Mr Gorsuch offered the following resolution which was read & concurred in

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council of Baltimore that the proprietors of the different newspapers published in the city or such persons as may be authorized by them to report the proceedings of this branch, (not to exceed one person for each paper) shall upon giving the president satisfactory assurance that he or they shall upon giving the president satisfactory assurance be authorized by such proprietors to report for such paper be permitted to take seats within the bar of this chamber convenient to the clerks desk while the councils are in session, excepting when the two branches are in convention. provided however that the city shall incur no expense in procuring desks or other conveniences for their accommodation

On motion of Mr Gorsuch the rules by which the First Branch of the last councils were governed were adopted for the government of this branch until others are substituted.

The president appointed Messrs Gorsuch Taquet & Pengry committee on elections.

On motion of Mr Gorsuch a message was sent to the second Branch proposing to adopt the joint rules of the last session for the government of the branches until new rules should be substituted which was concurred in by the second Branch.

A message was received from the second Branch proposing to refer the Mayors communication to the joint Committee on ways and means which was read and concurred in, and the second branch informed by message

Mr Gorsuch from the Committee on elections submitted the following report and resolution which were read & first and by special order a second time amended & concurred in.

The Committee on elections report the following Gentlemen duly elected members of the First Branch City Council having received a majority of the votes polled in their respective wards & being possessed of the requisite property qualifications on the day of election - that is to say.

First Ward Joseph A Ramsay Henry R Lindenman
Second Ward Joseph Ramsay William Roberts
Third Ward William D Roberts Benjamin Gorsuch
Fourth Ward Silas F Wise Chas A Pendergast
Fifth Ward James O'M Connell Elijah Hutton
Sixth Ward Abel R Blattenberg Henry Snyder
Seventh Ward William Hole J. Richard Brashears
Eighth Ward ~~Samuel H Taquitt~~ A. C. Lutkins

Ninth Ward Samuel Schwarzman Levi Taylor
Tenth Ward Samuel Norris James Quinn
Eleventh Ward Charles Timmons W H Campbell
Twelfth Ward J Stinchcomb J Pengry
Thirteenth Ward Valentine Cochrane Wm A Park
Fourteenth Ward Henry Snyder J Zimmerman

The committee offer the following resolution

Benjamin Gorsuch S H Taquitt James Pengry

Resolved that the persons above named are hereby declared duly elected members of the first branch of the city council they having the qualifications necessary to entitle them to seats

On motion of Mr Gorsuch the branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at half past three o'clock

By order
Henry W Gray
Clerk

Friday December 17th 1841.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present Henry Snyder Esq. President, and all the members except Messrs Pendergast Brashears & Schwarzman

Mr Sutton offered the following resolution which was read & first and by special order a second time & concurred in.

Resolved that the register of the city be instructed to inform this branch whether he has received the last dividend upon the stock held by the city in the Baltimore & Ohio rail road company, and whether the same was credited to the credit of the city.

The following message was received from the second Branch and read

In second Branch December 17th 1841

Gentlemen of the First Branch

We have appointed on the part of this branch the following named Gentlemen on the joint standing committees viz

Joint Standing Committees

On ways & means. Messrs Gittings Jones & Wright
On the Harbor " Frazier Boyd & Barnett
On Streets " Wright Hook & Frazier
On Health " Barnett Reaney & Stansbury
On Water " Hook Lucas & Bonda
On Police " Lucas Barnet & Stansbury
On Education " Jones Hook & Wilson
On Fire Companies " Reaney Gittings & Hook
On Internal Improvements. Hook Jones & Wright
On Bridges " Boyd Wright & Bonder