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The following message was received from the 2^d Branch by
Gentlemen of the First Branch.

We have received a report from the Port Wardens
which we propose to refer to the consideration of a joint Committee &
have appointed on our part Messrs. Biags, Herring and Hollins.

By order

The Rogers Ck

which proposal was agreed to - Messrs. Sheppard, Ross, Melson of W^m
and Mosher appointed a committee on the part of the First Branch
and the 2^d Branch informed thereof by message.

A second message was received from the 2^d Branch, accompanied
with a Petition from Thomas Cole & others, on the subject of widening
Wicks Street Bridge, & improving Warford Street - and proposing to
refer the same to the consideration of the joint Committee to whom
was referred the Port Wardens Report, which proposal was agreed
to & the Petition referred accordingly, and the 2^d Branch informed
thereof by message.

Mr. Mosher from the committee appointed on that part of the
Mayors communication, which relates to "a City Hall" brings in &
submits the following report

First Branch of the City Council

The committee to whom was referred that part of the
Mayors communication which relates to the propriety of
procuring apartments for the permanent accommodation of the
City Council and of the several officers of the corporation, in the
New Exchange buildings intended to be erected in the course of
the ensuing summer, beg leave to report -

That they have had an interview with a deputation of
Gentlemen appointed by the Commissioners who are to superintend

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the construction of said Buildings, and have received satisfactory
explanations of the plan which has been adopted and which it
is contemplated to carry into effect.

The deputation acting on behalf of the Exchange Commissioners
as above mentioned have offered to your committee and have
authorized them to state to the council that the whole of the second
floor or as much of it as may be wanted shall be at the disposal
of the corporation, and that the different offices and chambers
necessary for the accommodation of its officers, shall be laid off
and completed by their architect in such manner as may be
required by the City authorities, and under their sole superintendance
and direction. Your committee are also authorized to state
that it is at the option of the corporation either to become stockholders
or to be permanent owners of such part of the building as may be
completed for their use. In the event of becoming stockholders,
(as the different Insurance Companies are) the corporation
would be entitled to the dividends on its stock, and would on the
other hand be subject to the payment of a rent to be mutually
agreed upon, or in case of disagreement the rent might be established
by a Reference to disinterested persons chosen by the City and by the
Commissioners of the Exchange. Your committee deem it proper
to add, that although it is rendered optional with the City
whether to become a stockholder or permanently an owner, yet it
is the wish of the Exchange Commissioners that the corporation
should become a subscriber for the stock, and that should an
Investment meet the approbation of the Council that it ought not
to be for a less amount than Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Your Committee are also authorized to state that no part of
this sum will be required during the present year, and that a
payment by three annual instalments will be fully satisfactory
to the Exchange Commissioners.

They beg leave further to report that the site for the Edifice
has been purchased on very reasonable terms, and that in the
opinion of your committee the stock will be valuable; that the
situation designated for the erection of the buildings is judiciously

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