Wednesday May 11, 1834

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - All the members except Mr Wiedenbacke Esq. Mr Hall.

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

Mr Slater presented a petition from Wm H. Gatchell, & others, in relation to the opening & widening of Broadway, which was received & referred to the joint committee on Highways.

On motion of Mr Slater, the bill entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance entitled An ordinance to preserve the health of the city of Baltimore", was taken up, read & passed.

A message was received from the First Branch, requesting the appointment of a committee of Conference on the resolution in favor of James Menzies, and nominating on their part said committee, Messrs Lefevre, Boyd & Boulden, which passed.

On motion of Mr Slater the message was concurred in.

The President appointed said committee, Messrs Slater, Richardson, & Stewart.

Mr Slater, from the joint committee of Conference on the resolution in favor of James Menzies, reported the following resolution, which passed at first & second time & adopted: Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore that permission hereby granted to allow the steps of house No. 331, West Lombard street, owned by James Menzies, trustee, to remain as they now are, any ordinance or resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion of Mr Slater, the ordinance to close the Jeffs road, was taken up, read & passed.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from the City Commissioner relative to the cost of the addition prayed for the Dwelling at the Maine Asylum, which was referred to the Committee on Health.

A resolution to provide for the erection of a suitable building &c. for primary school No. 2, in the 20th ward; and a resolution in favor of the Columbian & Franklin Fire Companies, were received from the First Branch, respectively read & laid on the table.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from John B. Brune, on behalf of the Board of Trade, relative to the consolidation of certain railways, between the harbor of Baltimore & Cumberland, Pa., which was received & referred to the joint committee on the Memorial of the York & Cumberland Rail Road Company.

On motion of Mr Webster, the resolution in favor of Alex. Stenning, was taken up, read & concurred in.

Mr Webster, Chairman of the joint special committee on the Memorial of the York & Cumberland Rail Road Company, reported an ordinance to aid in the completion of a continuous line of railway from Cumberland in Pennsylvania, to tide water in Baltimore, which passed & laid on the table.

Mr Slater informed the Branch of the sickness of Mr Wiedenbacke, and moved that the cause of his absence be entered on the journal and his name placed on the diary, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Slater the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By Order
J. M. Griffith
Clk

Thursday May 11, 1834

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - All the members except Mr Wiedenbacke Esq. sick.

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

Mr Stewart, as the minority of the committee of Conference on the resolution in favor of James Menzies, reported the following resolution, which passed & laid on the table, & ordered that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the City Commissioner be instructed to take such measures to have the doorsteps of the house on Lombard street, belonging to Mr James Menzies, changed, as may be proper in the premises.

The President laid before the Branch a memorial from the Balto. & Susq. R.R. Company, in relation to a track of railway from Bolton Station to tide water, east of Jones Falls, which was received & referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Mr Falls presented a remonstrance from Maria Wiedenbacke, against the widening and opening of East Baltimore street, which was received & referred to the joint committee on Highways.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of James Menzies, endorsed "concurred in".

A message was received from the First Branch proposing to recede a communication from the City Commissioner of the 10th inst. to a joint special committee, which was received & concurred in.

The President appointed on said committee on the part of this Branch, Messrs Slater, Harlan & Griffith.

A resolution in favor of the Mount Vernon Work & Saddle Company No. 2, was received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

A resolution in favor of Wm & George Gardiner, was received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Harlan, the resolution in favor of the Columbian & Franklin Fire Companies, was taken up & read.

Mr Stewart offered the following amendment, which was read & adopted: And be it further resolved that the Residents of the Franklin & Columbian Fire Companies shall give bond to the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, in the sum of three thousand dollars each, that the money thus received by them shall be appended in the purchase of ground & the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the apparatus of said Companies, the sites to be selected & approved of by the Mayor.

The resolution was concurred in with the proposed amendment.

On motion of Mr Griffith a message was sent to the First Branch, proposing that no new business be received after Monday, May 26th.

Mr Slater, Chairman of the joint committee on Fire Companies, reported the resolution to discharge the committee from further consideration of the remonstrance against the erection of a machine shop &c. in Cassiopia alley, which was read & adopted.

On motion of Mr Stewart the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By Order
J. M. Griffith
Clk