

In Conformity to the Resolution of the City Council at their last Session a lot has been purchased adjoining the powder house lot fronting on the water about five hundred feet and about seven hundred feet on the main road leading to and from the fort containing four acres and fifty two perches for the consideration of two thousand dollars, Seventeen hundred and Seventeen dollars and thirty Cents of which has been paid in cash and the balance in Mud delivered from the Mud machine. Perhaps this lot may contain more ground than was contemplated by the Council, but as it was not possible to obtain a place for the deposit of mud combined with other advantages this lot propose, we were therefore under the necessity of contracting for the whole and although the lot may for some time serve only the purpose of a deposit for mud, yet ultimately it must prove to the City an advantageous and productive purchase - Permit me to call your attention to the state of the Bridges of the City on Jones. Fully two of which are now in a state of considerable decay and from the materials of the structure of all of them none can be of long duration - It is respectfully submitted to you whether funds may not be procured in the course of a few years to enable the City to erect one or more bridges of stone which eventually may be less expensive to our Constituents than the present temporary bridges which annually require considerable repairs - As usual the Register annual account will be submitted to you for your investigation

It gives me pleasure to observe that this account exhibits a balance in favor of the City amounting to seven thousand four hundred and thirty three dollars and nine Cents

Feb 8. 1808. Thorowgood Smith

A Message was sent to the 2^d Branch proposing to refer the Mayor's communication to a Joint Committee for the purpose of apportioning between the branches the subjects therein referred to the consideration of the Council, and stating the appointment of Messrs Small Tenant & Barclay as a committee on the part of this branch -

A communication was received from the Mayor with the proceedings of the members of the Convention elected for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the alterations in the City Charter proposed by the act of the Legislature of Maryland at their last Session - and informing the branch that the proposed amendments had been unanimously adopted by the said Convention -

Which communication with the proceedings therein mentioned were sent to the 2^d Branch -

A Message was received from the 2^d Branch stating that they had agreed to refer the Mayor's communication to a Joint Committee, and had appointed Mr Pringle & Mr Payson their Committee

On motion it was ordered that the Mayor's communication be published -

Messrs Lorman & Benson were appointed a Committee of Enrollment on the part of this branch and the Second Branch informed thereof -

Messrs Buchanan & Shrim were appointed a committee of accounts & the Second Branch informed thereof

A Message was received from the 2^d Branch informing the first branch that they had appointed Mr Frick a Committee on their part to join the Committee of Enrollment