

10th, 1832, extended an invitation to ladies and gentlemen of Lancaster and vicinity, who had a taste for science and art, to visit Mr. King's hotel, in South Queen street, and inspect the most perfect and beautiful astronomical instrument ever seen "on this side of the Atlantic."

The instrument was constructed by Martin Shreiner, under the direction of R. Dennis. It was technically called a Tellurian and Lunarian, and showed the motions of the sun, moon, earth, Mercury and Venus, with great precision. By turning a small crank, the eclipses could be determined for any future period.

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## Andrew Jackson Invited to Visit Lancaster

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

A MEETING of friends of Andrew Jackson in the city and county of Lancaster met in the court house in Lancaster on Wednesday, April 17th, 1833. Hon. John Lightner was appointed president; James Jackson, of Colerain, Moore Connell, of Leacock, James Humes, of Lancaster township, and John Mathiot, mayor of the city, vice-presidents; and George Louis Mayer and Christian Bachman, of this city, secretaries.

The object of the meeting was explained by William Norris. He offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"In pursuance of the call published in our newspapers by friends of General Jackson, of the city and county of Lancaster, we assemble for the purpose of appointing a committee to be charged with the pleasing duty of inviting the President of the United States to visit us whenever his high duties and his leisure will permit, during the present year. The people of Pennsylvania desire to see Andrew Jackson. They have three times supported him, and twice elected him for their President; and in his last term, when his delicacy and purity of sentiment, which every patriot must approve of and admire, no longer forbid his mingling with us, let us hope that the man now living, who is 'first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,' will come to see us, and partake of the hospitalities of Lancaster. Therefore,

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to address a letter to Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, inviting him to visit Lancaster; and that the same committee be charged with the duty of making arrangements for the reception of the President."

The following persons were appointed:

Christian Bachman, John Bartruff, G. W. Barton, Dr. Peter Bier, Paul Black, George Blattenberger.

James A. Caldwell, Henry Carpenter, Benjamin Champneys, Moore Connell, John Culbert.

Adam Diller, Capt. W. Downey, Andrew Dunlap.

Abraham Eichler, Henry Eichholtz.

Reah Frazer, W. C. Frazer, William Frick, Gardner Furness.

Charles Gillespie, Isaac Girwin.

Henry Haines, George Haverstick, Abraham Hefgen, Joseph Heller, Jacob Hoover, Jacob Hostetter, Robert W. Houston, Samuel Houston, James Humes, Dr. Samuel Humes.

James Jackson, William Jenkins, M. R. Johnson.

Samuel Keller.

James Laird, J. S. Lefever, Joel Lightner, John Lightner, John Longenecker.

John Mathiot, George L. Mayer, Dr. J. M'Camant, John McGlaughlin, Bernard McGonigle, J. R. Montgomery, Joseph Mosher.

William Norris.

James M. Quigg.

George Redsecker, Henry M. Reigart, John Reynolds.

Dr. N. W. Sample, David Shirk, John Spangler.

John Vogan.

John Wilson, Christopher Winters, Dr. Isaac Winters, Lewis Wissler.

Mr. Champneys offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That it is respectfully recommended to the Select and Common councils of the city of Lancaster, if the President of the United States shall accept the invitation tendered to him, to make suitable arrangements for his reception, in conjunction with the committee appointed by this meeting."<sup>1</sup>

The committee was requested to meet at the tavern of Mrs. Eichholtz (formerly Whiteside's) in Lancaster, on Monday, April 29th, 1833.

In the Lancaster Journal of Friday, June 28th, appeared an announcement that the members of the committee appointed for making arrangements for the reception of General Jackson, were requested to meet at Mrs. Eichholtz's tavern, in South Queen street, on Friday, July 5th, to make preparations for the reception of the President of the United States.

What action was taken at this meeting is not known, as subsequent issues of local papers contain no references to it; but we do know that for some reason President Jackson did not visit Lancaster.

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<sup>1</sup> Lancaster Journal, Friday, April 19th, 1833.