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CITY COUNCIL

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Present—His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Scott, Langford, McCormick, Mosgrove, Dow, Friel, Goodwin and Berwick. 1 Messenger, 12 Aldermen, 1 Wood, Perkins, Stamer, Goulden and Guard.

ALD. FRIEL'S REPORT

Ald. Friel presented a report recommending the establishment of a permanent Police Force. The report would have been appointed to that purpose. Among some of the items of the report, the following: 1. Chief Constable at \$800 per annum. 2. Messengers at \$200 per annum.

MOVING BY AID. FRIEL

Moved by Ald. Friel, seconded by Coun. Guard, that the report of the Special Constable be received and adopted, and inasmuch as the Board of Police Commissioners on whom the power legally rested, had assumed the responsibility of the present Police Force, it being now evident that for the ordinary preservation of peace and order in a city, with a population of over 15,000 and holding an important position as a first class port, as well as officers in official uniforms, should appear, it being also necessary that police should be appointed to exercise watchfulness over disorderly persons, and also to see to the effectual carrying out of the sanitary precautions recommended by the Board of Health on the approach of Spring, it is hereby resolved that the City Council do authorize the establishment and maintenance of said Police Force according to the recommendation of the Police Board, and that the Mayor be and he is authorized to make such arrangements with the organization and clothing of the force recommended by it.

THE GREAT EASTERN

The "Great Eastern" to sail the last week in June. The English Press on President Johnson's Speech. The Vigilance of the Irish Police.

MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE

New York, March 22.—The steamship Col. Loring, from Liverpool, via Queenstown, 11th, arrived here this morning. The Board of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company have unanimously adopted a resolution approving the arrangements of the directors with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company to declare war against Hayti for outrage committed by the latter on the frontier.

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