On motion of Mr Vickers the resolution in relation to Madison street bridge was taken up & read

Mr Gill moved to insert after the word "go" in the last line thereof "for the years 1853 & 4 & 5."

which was determined in the affirmative

The resolution was concurred with proposed amendment.

On motion of Mr Ferdon the resolution to abate nuisances was taken up & read twice.

On motion of Mr Griffith the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By order, J. W. Griffith Clk

Wednesday June 15, 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present John B. Wiedenstriche Esq. President & all the members.

Mr Stewart presented a petition from Charles T. Mayer, praying the return of taxes paid in error, which was read & referred to the Committee on claims.

On motion of Mr Vickers, ordinance No 144 relating to the speed of locomotive engines within the city was taken up & read

Mr Vickers moved to strike out the 1st & 2nd sections & insert the following:

Sec 1st Be it Enacted & ordained by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the speed of locomotive engines within the limits of the City of Baltimore, shall not exceed the rate of four miles per hour, except when there are grades requiring a greater speed then it shall not exceed the rate of six miles per hour.

Sec 2nd And be it Enacted & ordained, that when a locomotive engine is used in the city of Baltimore, a man shall be required to walk not more than thirty feet in advance thereof, & the person or persons having charge of such locomotive engine shall ring a bell when approaching any crossing.

Sec 3rd And be it Enacted & ordained that if any railroad Company shall use or cause to be used any locomotive engine or engines propelled by steam on any railroad track within the City of Baltimore, & the same shall be used in violation of any ordinance of the City, or if any locomotive engine be propelled at a greater speed than is specified in the 1st sec of this ordinance, the Company shall forfeit & pay for every such offence, the sum of fifty dollars, to be collected as are other fines & penalties of the City.

The motion was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Vickers moved to strike out in 1st & 2nd lines of sec 3, the words "cars with or without horses", & insert "car or cars except in the case of grades provided for in the 1st sec of this ordinance", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Richardson moved to insert after the word "walk" in line 3 sec 2, the words "or ride on horseback", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Vickers moved to strike out all after the word ordinance in the title & insert "regulating the speed of locomotive engines within the limits of the City of Baltimore", which was determined in the affirmative.

The Ordinance will pass with proposed amendments.

A communication in relation to the House of Refuge was read from the Regulator, covering a letter from George Brown, which were read & referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

A resolution to adjourn until the 24th Inst, & next until the 11th of July, preparatory to an adjournment sine die, was received from the First Branch & read a first & second time.

Mr Stewart moved to strike out "Monday the 11th", & insert "Friday the 1st", which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was concurred in with proposed amendment

A resolution in favor of Jacob Seager, and a resolution in favor of George Buckley, were received from the First Branch, respectively read a first & second time & concurred in.

An Ordinance relating to the back basin was read from the First Branch read twice & laid on the table.

Mr Fuller chairman of the joint committee on Finance, reported an ordinance in relation to Mt Vernon Square, which was read & laid on the table.

Mr Parlow offered the following resolution which was read & laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Regulator be authorized & directed to offer proposals, through the public papers, for plans, with specifications, for a new jail & Workhouse, & that the Presidents of the two Branches, together with said Regulator, be a committee to take in charge the same, and if deemed necessary, to visit similar institutions in Philadelphia, New York, & Boston, and in such other places in the time & in cities as may be convenient, and to make a full & detailed report of all the information obtained at the next regular session of the City Council.

Resolved that the sum of dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of said plans & examinations, & the Regulator is hereby directed to pay the same on such as may be necessary, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Mr Parlow offered the following resolution, which was read & laid on the table:

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that the sum of 2,000 dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the managers of the House of Refuge towards the completion of their building now in progress, and that the Regulator be & he is hereby authorized to pay the same at such time, or before the first day of July 1854, as may suit the convenience of the treasury.

On motion of Mr Fuller, the ordinance supplementary to "an ordinance relating to public papers" record 1851, was taken up, read & on motion withdrawn.

On motion of Mr Parlow, the ordinance to close a part of Morton alley, & the ordinance to close a part of Foregrove alley, were severally taken up, read & will pass.

A communication in relation to the bridge over Jones Falls at Baltimore st, was received from the City Commissioner, read & referred to the Committee on Bridges.

On motion of Mr Richardson, the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock

By order J. W. Griffith Clk