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July 27/97

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Col Hamilton nominated Major Jackson.

On the ballot Mr Jackson had 5 votes & Mr Franklin 2 votes.

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