Mr. Yeates from the Committee appointed to wait on the Mayor, made a verbal report of their performance of that duty, and that they had received the following communication from the Mayor in answer thereto.

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, October 31st. 1838

Gentlemen of the First and Second Branches of the City Council:

I am not aware of any thing that will require a longer continuance of your session at this time, and have therefore no further communication to make to you on the affairs of the City. But, as this will be one of the last acts of my public life, you will allow me to avail myself of the opportunity for tendering to you and your constituents an affectionate farewell.

To them and to the people of Maryland, I am deeply indebted for the unvarying confidence, with which they have been pleased to honour me. It has sustained me on many trying emergencies, adding renewed vigor to such exertions as it become my duty to make, and affording ample reward for such moments of anxiety or pain, as I may have suffered. Throughout a long life, devoted with little interruption to the public service, it has been my constant aim, to requite this grateful confidence, by doing all in my power to promote the good of the Country, and the welfare of my fellow-citizens. To these paramount objects it has been my endeavour to look with singleness of purpose, regardless of consequences to myself; nor am I conscious of any instance where my public duties have been sacrificed to the advancement of my private interests.

The political system which we enjoy, has been won for us by great toil and sacrifice. Having been a witness to many of the sufferings and privations, which were endured in obtaining it, I may say that you cannot cherish it with too much ardor or too much affection. It is also most admirably adapted to the promotion of the happiness and prosperity of the people. And whilst it is suited to embrace within its wholesome control any extent of territory, it secures perfect liberty to the citizen in his person, his property, and his equal participation in its administration

All that is now required to ensure its success and its duration, is, intelligence and vigilance among the people - honor, virtue and patriotism in those who are selected to discharge the legislative and executive functions, and a charitable forbearance towards each other, and between the members of the Confederation.

It becomes then the imperative duty of every Citizen, to guard with unremitting watchfulness such useful and enobling institutions: to select capable and honest functionaries: to cherish an ardent love of Country, and to instil into the minds of his Children all the patriotic virtues, and that exclusive admiration of our system of government, which it so richly merits. Teach them these great lessons - teach them obedience to the Laws, and that which has been deemed an experiment, will have become perpetual. That such may be the happy result, will continue to be, as it ever has been, my constant prayer.

In again tendering to the people of Maryland my profound sense of gratitude, for the numerous marks of favour, they have on so many occasions extended to me, and my best wishes for a continuation of their happiness and prosperity.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,
Gentlemen, your obedt. Servant,
S. Smith, Mayor.

The above communication having been read, Mr. Brown offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, by both Branches of the City Council, that the valedictory address of the Mayor be published in the daily papers of the City of Baltimore.

Mr. Wallis moved the following as a substitute therefor, which was dissented from.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of the First branch, to confer with a Committee on the part of the Second branch, relative to the Mayor's Communication announcing his intended retirement.

Mr. Brown's resolution was then concurred in unanimously, and sent to the Second branch, who also concurred therein unanimously, and returned the same.

The Branch then adjourned sine die.

By order,
S. H. Moore, Clerk.