

to remain in your city will prevent me from doing so. In making known this determination to my friends, I beg you to assure them that I shall ever cherish a fond and proud recollection of the respect and kindness they have shown me; and for the very polite manner, gentlemen, in which you have had the goodness to communicate their wishes to me, I pray you to receive the most grateful acknowledgments of your

“Obedient servant

“W. T. Barry.

“To Messrs. John Mathiot [mayor of Lancaster city], James Buchanan and other members of the committee.”

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The Manufacturing Company of Lancaster

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

A MEETING of citizens of Lancaster was held at the house of Hugh Wilson, in the borough of Lancaster, on Wednesday evening, August 22nd, 1810. John Swar was appointed chairman, and Samuel White secretary. The object of the meeting was to plan for the establishment of a manufacturing society. A committee, consisting of John Swar, Samuel White, William Hamilton (miller), Jacob Miller, William Dickson, Joseph Lefever and John Light, was appointed to ascertain where and on what terms a suitable site could be secured for erecting the necessary water works and machinery. The committee was also authorized to ascertain whether suitable persons could be obtained to superintend the work; and to present an approximate estimate of the capital necessary to commence a manufactory on a liberal scale. The committee was to report the result of its inquiry at a meeting to be held at the house of George Weaver, in the borough of Lancaster, on Monday, September 17th, 1810.

If a meeting was held, as appointed, no report of its proceedings appeared in the local papers. The establishment of a manufacturing company seems to have been abandoned, for the time being.

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