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and the City Council deeming such an appropriation of the City Revenue highly laudable, and although not freed from difficulty under the Corporate powers of the Mayor and City Council, yet yielding to the urgency of the measure, from the imperfect state of the public defence,

It is therefore Resolved that a sum not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of procuring a more effective and general defence of the City of Baltimore; which sum shall be drawn for by the Mayor, and paid out of any unappropriated money in the City Treasury, or if needful, the Mayor is hereby authorized to obtain on loan the aforesaid sum from any of the Banks within the City; the Repayment of which the Mayor and City Council hereby guarantee. The aforesaid sum, or such part thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended under the direction of the Mayor of the

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City and Messrs James Mosher, Luke Siman, Henry Payson, Doctor John Campbell White, James A. Buchanan, Samuel Sterrett, and Thorndyke Chase, or a majority of them, who are hereby appointed a Committee of Supply for the purposes contemplated by this Resolution. Which being read the first and by special order a second time & transmitted to the Second Branch, who returned the same endorsed "Concurred in".

On motion therefore the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

By Order Thos Bailey (Ck)

Wednesday April 14th 1813.

The Branch met agreeably to adjournment present James Barry Esquire, President and all the other members except Messrs Levering and Sheppard.

On motion the following Resolution was submitted

Resolved that an additional sum of three hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated