Gentlemen

I herewith transmit to your honorable body a communication from the City Collector in reference to certain errors that have occurred in the Account Book of the late City Collector. It will be perceived by the accompanying table of the present Collector, that these errors amount to the sum of about Six thousand dollars, and can only be accounted for in the manner set forth in that table. These facts having been reported to me, I have notwithstanding the extreme unpleasantness of the duty, deemed it incumbent upon myself to report the matter to you, and suggest that you take such action as its importance demands.

I also transmit to you a communication from Chas. H. Pitts, counsel for Col Sandoval in which he informs me that arrangements have been made to indemnify the City against any possibility of loss.

If I may be permitted, I would suggest to your Honorable Body the propriety of appointing the Presidents of each branch of the City Council, as a committee in connection with his Bondsmen to investigate the whole matter, when I am sure from what has transpired, everything will be promptly and satisfactorily arranged. I am the more anxious from the fact that the matter should be conducted with as much privacy as possible that the late Collector's reputation and that of his interesting family may be as far as possible protected at our hands.

Respectfully

Jno H. T. Jerome Mayor.

Mr Brooks offered the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved That the Presidents of the two Branches of the Council in conjunction with the Mayor be and they are hereby authorized to act as a committee of investigation into the state of the late Collectors accounts with a view to ascertain what, if any deficiency exists in that office, and it is further resolved that the Committee be and they are hereby authorized to employ a competent accountant or accountants, sworn to a faithful discharge of their duties to assist in performing without delay the duty hereby required, the expenses attending to be paid by the Register upon the order of the Committee out of any appropriated money in the Treasury - And that said Committee be and are hereby further authorized to make settlement with the late Collector or his Securities for such balance as may appear to be due the City when the investigations and examinations shall be completed.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr Beale the convention adjourned.

By Order

Thos H. Morse Clerk