January 31. 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members except Mr Falls.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from the City Commissioner, in answer to a resolution of this Branch, in relation to a market house between Second & Lombard streets, which was read & laid on the table.

A message was rec'd from the First Branch proposing to meet a Convention with the 3rd Branch to elect a Commissioner of Finance, vice Robt C. Wright, resigned, which was read, and concurred in with an amendment to strike out "31st Inst" & insert "February 2nd".

A message was rec'd from the First Branch, enclosing a memorial from the York & Cumberland R.R. Company, in proposing to refer the same to a joint special committee, which was read.

On motion of Mr Parlow the memorial was ordered to be printed in the Journal.

On motion of Mr Webster, the message was concurred in, and the President appointed as said committee Messrs Webster, Suter & Parlow.

A resolution in favor of Lewis H. Stimpson, and a resolution of regret to the members of the Legislature of Baltimore were rec'd from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

The First Branch returned the resolution in relation to the defalcation of Lambert S. Norwood late Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, the resolution to have the Eastern Spring Lot lighted with gas, and the resolution to the joint committee on Markets in relation to the Hanover Market specially endorsed "Concurred in".

Mr Suter, Chairman of the joint committee on Highways, reported the 1st resolution which was read & laid on the table;

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner, in conjunction with the Board of Health, be and they are hereby directed to have several openings made in the tunnel of Harford run, at the intersection of Beall & Baltimore streets & Central avenue, said openings to be covered with iron grating, so constructed as to give ventilation to said tunnel and drawn with the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of four hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Mr Richardson, Chairman of the joint committee on Markets, reported the 2d resolution which was read & laid on the table;

Resolved by the Branches of the City Council, that the City Commissioner be requested to report to the Councils the estimated cost of grading the lot, &c so as to suit the grade of the adjoining streets, also the cost of taking down and replacing the old building with a substantial structure similar to the new Belair market house.

On motion of Mr Parlow the Branch adjd till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock

By Order

Jas Griffith
Clk

Wednesday February 1. 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members except Mr Falls.

On motion of Mr Parlow, the resolution to repeal the resolution of No 29th No 3, was taken up & read.

Mr Parlow moved to strike out the word "the" in 2d line of manuscript & to strike out the word "of" in 2 line & insert "No 39"; to strike out the word "of" in 3rd line, and insert "approved"; and insert after the word "the" in 4th line, the word "said", which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was concurred in with proposed amendments.

The President laid before the Branch a memorial of the Baltimore & Maryland Railroad Company praying permission to run a line of their road through certain parts of the city, which was read.

On motion of Mr Parlow, a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing to refer the said communication to the joint special committee on the memorial of the York & Cumberland Railroad Company.

A resolution of regret to the members of the Legislature from Baltimore was received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

Mr Suter presented a petition from Lafontaine & Maughlin & others, praying the erection of a fire plug in the vicinity of Pitts street and East Falls avenue, which was read & referred to the joint Comte on Water.

On motion of Mr Richardson, the resolution in relation to the Hanover Market was taken up, read & adopted.

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

By Order

Jas Griffith
Clk