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City of Baltimore
13th February 1809

This being the day appointed by the Charter of Incorporation for the annual Convention of the City Council, the first branch met at their Chamber in South Street the following members being present Viz

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| Thomas Mumme | } | Peter Diefendaffer |
| Samuel Frey | | William Camp |
| James Carey | | James Wilson |
| Jacob Small | | William Ross |
| James A Buchanan | | William Stewart |
| William Loman | | Johna Eunis |
| Thomas Kell | | John Dryden J. |
| Abner Neal | | Thomas Shepard |

The Members having qualified proceeded to elect a President whereupon William Loman was duly elected - On a ballot for a Clerk Stephen W. Moore was elected & was qualified by taking the oath required by Law -

Frederick Creamy was thereupon chosen Door Keeper

A Message was transmitted to the second branch informing them that the branch had formed a quorum were ready to proceed to business and had appointed Mr Buchanan & Mr Small a Committee to join such Committee as they should appoint to wait upon the Mayor and receive his Communication -

To which the second branch returned the following answer
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Gentlemen of the first branch
We have found a quorum & have appointed Mr Deing Stouffer a Committee on our part to join the Members of your branch to wait on the Mayor & receive any Communication he may have to make
of Order H Payson CLK
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On Motion therefore the Branch appointed Mr Kell and Mr Carey a Committee of Elections and Mr Small and Mr Eunis a Committee to frame and report rules for the Government of the Branch -

The following Communication was received from the Mayor -

Gentlemen of the City Council

The progressive state of improvement since the Establishment of the Corporation of our City & the perfection attained in our police will with each succeeding year greatly diminish your labor, and curtail the objects to which it will be necessary to call the attention of the City Council -

I shall briefly remark to you that from the present stagnation of business, we may reasonably calculate upon a considerable diminution of revenue, and to suggest the expediency of confining our Appropriations for the ensuing year to works of necessity, postponing those of utility and Ornament to a time when our resources shall be more adequate to their accomplishment -

The decayed state of our bridges will render their renewal in succession, indispensable, and although the first election thereof with permanent materials, will be attended with heavy expences, yet when accomplished, will speedily remunerate us, as the sum hitherto expended for their continued repair, will not be required. Contracts have been entered into, for the building of the one from Baltimore Street to York Street, and the City Commissioners will lay before you, an accurate Statement of the City. -

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