

## Honors in the Council.

### A JOINT CONVENTION OF THE TWO BRANCHES - ADDRESSES AND RESOLUTIONS.

At an early hour the city authorities determined to take an active part in paying appropriate respect to the memory of the dead statesman. Mayor Latrobe issued a proclamation ordering the flags on municipal buildings to be displayed at half-mast until after the funeral. It was also deemed necessary that the Council should be convened for the purpose of taking some action in the premises, and accordingly the Mayor directed that the following communication should be addressed to each member of the two branches.

By virtue of the authority in me vested as Mayor of the city of Baltimore I hereby direct that the City Council be convened in extra session this evening, February 11, 1876, at 5 o'clock, in order that some action may be taken by the municipal authorities to indicate a proper appreciation of the great loss that has been sustained by our State and city in the death of the Hon. Reverdy Johnson. FERDINAND C LATROBE, Mayor.

At the hour appointed the members of the Council assembled and were called to order in their respective branches. Presidents Seim and Pendleton only alluding to the sorrowful nature of the business that had called them together. In addition to the members there were present Mayor Latrobe, ex-Major Vauxant, Robert T. Baldwin, John A. Robb, James A. Henderson, Joas A. Hambleton, Walter S. Wilkerson and John Cox. After the organization of the First Branch Mr. Young moved the appointment of a committee of two to wait upon the members of the Second Branch and invite them into a joint open convention for the purpose of taking some action in regard to the death of Hon. Reverdy Johnson, their late distinguished fellow citizen. The president appointed Messrs. Young and Kelly, who performed their mission and returned with the members of the Second Branch. After the members had been seated, on motion of the president, Mayor Latrobe was invited to preside and Mr. A. V. Milholland was appointed to act as secretary. Mayor Latrobe assumed the chair and addressed the members as follows:

Gentlemen: I have deemed it my duty to convene your honorable body in extra session for the purpose of considering what action should be taken by the public authorities of this municipality to indicate an appreciation of the great loss that has been sustained by the nation, and especially by our State and city, in the death of Reverdy Johnson. There was probably no private citizen who at this time occupied a more eminent position before the public of the United States. Born in Maryland, reared and educated in his native State, he reflected honor on her by the place he filled before the whole country. Maryland was proud of her son and Baltimore was honored by his being numbered among her citizens. It is useless for me to refer to his public career, it is already written in the history of his country; but it seems especially meet that here in Baltimore where he lived and was so well known, some official recognition should be had of this great public bereavement. As Mayor of the city, I am ready to co-operate with your honorable body in showing every mark of respect to the memory of this our most distinguished citizen.

Henry D. Lacey, Esq., rose and observed that for the purpose of carrying out the views expressed in the Mayor's message he would move the appointment of a committee of three members of each branch. The motion was adopted, the chair passed to the Mayor's branch. Messrs. Seim and Kelly of the First, and Messrs. Pendleton and Lacey of the Second, were appointed.