Mr Cohen unanimously elected President.

The 1st Branch on motion of Mr Soran, proceeded to fix the compensation of the Clerks

Mr Soran moved that the Chief and Assistant Clerks receive five dollars per day each, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr Creamer moved moved that the Door Keeper receive one dollar and fifty cents per day, which was adopted.

The 1st Branch then proceeded to elect a Chief Clerk.

Mr Soran nominated George P. Woodward.

On motion of Mr Creamer, the ballot was dispensed with, and George P. Woodward was declared unanimously elected.

Mr Colton, nominated Joseph Barling, as Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Mr Hack the ballot was dispensed with and Joseph Barling was unanimously elected.

Mr Gross nominated John Singenfelter as Door Keeper.

On motion of Mr Hack, the ballot was dispensed with and John Singenfelter, was declared unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr Collins the following message was sent to the Second Branch.

In First Branch, January 18th 1847.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

The First Branch of the City Council has been organized by the election of Jacob P. Cohen Jr. President; George P. Woodward, Chief Clerk, Joseph Barling, Assistant Clerk and John Singenfelter, Door Keeper. We propose the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the Mayor, and inform him that the Council has effected its organization, and is prepared to receive any communication he may have to make; and we have appointed as the committee of this Branch Messrs Collins and Colton

By order

George P. Woodward Clerk

Mr Colton offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Resolved by the First Branch of the City Council, That the proprietors of the different newspapers published in this City or such persons as may be authorised 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 are authorised by such proprietors, to report for said papers, be permitted to take seats within the bar of this Chamber, convenient to the Clerk's table, at any time during the session of the Council, excepting when the

the two Branches are in Convention, and the necessary accommodation be provided for said Reporters by the City.

On motion of Mr Collins the following message was sent to the Second Branch,

In First Branch, January 18th 1847

Gentlemen of the Second Branch,

We propose, with your concurrence, that the joint rules which governed the last Council, be adopted, and in full force, until other joint rules may be substituted

By order

Geo P Woodward Clerk

The Second Branch by message assented thereto.

Mr Hack moved that the rules of the First Branch of the last session be the rules of this session until others are adopted, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Colton, a committee of three was appointed to examine the qualifications of members.

Messrs Colton, Hack and Creamer, were appointed the committee

The following message was received from the Second Branch and read.

In Second Branch January 18th 1847.

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

We have organized by the appointment of Hugh Bolton Esq. as President; Jesse D Reid, Clerk and Elijah Rinners, Door Keeper. We assent to your message proposing the appointment of joint committee to wait on the Mayor, and inform him that the Councils have organized and ready to receive any communication he may wish to make. We have appointed Messrs Wash and Stansbury as the committee on our part.

By order

J. D. Reid. Clerk

Mr Collins from the committee appointed to wait on the Mayor, reported verbally, that they had performed the duty assigned them, and received for answer, that the Mayor would make a communication to the Council in a few minutes.

The following communication was received from the Mayor and read:

Mayor's Office, Baltimore January 18. 1847

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

Among the most important subjects