

BOARD MEETING
November 8, 1873
Court House

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg met this Saturday evening November 8, 1873 at the Court House in Dyersburg on the call of the Mayor.

Present Mayor Pinner, Aldermen Coker, DeBerry, McAllister, Sugg, Sampson and Doyle and Marshal Nichols.

The Mayor announced that the Board was called together to consider the following memorial or petition of the business men of Dyersburg, to wit:

“To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of Dyersburg:

We the undersigned business men of the Town of Dyersburg, having been notified by the Recorder, to make out a statement under accts of the amount of goods, wares, merchandise which they had on hand at our establishments in Dyersburg on the 10th of October 1873, with a view to tax us on such amount for the purpose of paying the Rail Road tax, voted by the Corporation of Dyersburg to the P & M Rail Road – respectfully petition that you postpone the same until some day next week (say Thursday) or any other day to suit your convenience that we may advise with you and ourselves as to the justice and legality of the tax levied on merchandise by your Hon. Body.

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N. C. White	Chamblin, Simpson
Sugg	DeBerry & Baker
R. R. Watson	Webb & Child
Roberts & Luscombe	Parr, Nolen & Co.

On motion several of the memorialist being present and assenting Wednesday evening next was fixed upon as the time to consider of the foregoing petition and all interested are requested to attend the meeting.

Ordered by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the Recorder suspend the collection of the Rail Road Taxes assessed on merchants until further orders from this Board.

On motion it is ordained that the Semetery Commissioners have all power, authority and control over the grass yard, to manage the same as they deem proper.

J. C. Pinner, Mayor

Attest: W. c. Doyle, Recorder