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The society called the Strong Band recently organized in this city makes application, through its committee for a hall suitable for its meetings. You are aware that the purposes of this society are purely patriotic, that this society has enrolled among its members a number of the citizens of Memphis most distinguished for their uncompromising & determined zeal in maintaining the Federal Union and supporting the military authorities in the administration of affairs at this place.

The society has now swelled to such proportions that it is greatly in need of a Hall of sufficient dimensions to accommodate its membership. There is a suitable Hall at the corner of Adams and Second street which is now unoccupied.

This hall belongs to Fire Company No 3, but at time of the occupation of this city by the Federal army, that company was broken up, and has never since kept up its organization; according to the best information, which can be obtained, it has not been able for nearly

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two years, for want of a quorum to transact any business. There are but three or four members of that company yet left in the city, the others having gone South, and most of them in the rebel army. The room in the same building, which was formerly used for the Hook & Ladder apparatus is now rented out for a grocery, and is doing no good to the city or community. We would gladly pay a reasonable compensation for the wear and tear. The rights therefore of no other parties could be materially injured by the use of this hall in the evening by the society. The Strong Band therefore solicit that you put them in posession of this hall for the purpose above mentioned.

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