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Accompanying the Mayor's communication, the following was received — "To the Mayor of the City of Baltimore Sir, I have declined serving as a Commissioner for dividing the City as lately increased, into Election Districts, because I am of opinion that the Legislature have lost sight of the Constitution & Bill of Rights of this State in the passage of the Act entitled 'An Act to extend the boundaries of Baltimore City' and I do not feel disposed to take any part in the execution of that Act."

I regret extremely, that my name should have been put in the Commission as I fear my refusal to act may give some additional trouble to yourself and the Council, to whom I return my thanks for the confidence intended to be reposed. In respect for the Body who so appointed me, I may if I have leisure give them the reasons upon which I found the opinion before expressed. I am as always

Yrs Respectfully,
Geo. P. Stevenson

Balt June 12. 1817
Western Precincts

Please pass this to the other Branch
signed Geo. Stiles

Also the following Communication and accompanying document from the Chairman of the Committee of Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia viz

"George Stiles Esquire Mayor & the Council of the City of Baltimore — The subject of regulating by Law, the use of steam, employed for propelling Boats,

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was referred for consideration to a joint Committee of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, on the 5th instants — The prosecuting that inquiry the Committee deemed it necessary to obtain the opinion of scientific gentlemen in relation to the practicability of legal interposition, as well as to the mode which ought to be adopted for rendering Steam Boats safe for the conveyance of Passengers — A Copy of the opinion furnished, together with the Circular Note addressed to the Proprietors of those vessels which come under the notice of the Corporation of Philadelphia are herewith transmitted — I am instructed respectfully to suggest to the Council of Baltimore whether similar measures could not with propriety be adopted by that Corporation, in order to enforce more uniformly and extensively, regulations which appear to be dictated by a regard for the comfort and ling of our fellow Citizens —

With great Respect I am &c.
Robert Kaux, Chairman of
Committee of Select & Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia —

Philad. 6 Mo. 13. 1817

Together inclosed was the printed Circular referred to in the foregoing Communication —

(Which having been read, a Message was sent to the Second Branch, proposing with their concurrence to refer the same to the consideration of a joint Committee and nominating on the part of this Branch Messrs Mosher, Shepard & Wilson, which proposition was agreed to by the Second Branch and Messrs Hollins & Jorney appointed on their part —