Thursday May 18th 1837

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present ~~John B. Sidenstricker Esqr. President~~ all the members except John B. Sidenstricker Esqr. President and Mr Falls.

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

Mr Suter presented a petition from Edward Mosher, praying permission to extend his wharf, which was received & referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to return to the First Branch an ordinance relating to Rail Road tracks &c. in the city, was received from the First Branch, read & referred to the joint committee on the ordinance.

A message was received from the First Branch requesting the appointment of a committee of conference on the ordinance to increase the compensation of the watchmen employed in the city, which passed.

Mr Suter moved to recommend to the Mayor, which was determined in the negative, yea 2, nays.

On motion of Mr Vickers the message was concurred in.

The President appointed said committee messrs Vickers, Richardson & Griffith.

A message was received from the First Branch requesting the appointment of a committee of conference on the ordinance relative to the sale of the vacated city spring lot, which passed.

On motion of Mr Vickers, the message was concurred in.

The President appointed said committee messrs Vickers, Suter & Wilson.

The First Branch returned the resolution to provide a house of shelter for the keeper of the drawbridge endorsed "concurred in".

Bills entitled "A supplement to ordinance No 7, revised ordinances 1836", "An ordinance to improve the wharf at Bowlegs wharf & Franklin street", "A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to enforce magistrate regulations", were received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Vickers, the resolution in favor of the Watchman Fire Company was taken up, read & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the resolution to provide for the erection of public school buildings in the 2d & 3rd was taken up, read & concurred in.

Mr Suter, from the joint committee on finance, reported an ordinance authorizing the commissioners of finance to sell a lot of ground on Fort avenue, which was read & laid on the table.

Mr Jackson offered the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted:

Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to place two or more stepping stones, as and when he may be necessary, on the north side of Hall street, at the intersection with Hanover & Sharp streets; the expense of the same to be taken out of the annual appropriation for flag & stepping stones.

On leave Mr Vickers offered an ordinance entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to establish a City Commissioner & an operative City Commissioner, & approved March 22 1836", which was read a first & second time & will pass.

On motion of Mr Suter, the bill entitled "A supplement to ordinance No 37, approved the 9th June 1836 &c", was taken up, read & will pass.

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

By Order

Geo. Griffith
Clk

Friday May 19. 1837

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - All the members except messrs Sidenstricker, Pearce & Richardson.

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

On motion of Mr Farlow a message was sent to the First Branch informing that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stands adjourned till Monday afternoon next at 3 o'clk.

The First Branch by message concurred.

On motion of Mr Farlow an ordinance to improve the wharf at Bowlegs wharf & Franklin lane was taken up, read & laid on the table.

Mr Falls presented a petition from Mr McKenrick, remonstrating against the widening of Pratt & Baltimore street, which was read & referred to the joint committee on widenings.

The First Branch returned the ordinance to change the grade of Sarah street adopted & passed.

An ordinance to limit the time for the opening & fencing alleys & an ordinance to limit the time for the opening of River street, were received from the First Branch read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Farlow, the resolution in favor of the Independent Fire Company was taken up, read & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Stewart, a bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to enforce magistrate regulations", was taken up, read & will pass.

On motion of Mr Farlow, a bill entitled "A supplement to ordinance No 7 of revised ordinances 1836", was taken up & read.

Mr Farlow moved to insert after the word "Mayor" in sect. 1, line 6, the words "and Recorder of the First & second Branches of the City Council", which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Farlow moved to strike out the 2d sec, which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill being with passage will pass with proposed amendments, yeas 6, nays 3.

On motion of Mr Gill, the resolution in favor of Dr Milton A. Taylor, was taken up, read & concurred in; yeas 5, nays 3.

On motion of Mr Stewart the Branch adjourned.

By Order

Geo. Griffith
Clk