Votes and Proceedings of the Second Branch of the City Council at February Session 1817

Monday February 10th 1817.

Agreeably to the act of incorporation, the second branch of the City Council met on this tenth day of February eighteen hundred and seventeen.

Present Messrs Peter Toney, Henry Payson, John Mullins, John C. White, William Warner, Jacob Miller, William Bromwell Jun.r and James Biays, who having severally qualified in the presence of each other by taking the oath required by the constitution and form of Government subscribing a declaration of their belief in the Christian religion, and by taking repeating and subscribing the oath to support the Constitution of the United States took their seats and elected by ballot Henry Payson, President, Thomas Rogers, Clerk and Garmanus Rudolph Doorkeeper.

Resolved, that the President appoint all committees of this Branch.

A Message was received from the first branch informing that there was a quorum of that branch attending, and proposing the appointment of a joint Committee to wait upon the Mayor and inform him the City Council was in session and ready to receive any communication he may think proper to make and nominating on their part Messrs Wilson and Sheppard; to which this Branch agreed and so informed that branch and appointed on its part Mr. Biays.

Messrs Mullins and Miller were appointed a Committee to examine the returns and enquire into the qualifications of the Members of the second Branch and make report thereon.

Mr. Biays from the joint Committee appointed to wait upon the Mayor, delivered a Message from him, stating that he was prevented by indisposition from attending the City Council and making to it the usual annual communication, and recommending the appointment of a joint Committee of accounts.