Agreeable to the Charter of Incorporation
The second branch met, this 10th day of February
1806—

Pres.t James Calhoun — Henry Payson
Mich.l Diffenderfer — Rob.t Gilmor
Mark Pringle — Jacob Myers
Thom.s Chase —

A Message was rec.d from the second branch informing that they had formed a Quorum, & have appointed Mess.rs Stouffer & Buchannan to wait on the Mayor to receive such Communications as he may have to make— Mess.rs Pringle & Payson were appointed the Committee on the part of this branch— Whereupon said Committee retired & in a short time returned & delivered to the President the following Communication—

(Communication)

Gentlemen of the City Council

In addressing you on this occasion of your Annual meeting, I feel great satisfaction

in being able to offer my congratulations on the health, peace, order & prosperity with which the city of Baltimore Continues to be favored, which is doubtless a subject of grateful reflection with our fellow citizens & without a failure in our official duty we cannot neglect to promote such measures as shall appear to us calculated to render these blessings permanent.

The Ordinances to preserve the health of the city as far as I can form a Judgment have been attended with salutary effects. Should new or further regulations be though advisable and detailed information be required it will be promply furnished by the Gentlemen, composing the board of health whose diligence and fidelity in the execution of their trust intitle them to my warmest approbation.

The attention which the city council has heretofore manifested towards the fire companies may have in some degree excited that laudable exertion which has been exhibited on their part. During the last year three additional Companies have been formed amongst our