Tuesday May 23, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - all the members except John B. Seidenstricker Esq.

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

Mr Slater offered the following resolution which was read a first second time and adopted:

Resolved that the Register be requested to report to this Branch whether the several justices of the Peace of the City have made regular quarterly returns to his office as prescribed by Act of Assembly, Chapter 113, sec 3 passed March 13, 1854, and also that he report the names of those who have not so complied with said law.

Mr Gill from the joint committee on Bridges, reported the following resolution which was read & laid on the table; Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be & he is hereby directed to place sufficient abutments at Decker street to resist the earth of the grade of said street, the cost not to exceed twenty five hundred dollars, and draw on the Register, with the approbation of the Mayor for the same amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary; & to take out of the long pier bridges out of the limits of Jerusalem Capelin.

Mr Stewart, from the joint committee on claims, reported the following resolution, which was read & laid on the table; Resolved by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be, and he is hereby authorized & directed to pay to Samuel Hindes the sum of Five thousand dollars, on account of the damages incurred by him in the opening of John street, out of any money in the treasury applicable to the payment of the expenses incurred in the condemnation & opening of said street.

Mr Slater, from the joint committee on Bridges, reported an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to accept the beds of Chase, Eden, & Spring streets, which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Gill the resolution relative to the dwelling at the Marine Hospital, was taken up, read & adopted.

On motion of Mr Stewart, the Branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By order

Jas Griffith
Clk

Wednesday May 24, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present - all the members except John B. Seidenstricker Esq.

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

A message was received from the First Branch announcing the appointment of Messrs Simms, Johnson & Roche on the committee of conference on the ordinance relative to the sale of the Shards & Gilt Spring lot, and Messrs Norris, Boulden & Hunt on the committee of conference on the ordinance to increase the wages of work men employed in the City Yard.

The First Branch returned the bill entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to appoint a City Commissioner", &c, endorsed "bill passed with proposed amendments",

Amendments proposed; Strike out the words "twenty years" in 4th line sec 1, and insert the words "twelve";

Add to the end of the 2d sec, the words "in their respective wards";

The amendments received on motion of Mr Taylor concurred in.

The First Branch returned the ordinance to authorize the Mayor to accept a dedication of the bed of Pitts street, &c, endorsed "passed";

An ordinance in relation to the assessment of taxes due & in arrear, was received from the First Branch read a first second time & passed;

A resolution relative to a platform on West Falls avenue, and a resolution relative to public school No 3, were received from the First Branch, read a first second time & concurred in.

On motion of Mr Slater an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to accept the beds of Chase, Eden & Spring streets, was taken up, read & passed;

On motion of Mr Gill the resolution relative to abutments for the bridge at Decker street, was taken up, read & adopted;

Mr Falls from the joint committee on Bridges, reported "An ordinance to authorize & direct the Harbor Master to provide a wharf for the exclusive use of fishermen & dealers in fish" which was read & laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Fells, the Branch adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By order

Jas Griffith
Clk