Monday Nov 28. 1853

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present John B Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.

Mr Stewart presents a petition from Wm Ryan and Comp & others in relation to the application of the Baltimore & Ohio R Rd, for the city of Baltimore to endorse the Bonds of said Company, which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution in favor of Wm Green was taken up, read, & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Suter, the resolution to determine by general ballot of the voters of Baltimore, whether the city shall endorse $1000.000 dollars of the bonds of the Baltimore & Ohio R R Company, was taken up & read.

Mr Suter moved to fill the first blank with the word "seventh", & the second blank with the word "December", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Stewart in the Chair.

Mr Suter moved that the Branch adjourn till 11 o'clock A M to-morrow, which was determined in the negative by the following vote Yeas 4. Nays 6.

Mr Suter moved by the resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative - Yeas 4. Nays 6.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote. Yeas 4. Nays 6.

The President offered the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted: Resolved by the second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the President of the Parkersburg Railroad Company be requested to inform this Branch as early as practicable, the progress making in the prosecution of that work and if the finances are such as to preclude the probability of the speedy completion of the same, applying to the City for further aid.

On motion of Mr Falls the Branch adjourned to meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

By Order
Jno Smith
Clk

Tuesday Nov 29. 1853.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present John B Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.

A message was received from the First Branch, covering a communication from the Mayor, enclosing an invitation from Thomas & Barlow & the Mayor & City Council & visit his astronomical instrument "Planetarium" at the Maryland Institute, and proposing a Committee from the same & a joint special Committee, which was read & concurred in, and

The President appointed on said Committee Messrs Vickers, Stewart & Suter.

A message was received from the First Branch covering a message from the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Judge of the Superior Court, & proposing to refer the same to a joint special Committee on the subject of procuring a room for the new Circuit Court, which was read & concurred in.

Mr Vickers offered the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted:

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that resolution No 139, approved June 15, 1853, empowering the Commissioners of Finance of the City to lease upon certain conditions, the lot of ground on the south side of the Basin, recently held under lease by James & Stimpson, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that said Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized & directed to renew the lease heretofore held by said Stimpson, for a period of not more than two years from the date of the approval of this resolution by the Mayor, & until the end of the term mentioned in his former lease; the ground rent not to be less than the sum of four hundred dollars per annum.

Mr Barlow in the Chair.

The President moved that a message be sent to the First Branch proposing to refer a draft of Ordinance No 2, to the joint Committee on Ways & Means, with instructions to which was determined in the negative by the following vote Yeas 5, Nays 5;

On motion of Mr Webster Ordinance No 2 entitled "an Ordinance to guaranty the Bonds of the Baltimore & Ohio R Rd" was taken up & read.

Mr Stewart offered the following amendment - Strike out the words in the 3rd & 4th lines, comprised between the word "City" in 3rd line & "of" in 4th line, -

Strike out in the 6th line, the words "in the aggregate five millions of" and insert "two millions five hundred thousand"; and after the word "in" in 6th line "the year 1854, and two millions five hundred thousand dollars in the year 1855 in".

The Rest called for a division of the question,

The first amendment was rejected by the following vote Yeas 4. Nays 6,

The second amendment was rejected by the following vote Yeas 5 Nays 5;

Mr Vickers moved to fill the first blank in the bill with the word "first", the second blank with the word "January", the third with the word "ninety", the fourth with the word "first", the fifth with the word "January", the sixth with the word "first", and the seventh blank with the word "July", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Vickers moved to insert after the word "meanwhile" in 14th line page 1st the words "upon satisfying the Register of the City that said bond shall not be