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upon the Government of the United States, either by the appointment of an agent to proceed to Washington for that purpose, whose compensation shall be paid by them and paid by the Mayor, out of any unappropriated money, or by the adoption of any other mode which in their opinion may promise a more speedy or certain settlement of said accounts."

Which Report and Resolution having been read the first and by special Order a second time was concurred in and ordered to be sent to the second Branch for their concurrence.

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Thursday February 27th 1817.

The Branch met agreeably to adjournment, present William Patterson Esquire president, and all the other members except Messrs. M. Cullock & Garrison.

The following communication was received from the Mayor via:

"To the City Council

Gentlemen, To your inquiry "what progress was made in relation to the portraits of Messrs. Gov. Smith, Brig. Gen. Stricker, Lieut. Col. Amsted and the Mayor of the City. I have to inform you that those four portraits are in hand have each received two sittings, and the painter informs me will be shortly finished. From what I have seen when completed they will do great credit to the artist.

With respect to the two paintings commemorating the battle of North Point, and the bombardment of Fort M. Henry, I have to report that Col. John Trumbull has been applied to to execute the paintings, and particular pains taken to give him all information of the wish of the Council. He was accompanied by the two Presidents of the Council, Gen. Stricker, Major Balkoun, Capt. Nicholson and myself to the battle ground, and by Capt. Nicholson to Fort M. Henry - since which his letter on the subject to Mr. Patterson, that now accompanying this, has been received to which I refer you.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your Obedt. Servt.
Mayors Office 27th Feb^r 1817.

Geo. Hiles".

Which communication & accompanying letter being read, were on motion referred to a Committee composed of Messrs. Woodyea & Wilson, to consider & report thereon.

The Bill entitled "A Supplement to the Ordinance entitled "A further Additional supplement to the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent nuisances and to enforce useful regulations within the City of Baltimore" was on motion, read a second time, and after several amendments being