

In 1st Branch 13th June 1816

Branch convened in consequence of a summons from the Mayor, through the Register. Present all the members except Mr. Warner & Mr. James Wilson of the 6th ward.

Mr. Bayley being absent John Hargrove was appointed Clerk Pro. tem.

A Message was received from the 2^d branch, proposing a Joint Committee to wait upon the Mayor in order to receive any Communication he may have to make; and nominating Mr. Hollins on their part. In which this branch concurred and Nominated on their part Mess^{rs}. Mosher, Pop & Wilson of William to join said committee.

The following Communication from the Mayor was rec^d. & laid before the branch, & read.

Gentlemen of the City Council

I have deemed it advisable to convene you at this time to afford an early opportunity of considering the proposition of Mr. Rembrand Peale for the Introduction of Gas lights for lighting our Streets:— He appears sanguine from the Experiments he has made that he will be able to furnish a more brilliant light, at a less Expence than at present.

At any rate the Labour required in attending & trimming the Lamps will be greatly diminished.

(signed) Edw. Johnson

Baltimore
13th June 1816

A Communication was rec^d. from Mr. Rembrand Peale proposing to light the City with Gas lights, and requesting authority from the City Council to open a Street or Streets for the purpose of laying his pipes for trying the Experiment and estimating the Expence at which he would contract with the Council for lighting the City.

Amopage was sent from this branch to the 2^d, inviting a joint Committee to be appointed to wait on Mr. Peale on the subject of his communication, and appointing Mess^{rs}. Magauder, Pop & Wilson of W^m on the part of this branch — to which an answer was rec^d. concurring with the aforesaid Message & appointing Mess^{rs}. White, Brierly & Hollins to join the Committee appointed by this branch.

The following Resolution was rec^d. from the 2^d branch, read & by special order read a second time & concurred in and returned to the 2^d branch.

In the 2^d branch of the City Council

In consequence of a proposal of Mr. Rembrand Peale to light the City with Gas lights, and requesting authority from the City Council to open a Street or Streets for the purpose of laying his pipes for trying the Experiment, & estimating the Expence at which he could contract with the Council for lighting the City.

Resolved by both branches of the City Council that Mr. Peale have leave to open the Streets for the above purpose upon condition that he leaves them in as good order as he found them.

Amopage was then sent to the 2^d branch proposing that when the City Council adjourn they adjourn to the first Tuesday in July next.

The branch then adjourned.

John Hargrove Reg^r pro. tem.