

Saturday 5th April 1817.

The Branch met agreeably to adjournment, present ~~William Patterson Esquire, President~~ and all the other members, except Mess^{rs} McCulloch, Jamison and Patterson.

* The Resolution authorising the Mayor to borrow money for the use of the City, in anticipation of the City Revenue" was on motion read a second time concurred in and sent to the second branch for their concurrence, who returned the same endorsed "assented to".

The Bill entitled An Ordinance for paving Mills street, Washington street, Castle Alley and County street, within certain distances, and for other purposes, so as more effectually to preserve the Navigation" was returned from the second branch endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment. Ver^o" "1" Strike out the words "the water" in the 6th & 7th lines of the 2^d page, and insert "Fleet Street".

2^d at the end of the Bill, add. And be it enacted & ordained that the City Commissioners in fixing the grades of the aforesaid streets be and they are hereby required to consult James Mosher, and Thomas Sheppard, and the said James Mosher and Thomas Sheppard are requested to advise the said Commissioners in fixing the grades of said streets and Alley, in such manner, that having a principal regard to the preservation of the Harbour the least possible injury may be done to the property of individuals".

Which amendment on being read was agreed to by the second branch informed thereof by message".

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the petition of John Duffenduffer and others, made report by submitting a bill entitled,

A supplement to an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to regulate the measuring & weighing of grain flour and meal, in the City of Baltimore, and for other purposes therein mentioned" which having been read the first and second time by special order, passed & sent to the second branch, who returned the same endorsed "will pass".

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the protection of the public works in the City of Baltimore" was received from the second branch, read the first & by special order a second time & passed with the proposed amendment. Ver^o" "Strike out the preamble" - which was agreed to by the second branch & message.

On the passage of this Bill, two members requested their "Negatives" to be entered on the Journal, but the yeas & nays not having been called, neither any "protest" filed, the Clerk did not feel authorized to enter their names on the Journal]

The Bill entitled "A further additional Supplement to the Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to regulate the gauging of Casks, and the inspection of spiritous liquors in the City of Baltimore" was on motion read a second time, and passed with the proposed amendments. Ver^o.

And the following sections

"And Be it enacted and ordained that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to employ any Gauger to gauge, inspect and mark any liquid merchandise, except such persons as now are, or hereafter may be appointed and licenced by the Mayor of the City, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence so unlawfully gauged inspected and marked.

And be it enacted and ordained that the standard of domestic distilled liquors shall be the same as that of the United States for foreign distilled liquors; and it