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Monday, January 16th, 1843

This being the day appointed by the Legislature of Maryland for the annual commencement of the City Councils of Baltimore, this branch met at the City Hall accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Henry Snyder, Mr. Robert Purviance was appointed Chairman.

The following members answered to their names and were qualified:

Joseph A. Ramsey,	Peter Wells,	First Ward
Joseph Ramsey,	William R. Rochester,	Second Ward
Wm. D. Roberts,	Benjamin S. Clark,	Third Ward
J. Yates Walsh,	John R. Diggs,	Fourth Ward
James Lucas,	James Spilman,	Fifth Ward
Henry Naylor,	Nath. Lightner,	Sixth Ward
Henry Myers,	Michael Caughey,	Seventh Ward
Edward D. Kemp,	Rd. Purviance,	Eighth Ward
John J. Brown,	Wm. A. Fisher,	Ninth Ward
A. R. Levering,	Sol. Wright,	Tenth Ward
John W. Ringrose,	Wm. Spears,	Eleventh Ward
Reuben Aler,	Joshua Hinchcomb,	Twelfth Ward
John W. Watkins,	Wm. A. Hack,	Thirteenth Ward
Henry Snyder,	Jacob Zimmerman,	Fourteenth Ward

On motion, the Branch proceeded to ballot for a President of this Branch.

Messrs Myers and Walsh were appointed tellers, and on counting the votes it appeared that

Henry Snyder received	24 votes.
Robert Purviance	1 vote
Blank	1 vote

Whereupon Henry Snyder Esq. was duly elected President.

Mr. Watkins moved that the chief clerk and assistant clerk receive each three dollars per day, and the doorkeeper one dollar and fifty cents per day, which was agreed to.

The Branch then proceeded to elect a Chief Clerk—

Messrs Myers and Walsh were appointed tellers, when on counting the votes it appeared that

Henry W. Gray received	26 votes
Blank "	1 vote

Henry W. Gray was thereupon declared duly elected.

The Branch then proceeded to elect an Assistant Clerk, when on counting the votes it appeared that

C. M. Cole received	21 votes
J. Muth Jr. "	3 votes
Blank "	3 votes

C. M. Cole was thereupon declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Myers the branch dispensed with balloting for Door Keeper, and Jacob Glover was duly elected.

A message was received from the Second Branch stating they had organised by the appointment of Robert Howard Esq. President, and A. H. Penington, Clerk—and E. R. Linnes, Door Keeper.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, a message was sent to the Second Branch announcing the organization of this branch, and proposing the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor and inform him the Councils were ready to receive any communication he might have to make, and appointed on the part of this branch Messrs. Walsh, Diggs and Aler.

The Second Branch assented, and appointed on their part Messrs Bender and Lawrenson.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, a message was sent to the Second Branch proposing to adopt the Joint Rules which governed the last Councils for the government of the present Councils—which was assented to by the Second Branch.

Mr. Brown offered the following, which was read and concurred in.

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the proprietors of the different newspapers published in the city, or such persons as may be authorised by them to report the proceedings of this