

Mr. Putnam—I will state, Mr. Mayor, that Mr. Stephen has suggested to me that I should ask an adjournment until some time next week, but I am so situated that I find it impossible for me to be here at that time, and they desire me to be here at the meeting, and consequently I was compelled to ask them to adjourn the subject to the call of the Mayor, as I may not be able to be here for two or three weeks, and perhaps more.

The Mayor—You desire not to have the matter called up until your return?

Mr. Putnam—That is my desire. I have been delaying in going away on account of this matter, and it is absolutely necessary that I should be absent some two or three weeks. It was suggested that the committee should adjourn until the latter part of next week, but I was compelled to ask that it be left in a more indefinite form, as they desired I should be here when the matter came up again.

The Mayor—I would like to have it understood that when this committee is called upon again that, if possible, some definite proposition be made.

Mr. Putnam—I suppose, so far as we are concerned, we should not call upon the committee again until the proposition is in writing. The delay on my part, under the circumstance, is unavoidable.

After some further discussion, with reference to the time of adjournment, it was voted to adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman, it being understood that two days' notice should be given.