

Turner
Mayor's Office,

Portland, Oregon, May 17th 1882.

To the Honorable Common Council of the city of
Portland

Gentlemen

At an election held on the 20th day of June 1881 for
city officers Joseph Simon and myself ^{were} ~~was~~ voted
for for Mayor of the city of Portland. On a canvass
being made by the proper canvassing board I was
declared elected to the office of Mayor for the term of
three years. An appeal was taken from the action
of the canvassing board to the Common Council
on the right of said canvassing board to correct the
returns made by the judges of election in the said
board. The Common Council assumed the authority
to recount the votes of the three boards and declared
the result to be that neither Joseph Simon nor
myself was elected but declared the vote a tie
and that I was entitled to hold the office of
Mayor until my successor was elected according
to Law. The Charter of the city of Portland has
no provision for holding an election to fill a

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vacancy caused by a tie vote - and only provisions for filling a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or the failure of the person elected to qualify therefor.

From the fact that the Charter has no provision made for holding an Election when a tie vote has been declared until the next regular election at the end of a term of the officer holding over - and that no controversy may arise which might be of disadvantage to the best interests of the city, I now tender to you my resignation as Mayor to take effect on the first Monday in July 1882.

Respectfully Submitted
D. P. Thompson
Mayor -

Resignation
of
R. P. Thompson

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R. P. Thompson
Assistant Clerk