

Council to abolish the salary because I myself am willing to serve as Mayor, like an Alderman, without compensation? I would remark that, as I know no person looking in the direction of the Civic Chair—although, of course, there will be Candidates—I can have no personal design in the matter, and, therefore, there is no one to complain of injustice. Besides, gentlemen, our Constitution is so nicely balanced that no man is obliged to part with his liberty, or is forced by the people to serve them, whether as Mayor or Parliamentary Representative, unless he have an inclination that way, and is ready to sacrifice himself, if need be, upon the altar of his country at the people's call.

But, gentlemen, I am not prejudiced in favor of any particular scheme. If you prefer to raise money by private subscription, my salary is still at your disposal. I would now respectfully request that you appoint a Committee to take this report into consideration; and, if it be considered practicable, adopt such preliminary steps as said Committee may deem advisable, with a view of having Resolutions submitted at an early meeting of the Council; for, if the work is to go on, no time should be lost, as the clock and bell would have to be manufactured, occupying perhaps, several months.

Respectfully submitted.

G. E. FENETY, *Mayor*.

This proposition was unanimously adopted, and the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to confer with me upon the subject, viz:—Aldermen Beek, Richey, Simmons, Dykeman, and Moore.

The Committee accordingly held several meetings at the Mayor's Office, and finally agreed upon the Report below, which is contained in the Minutes of the City Council.

At those meetings careful calculations were made as to the cost of Clock and Bell—the English and American—which was a matter that gave the Committee great concern. It was considered that an English Clock, all complete, would cost about one thousand nine hundred dollars, without placing it in position.

On the 19th April (see Minutes), His Worship the Mayor, Chairman of Committee on Clock and Bell for City Hall, submits the following Report:—

“The Committee, appointed at a meeting of the Council held on the 3rd day of April inst., to take into consideration the proposition of the Mayor for placing a Clock and Bell in the Tower of the City Hall, beg leave to Report—

“That they held several meetings and upon invitation Mr. Shute, Mr. White, and Mr. Babbitt, gentlemen supposed to have full knowledge of Clocks, or the articles required, were present and gave the Committee valuable information.