from the first Branch, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendment; which was read, concurred in, and the first Branch informed of such concurrence.

A Message was sent to the first Branch proposing to adjourn sine die, to which that Branch agreed, and this Branch adjourned accordingly.

By Order
Thos Rogers Clk

In 2d Branch October 22d 1813.

Branch convened in consequence of a summons from the Mayor. Present James Calhoun Esqr Pres. and all the Members except Messrs Bohn and Waring. The first Branch not having formed a quorum, this Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon 3 o'clock.

By Order, Thos Rogers Clk

In 2d Branch October 23d 1813

Present Messrs Bohn and Payson, who adjourned until Monday afternoon 3 o'clock.

By Order, Thos Rogers Clk

In 2d Branch October 25th 1813.

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present James Calhoun Esqr President and all the Members except Mr Herring.

A message was received from the first Branch, stating that they had formed a quorum, and proposing the appointment of a joint Committee to wait upon the Mayor and inform him that the City Council are in session and ready to receive any communication he might think

proper to make, and nominating on their part Messrs Sheppard and Jenkins; to which this Branch agreed and appointed on its part Dr White.

Dr White from the joint Committee delivers the following communication from the Mayor, accompanied by the memorial therein referred to, which were severally read, and the memorial referred to the consideration of the first Branch.

Gentlemen,

I have deemed it advisable to convene the Council, in consequence of a memorial from a number of our fellow citizens who having purchased a large quantity of flour for the purpose of exportation, (at an extraordinary price, from which they have been prevented by the British Blockading Squadron, are in great danger of suffering an immense loss, under the provisions of our present regulations respecting that article: And in consequence thereof, have addressed a respectful petition praying such relief as the peculiar circumstances of their case require. Flour being the staple commodity of exportation from our City, and our regulations for the inspection previous to exportation having by experience been found to have raised its character and credit in foreign Markets, great delicacy is necessary to be used in suspending the restrictions of our laws, by all acknowledged to have been attended with the most beneficial effects. It is stated, and as I believe, will be proved to the satisfaction of the Council, that assimilar restrictions to manufacturing flour do not exist in the Cities of New York or Philadelphia, the inhabitants of those places will have the power of speculating to their great advantage upon the present unfortunate holders of flour in Baltimore.

Edw.d Johnson
22d Oct.r 1813.

The President and members of the second branch of the City Council