Monday April 24, 1854.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present John B. Seidenstricker Esq. Pres. & all the members except Mr. Webster.

Mr. Parlow in the Chair.

Mr. Stewart chairman of the joint committee on police & jail reported an ordinance entitled "Supplement to ordinance No. 30" &c, which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the resolution in favor of R. H. Kennedy was taken up, read & adopted.

On motion of Mr. Griffith the bill entitled "Supplement to ordinance No. 39, approved April 3, 1854" &c, was taken up, read and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Griffith "An ordinance to condemn & open a street from Chureh st. to Carlton st. to be called Vine street", was taken up, read & passed.

On motion of Mr. Slater an ordinance to change the grade of Franklin & Saratoga streets, was taken up & read.

Mr. Slater offered as a substitute for the bill, a bill entitled "An ordinance to change the grade of Franklin & Saratoga streets", which was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Walker the subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled "An ordinance in pursuance and fulfillment of the provisions of the will of Charles John McDough", &c, was taken up & read.

The question being on the substitute for the 4th section, ~~offered with the bill, and if it was~~ on leave, it was withdrawn.

Mr. Seidenstricker offd a substitute for the 4th sec, which was read.

Mr. Stewart offered the following substitute for the substitute, which was read:

Sec 4. And be it enacted & ordained that the compensation of said agents shall respectively commence with the date of their bonds, and shall be for the first year, twenty five hundred dollars payable quarterly and that the Mayor & City Council, at their regl sessn, shall fix such salary as to them may seem proper under the circumstances.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved to strike out the word "twenty five hundred" & insert the word "one thousand" which was determined in the negative: Yeas 3, Nays 6.

The substitute for the substitute was accepted; Yeas 6, Nays 4.

The amendment was then adopted as a substitute for the 4th section.

Mr. Gill moved to insert after the word "account" in 7th line, sec 3, the words "on or before the first day of January in each & every year", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved to strike out in sec. 1 line 3, the words "from time to time", and insert the word "annually", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved to strike out all after the word "be" in sect. 1 line 3, to the word "Baltimore" in 5th line, inclusive, and to insert the words "appointed as city officers are now appointed", which was determined in the negative by the following vote, Yeas 4, Nays 6.

On leave the vote on adopting the substitute for the bill offered on the 13th inst. was

Mr. Gill moved to lay the bill on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The bill being on its passage it passed.

On motion of Mr. Griffith the Branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clk.

By Order

J. M. Griffith
Clk



Tuesday April 25, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present John B. Seidenstricker Esq. Pres. & all the members except Mr. Webster.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a committee of conference on the ordinance relative to the receiving of the bodies of two alleys, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Richardson the message was concurred.

The President appointed as said committee on the part of this Branch, Mr. Richardson, Gill & Parlow.

A resolution & request to the members of congress from Maryland, was received from the First Branch, & concurred with.

The First Branch returned the ordinance relative to the laying out of a Radial avenue or Federal Hill endorsed "Bill passed" ~~without amdmt~~.

Mr. Stewart offered a resolution in favor of James Mullen, which was read & referred to the joint committee on Mayor & Marshal.

Mr. Stewart offered a resolution requesting the City Commissioner to report to the Council relative to the expediency of tunnelling Walsh street at the Jeffer tunnel, &c, which was read & adopted.

Mr. Parlow in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Seidenstricker the ordinance relative to the laying out of a lot of ground for a new City Hall was taken up & read.

Mr. Seidenstricker moved to insert after the first and second "the" in the line, the word "or orange alley", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Seidenstricker offered the following amendment, which was read & adopted; Insert after the word "record" in 17th line, the following: "but redeemable at the pleasure of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, at any time within twelve years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, at the rate of six per centum upon the respective amounts of rent received by Jas. Brown and Thos. White, their heirs or assigns as herein stated.

Mr. Dale moved to insert after the name "White" in 22d line, the word "their heirs & assigns", which was determined in the affirmative.

The ordinance being on its passage it passed.

The President resumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Parlow, an ordinance to condemn & open Morris alley &c, was taken up, read & will pass.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, an ordinance to provide for the payment of money to the trustees of the poor of Baltimore City & County, was taken up & read.

Mr. Gill moved to strike out in the 7th line, the word "of their annual estimate", and insert "levied".

Which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill being on its passage it will pass.

On motion of Mr. Parlow, the resolution to discharge the joint committee on the Register's office accounts, and the resolution on the petition of Watchman & others, were respectively taken up, read & concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Parlow the Branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clk.

By Order

J. M. Griffith
Clk