

Thomas Roberts was chosen Door-keeper to the Branch.

On motion Messrs. Schaeffer Carey and Simpson were appointed a committee of elections.

The Second Branch by one of their members informed us that they had formed a branch, in answer where to a message was transmitted to the Second Branch informing them we had likewise formed a branch and were ready to proceed in the consideration of any business which might be laid before us.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Keports and Stewart Buchanan were appointed to report rules and regulations for the order and government of this Branch, who reported the same system of rules heretofore adopted in this Branch which report was concurred with.

The First Branch by message informed the Second Branch that they had appointed Messrs. Lorman and Shrim to join the members to be appointed on the part of the Second

Branch as a joint committee to wait on the Mayor to receive any communications he may have to make to the City Council.

The Second Branch returned a message informing the first Branch that they had appointed Mr. Buchanan a member of their Branch to join the members appointed by the first Branch to wait on the Mayor and receive his communications.

A committee appointed to wait on the Mayor having left the room, shortly after returned with the following communication;

Gentlemen of the City Council,

When we contemplate the prosperity and happiness of our Country compared with any other known to us, and especially when we reflect that this City has participated its full proportion in the enjoyment of these blessings for the past year without feeling any of those calamities which have unfortunately occurred in several of the Cities and towns of the United States, what abundant cause have we to acknowledge with sincere and grateful hearts the superintending care of the Supreme Being in condescending thus to prosper and protect us.