Wednesday April 12, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The First Branch returned the resolution of instruction to the Directors on the part of the City of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Company, endorsed "Concurred in".

A report of the joint Committee on Education, with a resolution authorizing the erection of certain buildings, was received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

Mr Stewart moved to reconsider the vote taken on the 11th inst. on the Ordinance relative to the McDough bequest.

The President ruled the motion out of order.

Mr Stewart appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 6.

Mr Gill presented a petition from Mrs C. Barber & others, remonstrating against the extension of Park street, which was read & referred to the joint Committee on Highways.

Mr Richardson offered a resolution requesting the City Commissioner to inform the Council if the pump at the end of the Fell's Point Market should not be removed to some other place, which was read & adopted.

On motion of Mr Gill the resolution in favor of Michael Schanty was taken up, read & rejected: Yeas 8, Nays 6.

On motion of Mr Taylor, the resolution to authorize the laying off a public square in the centre of Broadway was taken up & read.

Mr Taylor moved to add at the end of the resolution the words "provided the City shall be at no expense in carrying into effect this resolution", which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was adopted: Yeas 9, Nays 5.

Mr Webster as Chairman of the joint Committee on Police & Jail reported an Ordinance to allow police officers to receive rewards &c, which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Vickers, the Ordinance to authorize and provide for the sale of the Charles street City Spring Lot & for the purposes, was taken up & read.

Mr Webster moved to strike out all of the 3rd sec. after the word "Commissioners" in 4th line, and insert the words "paid over to the City Register for the use of the City", which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Stewart the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

By Order
Jno Griffith
Clk

Thursday April 13 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr Stewart in pursuance of notice given moved to amend the 17th rule of the Branch, by striking out in the 3rd line, the words "on that side which prevailed", and inserting the words "with the majority of the members voting upon", which was determined in the negative, Yeas 7, Nays 8.

The First Branch returned the resolution on the petition of Michael Keane & others, and the resolution to discharge the Committee on Fire Co's from the further consideration of the subject of the Steam Fire engine, respectively endorsed "Concurred in".

An Ordinance to repeal a resolution to refer the petitions of John Merrick & others to the Auditor; and a resolution to discharge the Committee on Markets from the further consideration of the extension of the Lexington Market, were received from the First Branch, severally read & laid on the table.

Mr Leare (Mr Vickers) offered a bill entitled "An Ordinance in execution & fulfilment of the provisions of the Will of the late John McDough, so far as they relate to the City of Baltimore", which was read & laid on the table.

Mr Leare (Mr Peter) offered as a substitute for said bill, "An Ordinance in execution & fulfilment of the Will of the late John McDough" &c, which was read & laid on the table.

Mr Griffith, Chairman of the joint Committee on the subject, reported "An Ordinance relating to the laying out of a Public Square in Federal Hill", which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Taylor, the bill entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to authorize the closing of Gilson, Carter street, Morris & Jordan alleys' &c, was taken up & read a third time.

On motion of Mr Griffith the Ordinance "for the relief of Dr. Jewett & Dr. Griffith Mai" was taken up & read.

Mr Griffith moved to fill the blank in sec. 1 line 5, with the word "ten hundred", which was determined in the negative.

Mr Griffith moved to fill the second blank with the word "one hundred & fifty", which was determined in the negative, Yeas 2, Nays 7.

Mr Griffith moved to fill the said blank with the word "ten hundred & fifty", which was determined in the negative, Yeas 2, Nays 7.

Mr Webster moved to fill the said blank with the word "fifty", which was determined in the affirmative, Yeas 6, Nays 3.

Mr Webster moved to strike out all of the 1st sec. after the word "line" in 6th line, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Griffith moved to fill the blank in sec. line 9, with the word "one", which was determined in the affirmative.

The Ordinance then was read a second time & passed, Yeas 8, Nays 3.

Mr Vickers moved to strike out the following amendment to the title of the bill, "An Ordinance to authorize Dr. Jewett & Dr. Griffith Mai, to build piers in front of their wharf, off of & out beyond the Bulkhead line", which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Gill the communication of the City Commissioner to the Council was taken up & referred with the joint Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr Richardson the bill entitled "A supplement to Ordinance 20, Revised Ordinances 1853, &c", was taken up & read.

Mr Vickers moved to strike out the word "Israel" in 6th line, & insert the word "Isaac", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Vickers moved to insert the word "entitled" after the figures "1850" in the title, which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill being engrossed was read & passed.

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

By Order
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