Monday May 8, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present - all the members except John K. Leidenstricker, Esq. absent,

On motion of Mr Slater, Mr Vickers was elected President pro tempore.

Mr Gill presented a petition from H. Kiedtman & others, praying the removal of the Lamp Posts, which was received & laid on the table.

Mr Stewart presented a petition from James M. Bridges & others, praying the erection of abutments for the bridge on Decker street, which was received & referred to the joint committee on Bridges.

On motion of Mr Tarlor, the Ordinance to condemn & open Park street, was taken up & read.

On motion of Mr Slater the ordinance was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Stewart the ordinance to condemn & open Park street was made the special order of the day for tomorrow, at 3 P.M.

On motion of Mr Tarlor an ordinance relating to street railroads & omnibuses in the city of Baltimore was taken up, read & passed.

The First Branch returned the ordinance to change the grades of Franklin & Saratoga streets endorsed "Will pass with proposed amendments"

On motion of Mr Tarlor the amendment proposed was read & concurred in.

An Ordinance to close the alley fronting Road, between Bond & Bethel streets, was sent from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

A message was received from the First Branch announcing the appointment of Messrs Walters, Roche, and Norris on the committee of conference on the ordinance relating to the keeping & watching of the Court House, Record Office, &c, which was read & laid on the table.

A resolution relating to the powder magazine; a resolution to discharge the committee on the destruction of small notes; a resolution to discharge the joint committee on Wharves on the further consideration of the petition of James Murray; a resolution to discharge same committee for the further consideration of the petition of D. C. H. Emory; a resolution relating to the deepening of the Harbor on the south side of the Basin, and a resolution in favor of George L. Schen, were received from the First Branch, severally read & first & second time & concurred.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance in operation & supplemental of the provisions of the will of the late John McDonogh, so far as it relates to the city of Baltimore", was taken up & read.

The question being shall the ordinance pass notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor: it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote,

Ayes Messrs Tarlor, Slater, Richardson, Falls, Gill, Vickers, Griffith, Stewart — 8, Nays None.

Mr Vickers at his request & on motion of Mr Stewart being excused from voting on the passage of the ordinance.

Mr Slater, Chairman of the joint committee on Fire Companies, reported the following resolution, which was read & laid on the table:- Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that J. J. Wise & Brother be and they are hereby granted permission to erect a shed in the rear of their pipe manufactory in Hanover street; provided the outside shed and roof of the side wall be built of brick, and the remainder to be covered with iron, tin or zinc & the roof to be of metallic felt, and to be erected under the supervision of the City Commissioner.

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

By order

Jno Griffith
Clk

Tuesday May 9, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present - All the members except John K. Leidenstricker, Esq. absent,

On motion of Mr Stewart, Mr Vickers was elected President pro tempore.

Mr Gill offered a resolution requesting the City Commissioner to inform the Branch of the cost of quarrying abutments for the bridge at Decker street, which was read & adopted.

On motion of Mr Tarlor, the resolution to provide for the erection of a house of shelter for the keeper of the drawbridge, was taken up & read.

Mr Tarlor moved to strike out the word "unnecessary" & insert "proper" fire; which was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the ordinance to condemn & open Park street &c, was taken up & read.

Mr Gill moved to add at the end of sec 1, the word "provided that two thirds of the cost be a proper charge of Baltimore street", which was determined in the negative.

The bill being on its passage will pass, Yeas 6, Nays 2.

A bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore'"; an ordinance to increase the wages of workmen employed in the city yard, &c; and an ordinance to reduce the width of Fallsway &c, were received from the First Branch, severally read & laid on the table.

A resolution in favor of the Northwestern Fire Company, received from the First Branch, read first & second time & concurred.

A message received from the First Branch, announcing the appointment of Messrs Roche, Safer & Simms, on the joint special committee on the subject of a new site for the powder magazine.

Mr Slater, Chairman of the joint committee on Ways & Means, reported an ordinance to order the grading & Baltimore street &c, which was read & laid on the table.

Mr Tarlor offered a resolution to authorize the placing of stepping stones at Graphstal & Beeding, which was read & referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Mr Slater, from the joint committee on Highways, reported the following resolution on the subject of a tunnel across Walsh street, which was read a first & second time & adopted:

Resolved that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr Slater, the resolution in favor of J. J. Wise & Brother was taken up, read & adopted.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution in favor of James Menzies, was taken up, read and nonconcurred in; Yeas 3, Nays 5.

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

By order

Jno Griffith
Clk