Tuesday September 9th 1817

In consequence of a summons from the Mayor, Messrs Hollins, White, Warner and Miller appeared in the second Branch. A sufficient number of members to form a branch not having convened, the members present adjourned until tomorrow afternoon 3 OClock.

By Order Thos Rogers Clk

Wednesday September 10th 1817

Branch met agreeably to adjournment. Present all the members, except Messrs Formey and Payson.

Mr. Hollins was appointed President pro. tem.

A message was sent to the first branch informing that this branch had formed a quorum, and proposing the appointment of a joint Committee to wait upon the Mayor, and inform him that the City Council were in sesion and ready to receive any communication he might think proper to make, and nominating on the part of this Branch, Mr. White, to which that branch agreed and so informed this and appointed on their part Messrs Ross and Reese.

Mr. White from the joint committee delivered the following communication from the Mayor; which was read and a message sent to the first branch, proposing to refer it to the consideration of a joint Committee, and nominating on the part of this branch Messrs White and Miller; to which that branch agreed and so informed this, and appointed on their part Messrs Levering, Sheppard and Wilson.

Gentlemen of the Council

At a meeting yesterday of the board of Trustees for the House of Industry, it appeared very difficult to find a suitable seite for said house, when it occurred to me that we might be privileged to occupy a part of the vacant marked space between Water Street and Front Street, by building on pillars so as to leave the Market as compleat below as if there was no house abood it. This proposition met the unanimous approbation of the members present, and they requested me to ascertain from the Council whether they would authorise the boards of Trustees to occupy so much of the space as might be necessary in that way. Perhaps between the two markets might answer if not too small.

I have the Honour to be Gentn.
Your obedt. Servt.
Mayor's Office 9th Sept. 1817 Gro. Stiles

Mr. White from the joint Committee delivers the following report; which was read, concurred in, and a message sent to the first branch informing them of such concurrence.

The joint Committee of the two branches of the City Council, to whom was referred the Mayor's communication with respect to the erection of the House of Industry, upon pillars, in the vacant space between Water Street and Front Street, so as to leave room for a market underneath, beg leave to report that they are unanimously and decidedly of opinion, that such an erection would be very prejudicial to the neighbourhood and to the City generally, and that it would not be likely to answer the purpose proposed. Most respectfully but most earnestly, they would recommend that the trustees should fix upon some place convenient for their own care and superintendance; but so circumstanced, that abundance of ground could be obtained for any extent to which the plan might be hereafter carried, and at the same time capable of affording pure air and every necessary convenience.

John Campbell White, Jacob Miller } on behalf of 2d Branch
Clar Levering, E. Sheppard, James Wilson } on behalf of 1st Branch.

A message was received from the first branch stating their concurrence in the above report, and proposing that when the City Council adjourn it adjourn 'sine die'; to which this branch agreed and so informed that branch, and adjourned accordingly.

By Order, Thos Rogers Clk