Thursday May 26. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esqr. Pres. & all the members except Mr Hall.

The First Branch returned the ordinance in relation to Mnn Square endorsed "passed with amendments received from"

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of A. Stiebel & Co, and the resolution relative to a new City Hall, respectively endorsed "concurred in".

The President laid before the Branch a communication from the City Commissioner in relation to the fence around Franklin Square, which was received & the Committee of Highways.

On motion of Mr Gill, the ordinance in relation to watering the streets was taken up & read.

Mr Sulte moved to add at the end of the ordinance the words "provided that the provisions of this bill shall apply to Baltimore Street only, which was read & determined in the negative.

The bill being on its passage will & passed, by the following vote - Yeas 4. Nays 4.

On motion of Mr Parlow the ordinance to Index Court alley was taken up & read.

Mr Stewart moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The question being on the amendment offered on the 25th inst. it was rejected by the following vote - Yeas 4. Nays 5.

Mr Stewart moved to lay the bill on the table, which was determined in the negative by the following vote - Yeas 3. Nays 6.

Mr Stewart moved to strike out the word "Stockholm" in the title, in the 3rd line of the preamble in the 4th line of sec 1st, and insert "Extend", which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote - Yeas 5. Nays 4.

Mr Welsh of 2d then offered the following amendment:

Sec 4th. And be it enacted & ordained that all the expenses incurred in the improvements contemplated by this ordinance shall be paid by the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co., anything in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr Parlow offered the following substitute for the amendment.

Sec 4th. And be it enacted & ordained, that the Commissioners in assessing the benefits & damages, if any, as may be incurred by the property between Stockholm and Montgomery streets, on account of the cut of the streets to be opened under this ordinance being crossed by the railroad tracks; such damages to be charged as benefits against the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Company.

The substitute was accepted by the following vote - Yeas 6. Nays 3.

The amendment was rejected by the following vote - Yeas 4. Nays 5.

Mr Welsh moved to lay the bill on the table which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote - Yeas 5. Nays 4.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order

Jno J. Hitz Clk

Friday May 27. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

On motion of Mr Stewart, the supplement to an ordinance relating to the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co" approved July 22. 1852, was taken up & read.

Mr Richardson moved to strike out in the 6th & 7th lines of sec 1st, the words "or with any other fuel than coal or coke", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Sulte moved to add the following sec 2. And be it enacted & ordained, that so much of the ordinance to which this is a supplement, as relates to the use of coal or coke, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote - Yeas 7. Nays 3.

The bill being on its passage will & passed by the following vote - Yeas 2. Nays 8.

The First Branch returned the resolution on the petition of City officers, and the resolution relative to bridges over Harris' Creek, respectively endorsed "concurred in".

A resolution in favor of Dr J. C. Monkur; a resolution to have the stalls in the Hollins Street market numbered; and a resolution to authorize the Commissioners of Public Schools to lease a lot in the 20th ward were received from the First Branch, read & concurred in.

A resolution in favor of Miles White, and an ordinance to change the grade of Hull street were received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

Mr Sulte presented a petition from Dr A. P. Gealer & others, praying an appropriation for a dispensary in the northeastern section of the city; which was received & referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from the Appeal Tax Court, enclosing a copy of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland in relation to the direct tax to be levied for the state for the year 1853, which was received & referred to the joint Committee on Ways & Means.

Mr Vickers presented a petition from A. Reid & others, praying the repeal of the ordinance prohibiting hogs from running at large, which was received & referred to the joint Committee on Health.

A message was received from the First Branch proposing that when the Council adjourn this evening it stand adjourned till Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clk, which was read & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Gill, the ordinance to provide for the erection of an iron bridge over Jones Falls at Centre Market Space, was taken up, read & passed.

On motion of Mr Sulte the ordinance to close Whitestone alley, and the ordinance to open Mosher street, were severally taken up, read & passed.

On motion of Mr Griffith the ordinance to open Cecil alley was taken up, read & passed with proposed amendments.

On motion of Mr Parlow, the ordinance to open Jameson street was taken up, read & passed.

On motion of Mr Vickers, the ordinance to open Monumental st from Calvert to North st, was taken up, read & passed.

On motion of Mr Bells, the ordinance relating to the Port Warden's Office at Locust Point was taken up & read.

Mr Welsh moved to strike out the word "feet" in 7th line, & insert "Decatur st" & to insert after the word "feet" in 7th line, the words "from the western side of Jones street extended, one hundred feet to the Port Warden's line as now established on the said western side of Decatur street", which was determined in the affirmative; and the ordinance was laid on the table. Made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr Sulte bill No 123, was made the special order of the day for Monday next.

On motion of Mr Griffith the Branch adjourned. By order

Jno J. Hitz Clk