The Common Council of the City of Monroe.

It was not until fourteen years after the massacre of the River Raisin that the little settlement scattered along its banks aspired to become "a body politic and corporate" and sought a charter from the Territorial Legislature. That body passed an act at its session of 1827, which was approved by Lew. Cass, then Governor, on April 22, 1827. By this act the village government was to consist of a President, a Marshal and a Treasurer. The President and Trustees to appoint the Clerk. The act further provided that on the first Monday in May "the freemen of said village, who are or may be by law qualified to vote for delegates to Congress, shall meet at the Court House," for said election; the officers so elected to continue in office until the first Monday in June, 1828.

The election was held at the Court House on May 7th, 1827. The President there was no choice. Trustees elected were Hiram Brown, seventy-two votes being cast, of Edward D. Ellis, Peter P. Ferry, which John Anderson received thirty-

Anthony L. Briggs and Ezekiel six and Jeremiah Lawrence thirty-

A. Peltier; the Treasurer was six. The new village being thus

Thomas Wilson and the Marshal, left without an official head, the

Trustees met at Mr. Ferry's office the next day and elected him as "President ex-officio," and adjourned until May 16th, 1827. At their meeting on that day a special election was ordered to be held on the 24th day of May, not only for the purpose of choosing a President, but also a Marshall, as it would appear from the records that at the time he was elected Mr. Stowell was absent from town; and the notice of election states: "It is hoped that the vote will be written containing the full name of the person voted for and for what office, as none other will be recognized by the Board of Trustees as legal." The election came off as per notice, and Mr. Anderson had apparently withdrawn from the contest as Jeremiah Lawrence was unanimously elected as President; Ethel Burch became Marshall and the little village started off last with a full complement of officers. James McAlaster was elected the first clerk and received