

**DOCUMENT 20 – PETITION FOR A LICENSE TO EXHIBIT A PANORAMA OF THE
OVERLAND ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA**

March 27, 1851

TRANSCRIPTION

To the Mayor & Council }
of the City of Chicago }

Gentlemen, Mr. Hunt

and Company desire the privilege of Exhibiting
in your City the ensuing week Mr. Wilkins
Panarama of the Overland Rout To California.

I am told that your Charter gives you the
right to tax such exhibitions. I therefore, in
behalf of said Company, make an applica-
tion for the ~~priv~~ privilege of said exhibition

It has been Stated by one of your former members
that the whole matter is optionarry with your
Body; also that in some instances when you
have been satisfied that the exhibition is one
of great public utility, that you have waved
all tax — You will then, suffer, me to say
that ours is one which can not be sur-
-passed in this respect, by any one ever ex-
-hibited in the country, as the sequel will
prove — We should be glad to hear the
result immediately, as we have not yet
secured a Hall for exhibition, but wish
to do so to night

Very Respectfully Yours

D. Whitney