Mr. Hintze moved that Mr. Simms be requested to cast the vote of the Branch for Doorkeeper, which was determined in the affirmative.

The vote of the Branch was cast, and John Hitt was declared to be unanimously elected.

Mr. Hintze moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, informing them of the organization of this Branch, and proposing, with their concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait on the Mayor, to inform him that the Council has effected its organization and is prepared to receive any communication which he may have to make, which was determined in the affirmative.

The President appointed Messrs Hintze, Hiles and Gordon as the Committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table:

In First Branch;
Baltimore, Nov. 13th 1856.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch;

We respectfully inform you that we have organized this Branch by the election of the following officers, viz:— John F. McKilton, Esq., President: John Bunting, Chief Clerk, John N. Wright Reading Clerk: and Andrew J. Bandell, Doorkeeper. We concur with you in the appointment of a Joint Committee to wait on the Mayor, to inform him of the organization of the Council, and name as said Committee, on the part of this Branch, Messrs Haynes, Boyd and Turner.

By order,
John Bunting, Clerk.

Mr. Kirk moved that a message be sent to the First Branch proposing with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 O'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Hintze from the Joint Committee to wait on the Mayor to inform him of the organization of the Council, reported that they had performed the duty, and that his Honor would communicate with the Council in a few minutes.

The following communication from the Mayor was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table:

Mayor's Office,
Baltimore, Nov. 12 1856.

To the Honorable, the Members of the First and Second Branch

of the City Council of Baltimore:

Gentlemen:— The importance of acting without delay upon matters deemed of interest in the successful working of our municipal government, has induced me to anticipate the regular annual session of your honorable bodies.

You are aware that in the event of any disqualification of the officers now charged with the chief magistracy of your city, a suspension of the city government must take place, unless provided for by the appointment of a President of the First Branch of the Council, who alone is authorized to act case of a vacancy from death or other casualty. This contingency I have deemed it necessary to provide against by the prompt call of a special session of your honorable bodies. As considerable time must always elapse, between the inauguration of a new Mayor and the regular stated meeting of the Council, I would recommend that the necessary legislation be obtained to supply this omission in the future.

The office to which I have be called by my fellow citizens is one of such heavy responsibility, that I should not being doing justice either to the public or to myself, if I permitted any unnecessary delay to intervene before bringing to your notice such measures as are considered essential to give efficiency to the executive arm.

It cannot be disguised that for sometime past a spirit of lawlessness has prevailed to a large extent in our city and that the power of the corporation is at this time wholly inadequate to the suppression. It is not the fault of the people so much as the system under which this state of things has been suffered to grow up. The scenes that are transpiring nightly in our streets, have convinced every conservative and right thinking person of the necessity of prompt and efficient action on the part of the city authorities to protect both the lives and property of our citizens. It is unnecessary to provoke party crimination and recrimination by referring to the causes which have led to this unhappy state of things. It is sufficient that it is admitted on all sides to exist, and that it is the desire of all, that a speedy corrective should be applied. The approach heretofore made to your honorable bodies in furtherance of this object I regret to say have not been responded to with the earnestness that should have been desired, and the executive arm has continued up to this time, and is now powerless to exert the influence necessary to establish and maintain a proper and efficient control within the city limits.

In the effort to reform the abuses under which we are now