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Gentlemen of the First Branch

This Board has formed a quorum and are ready to proceed to the business which the City Council have been convened and have nominated on the part of this Branch Doct. White to wait upon the Mayor and receive such communication as he may think proper to make.

By Order Tho^s Rogers Clk

To which the following Message was sent in answer.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

We have appointed Mr. Johnson to join the member from your Branch to wait upon the Mayor for the purpose mentioned in your message of this day.

By Order V^o "

The following Communication was received from the Mayor by the Committee appointed for that purpose, accompanied by the proceedings of the meeting composed of the Committee to supply Delegates &c, which is also hereafter transcribed V^o "

Gentlemen of the City Council,

The Committee under whose superintendence the Twenty thousand dollars appropriated

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by you, for the defence and protection of the City were placed, finding that sum insufficient for the purpose; and well knowing the restrictions vested in you by your charter, deemed it advisable to request the inhabitants of the City and Precincts to meet at their respective places of holding elections, and select four persons from each Ward & Precincts, to meet the Committee named by you, for the purpose of consultation.

The Request was promptly complied with and each and every delegate attended in the Council Chamber. The result of their proceedings herewith communicate, which requiring our cooperation has occasioned me thus hastily convene you. The munificence of the City, with a liberality highly honorable to them, have offered to loan any reasonable sum that the present exigency may require, upon receiving such guarantee for its reimbursement as we are able to give; And the mode recommended by the Delegates of the Wards and Precincts, when sanctioned by you, will be accepted. —

Captain Sterrett at the head of his company has for some weeks, been upon duty.

Col. Mosher, at the same time, was employed at the Fort, superintending the construction of