Monday February 23, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

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

The President laid before the Branch a communication from the Register in answer to a resolution of this Branch, in relation to the City Pump, which was read & laid on the table.

Mr. Suter, Chairman of the joint Committee on Fire Companies reported the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted,

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that Gillingham & Johnson be, and are hereby permitted to use such machinery as may be necessary in the manufacture of agricultural implements, provided that such machinery shall be removed at any time after sixty days notice being given, by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, at the request of said Gillingham & Johnson,

Mr. Richardson, Chairman of the joint Committee on Markets, reported the following resolution, with a City Act & an Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to authorize the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore to regulate the sale of fresh meat &c", which was read & laid on the table: Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the representatives from the City of Baltimore, in the General Assembly of Maryland be respectfully requested to procure the passage of the following act of Assembly, and the Mayor is respectfully requested to procure the same at the hands of the Maryland Delegation.

On motion of Mr. Vickers a message was sent to the First Branch proposing that the joint Committee on the subject of a new City Hall, appointed last year, be continued & that the vacancies in said Committee on the part of the First Branch be filled, and that the committee be requested to send the act of Assembly relating to a new City Hall to the General Assembly of Maryland, and to do such other acts.

On motion of Mr. Farlow the resolution to light the offices of the Register, Collector & Mayor, with gas, was taken up, read & concurred in,

On motion of Mr. Stewart the bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the extension of the Richmond Market" approved July 25th 1853, was taken up & read,

Mr. Stewart moved to reconsider the vote of the 2nd Branch, on the motion to strike out the amendment adopted in the 1st Branch &c, which was determined in the affirmative,

The motion to strike out the amendment adopted in the 1st Branch, ~~which~~ was determined in the negative.

Mr. Stewart moved to strike out the word "fifty" in the second line & insert "twenty" which was determined in the affirmative,

The bill being in its passage, it passed.

A message was sent from the First Branch asking a message from the Mayor & the papers in relation to the House of Refuge, and proposing to join the same to a joint Special Committee, which was read & concurred in, and

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

On motion of Mr. Stewart the Branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 3½ o'clock

By order
Geo. Griffith - Clk

Tuesday February 28 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

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

Mr. Griffith presented a petition from Philip McDelvin, praying compensation for services rendered, which was read & referred to the joint Committee on Claims.

Mr. Falls presented a memorial from the Managers of the Hebrew Infantile Society and a petition from the same, praying an appropriation of four hundred dollars, which was read & referred to the joint Committee on Ways & Means.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the resolution to request the Representatives of the City in the State Legislature to procure the passage of a law in relation to the sale of fresh meats in the City was taken up & read.

Mr. Farlow moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative by yeas & nays.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, yeas & nays.

Mr. Stewart offered the following resolution, which was read & laid on the table: Whereas by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the City of Baltimore is entitled under the will of the late John McDonogh to a large and very valuable share of his estate; and whereas the avails thereof, are dedicated by said will to purposes of the highest character, which commend themselves to the feeling and judgment of this Corporation: and whereas it is right & proper to carry into immediate and efficient operation the testators plans of benevolence and usefulness; therefore, Resolved that a joint Special Committee of the Council, be appointed to consult and report as to the action which the interest & duties of the City may require, and especially to report upon the expediency of the immediate appointment of the Commissioners and agents referred to in said will, and also to report whether it will not be expedient to require bond to be given in reference to some of the offices created by said will.

A message was sent from the First Branch, proposing that a committee of conference be appointed on the resolution to light the offices of the Mayor, Register & Collector with gas which was read & concurred in,

The President appointed on said Committee Messrs. Farlow, Hill & Griffith,

The First Branch returned the resolution in relation to repairing streets, endorsed "concur in with proposed amendments":

Amendment proposed - Add the following Resolution - Resolved that the Clerk of this Branch be instructed to transmit to each representative of this City in the Legislature of Maryland, a copy of the above resolution,

The amendments were read & concurred in,

On motion of Mr. Farlow the resolution to purchase certain property on Druid Hill for a Public School, was taken up, read & on motion of Mr. Webster laid on the table,

On motion of Mr. Richardson the resolution in favor of E. A. Brooke, was taken up & read,

Mr. Farlow moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative,

Mr. Farlow moved to add at the end of the resolution the words "and that resolution No 87, approved May 17, 1853, be & the same is hereby repealed, which was determined in the affirmative

On motion of Mr. Vickers the resolution was referred to the joint Committee on Claims