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City of Baltimore

Monday the 3rd day of February 1813,
being the time appointed by Law for the annual
session of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore

The members of the First Branch convened at the
Council Chamber, and having taken and subscribed
the several Oaths and declaration required by Law
proceeded to elect a President, when Adam Fonerden
was elected.

Present Adam Fonerden President, and
other members.

The following Message was received from the
Second Branch

"In 2^d Branch, February 3^d 1813.

"Gentlemen of the First Branch

"This Branch has formed a quorum, and it
"proposed with your concurrence to appoint a joint Com
"of the two branches to wait upon the Mayor, & impo
"him that the City Council are in session and pass
"to receive any communications he may have to
"to them, and we have appointed on our part Mr. G

To which the following was returned in answer

In the First Branch of the City Council,

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

We have appointed Mess^{rs} Tinnan & Ship
to join the members of your Branch, to wait upon

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Mayor, for the purposes mentioned in your message of this day
by order J. Hill, Clk. Co. Sec.

The following Communication was received from the
Mayor, by the Committee appointed to wait upon him viz

"Gentlemen of the City Council

In the annual communication which official
duty imposes, I trust I shall be excused if I again bring
to your view and notice of the Council the subjects of the Harbour
and Basin. The interest and future prosperity of the City
of Baltimore demand that every attention should be paid
to this very interesting object. Happily situated at the
head of the finest bay in the world, and commanding
the resources of a very extensive and fruitful back country
Baltimore may reasonably calculate upon attaining a pre-
minence among the commercial cities in the Union.

These great advantages must be necessarily diminished
if not totally sacrificed, by any material interruption in
our navigation. And it affords a pleasing reflection that
the resources of our City have been such, during the
past four years, as to have enabled us to have expended
sums of \$100,000 in the erection of useful, indispensable
and permanent improvements, which having been accomplished,
will leave the future income of our City to be applied
to the improvement of the navigation, and any other equally
interesting objects.

A Lot fronting forty eight feet on Holliday street, and
running back one hundred and fifty feet to North Street.