

to establish a fish-market and for other purposes therein mentioned. The lots adjoining the Hansover Market House heretofore a part of the said Market and sold to individuals and on which a roof is erected suitable for a market house have been repurchased and conveyances to the City duly executed. Agreeably also to the said ordinance, a fish market has been erected at the Centre market to which a room is attached designed for a permanent weigh-house and office for the clerk of the market. I flatter myself the erection of this room will merit your approbation especially when it is considered, that the late weigh-house was a temporary structure and that the ground it stood upon is used for movable stalls from which a rent is derived. It will be proper to make provision for the debt incurred upon this occasion, as well as to form the necessary regulations for the government of the fish market. While upon this subject permit me to call your attention to the expediency of raising the lower Centre market and putting a new roof thereon.

So much of the prayer of the petition of the Corporation to the General Assembly of Maryland as respects the mode of elections having been granted, the mode of voting at City elections in future will be by ballot as for delegates to the Legislature and the elections will commence and close at the same time of the day as these elections now open and close.

It has also pleased the General Assembly to empower the Mayor and City Council to have and exercise the right of regulating all weights and measures, within the City and precincts by the present standard from and after the first day of the present month of February and until such time as a standard of weights and measures shall have been fixed by Congress. An ordinance being requisite to give effect to the powers thus vested in the Corporation the subject is submitted for your consideration.

As appropriations have been frequently made, which have proved inadequate to the object intended it is respectfully submitted to your consideration, whether it is not desirable that particular care should be taken to render them as nearly as possible equal to the object for which they are designed. This would prevent the work remaining unfinished, to the injury of individuals or the public and exempt the Mayor from the disagreeable necessity of exceeding the authorized appropriations.

The Register will lay before you a summary of the receipts and expenditures of the year, ending the thirty first day of January last, from which it appears that a balance remained, in the Treasury on that day amounting to the sum of twelve thousand sixty four Dollars and fifty eight cents. His books accounts and vouchers will be also exhibited for your examination for that of such committee you may appoint for the purpose.

Monday Feb. 10th 1806. Thorough Smith

Which communication being read was referred to a Joint Committee of both branches and on the part of the first branch Messrs Buchanan Tennant and Keports were appointed and the second branch informed thereof by message.

On leave being given Mr. Hooper presented to the Branch the following resolution,

"Resolved that the present committee of Enrollment cannot be legally authorized to examine any bills or ordinances that had been passed at any special session of the City Council previous to their appointment." which resolution being read was rejected and the year and may's being called for appeared as follows;