave, Mr Griffith submitted an ordinance to repeal the proviso of sec. 22 of Ordinance No. 31, of the new ordinances of 1850, which was read & lain on the table.

The First Branch, by message, returned to this Branch the ordinance to widen & extend Scott street.

On motion of Mr Suter, the ordinance was reconsidered.

Mr Suter offered the following amendment, which was read & adopted. Insert after the word "shall" in line 2 sec. 2 the words "exempt all the property of Johnson McHenry from taxation for opening and widening said Scott street and", and insert after the word "all" in same line, the word "other".

The ordinance will pass with proposed amendment.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution in favor of H. P. Masters, was taken up, read and unconcurred in by the following vote: Yeas 8. Nays 1.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance to provide for the City an efficient Police System was taken up, read, amended & lain on the table.

Mr Suter, Chairman of the joint committee on Highways, reported an ordinance granting to Franklin Anderson permission to pave & gravel Broadway north of Baltimore street, which was read & lain on the table.

On motion of Mr Parlow, the resolution to pave Ashland Square was taken up, read, & concurred in.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of petition of Wm Hanson, endorsed "Concurred in".

A resolution to repair Ridgely street; a resolution appropriating 100 dollars to kill dogs; a resolution in favor of Jacob Carman, and a resolution in favor of Collin Denson were read from the First Branch, severally read & lain on the table.

On motion of Mr Parlow the Branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By Order
J. W. Griffith
Clk

Thursday May 5. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esq. Pres. & all the members.

Mr Vickers, Chairman of the joint committee on Ways & Means, reported the following resolutions, which were read a first & second time & adopted:

Whereas, the City of Baltimore is rapidly increasing in its population, necessarily involving an increased expenditure for its police, watching, lighting, paving, preservation of health &c.; and whereas, the sum of three hundred & fifty thousand dollars, the maximum amount of direct taxation which the Mayor & City Council are authorized to levy, is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the City for the present & coming years, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the Senator & members of the House of Delegates from Baltimore, be requested to obtain from the Legislature, authority for the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore to levy for the present year, and hereafter, a direct tax not exceeding the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Be it resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Senator & members of the House of Delegates.

A resolution in favor of George Gosnell; a resolution on the petition of R. McDonald, and a resolution to pay the expenses of the committee sent to Annapolis in relation to the introduction of water into the city, were read from the First Branch, severally read & lain on the table.

The First Branch returned the resolution of instruction to the appeal to Court, and the resolution to repair the wharf at the Marine Hospital, respectively endorsed "Concurred in".

A report of the joint cont. on Highways relative to Dolphin street & other streets; a report of same committee to establish the grade of North Avenue; a report of same committee to open Fort street, and a report of the joint committee on Markets, relative to the appointment of a keeper of the market under the Maryland Institute, were read from the First Branch severally read & lain on the table.

A resolution relative to the extension of the Richmond market, was read from the First Branch, & read a first & second time.

Mr Gill moved to add at the end of the resolution, the words "and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition" which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was concurred in with proposed amendment.

Mr Suter, chairman of the joint cont. on Highways reported the following resolution which was read & lain on the table: Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to have the gaps in the Mt Vernon Square, east and all the rubbish removed therefrom