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The Branch met agreeably to adjournment.
Present James Carey Esquire presiding &
all the other members.

A Message was sent to the second Branch, informing them this Branch had formed a Board, and were prepared to enter upon the business for which the Council have convened, and inviting their attendance in the Chamber of the First Branch for that purpose.

A Bill entitled "A Further Supplement to the Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to preserve the Navigation of the Harbour & Basin of Batavia' and to provide for the exercise of the powers vested in the Port Wardens by Act of Assembly" was received from the second Branch, read the First, & by Special Order a second time & passed.

A Petition from Gilbert Middleton, Inspector of Salted Provisions, stating the Office he now holds has become of little Value, Complaining of the hardship of paying for licence & praying exemption therefrom; was presented, read & ordered to lie on the table.

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The two Branches having convened in the ^{Chamber of} the First Branch of the City Council, they proceeded by joint Ballot to elect a City Collector; when it appeared Benjamin Fowler & Adam Tomerden had the greatest number of Votes, agreeably to the Order in which they were respectively named, and were directed so to be returned to the Mayor.

The second Branch having retired to their Chamber, this Branch on motion, & agreeably to previous arrangement, adjourned sine die.

By Order
Thos. W. C. Clerk.