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RESOLUTIONS, &c.,

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

1871-72.

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## IN CONVENTION

JUNE 5, 1871.

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THIS being the day fixed for the annual organization of the municipal government of the City of Providence, the Mayor, Aldermen and members of the Common Council elect, are assembled in the Common Council chamber at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Certificate of the election of HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR of the City of PROVIDENCE, is read and the oath of office is administered to him, by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

The Roll of the City Council is called, as follows : and all the members being present, except Messrs. Daniel S. Whipple, William Binney and Gideon Bradford, the oath of office is administered by the Mayor to the members present.

### ALDERMEN :

I, Henry J. Angell,	II, James H. Coggeshall,
III, George B. Earle,	IV, George T. Spicer,
V, William Spencer,	VI, Samuel S. Sprague,
VII, Amos W. Snow,	VIII, Lodowick Brayton,
IX, William V. Daboll.	

### COMMON COUNCIL :

#### First Ward.

Stillman White,	Allen J. Brown,
Elisha C. Mowry,	Daniel S. Whipple.

## Second Ward.

William Binney,	Amos N. Beckwith,
Stephen Waterman,	Addison Q. Fisher.

## Third Ward.

Lewis Dexter,	Benjamin W. Persons,
Zachariah R. Tucker,	Clinton D. Sellew.

## Fourth Ward.

Abner J. Barnaby,	William W. Paine,
William H. Fenner,	Charles F. Phillips.

## Fifth Ward.

Nelson W. Aldrich,	Nicholas Van Slyck,
Henry A. Cory,	Joshua R. Brown.

## Sixth Ward.

Frederick E. Keep,	Lewis W. Anthony,
Nathaniel F. Potter, Jr.,	David Cady.

## Seventh Ward.

Jerothmul B. Barnaby,	John H. Joslin,
Lemuel S. Harris,	James T. Murray.

## Eighth Ward.

Benjamin Hunt, Jr.,	Ervin T. Case,
Raymond G. Place,	Charles H. Perkins.

## Ninth Ward.

Gideon Bradford,	William Y. Potter,
Henry T. Root,	Richard Hayward.

Samuel W. Brown is elected City Clerk, and the oath of office is administered to him by the Mayor.

Prayer is offered by Rev. Edwin M. Stone, of the Ministry-at-Large.

The Mayor delivers his Inaugural Address.

The following City Officers are elected :

Chief of the Police,	Thomas J. A. Gross.
Judge of the Municipal Court,	Amass S. Westcott.
Clerk of the Municipal Court,	George B. Nichols.
Recorder of Deeds,	Gustavus A. Williamson.
City Auditor,	James M. Cross.
Register of Transfers,	Joseph W. Taylor.
Clerk in the Transfer Office,	Henry L. Holmes.
Supt. of Public Buildings, (till Jan. 1872,)	Obadiah Slade.
City Engineer, (till Jan. 1872.)	Charles E. Paine.
Surveyor of Highways, (till Jan. 1872,)	Thomas W. Hart.
Clerk of the Highway Department,	George E. Thompson.
City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes.
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Assessor of taxes, (for three years,)	James C. Hidden.

Presidents of the Fire Department :

Charles E. Carpenter,	Oliver E. Greene,
	Sturges P. Carpenter.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department : Oliver E. Greene.

Assistant Engineers :

Matthew W. Ingraham,	Ira Winsor.
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Trustees of the Providence Reform School :

Edwin M. Snow,	Henry J. Angell.
William J. King,	Amasa R. Tourtellott,
Charles Anthony,	Augustus Woodbury.

Commissioners of the North Burying Ground :

Zachariah Allen,	Joseph F. Gilmore,	William Earle.
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Superintendent of the North Burying Ground :

Nathan Smalley.

Pound Keeper at the Asylum, Thomas E. Payson.

“ at N. B. Ground, Nathan Smalley,

“ at Ninth Ward, William W. Austin,

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Advising Committee on Bridges, Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseer of Bridges, Obadiah Slade,  
 Overseers of the Hospital, Mayor and Aldermen.  
 Overseer of the City Pumps, Oliver E. Greene.

Committee to Superintend the building of Chimneys,  
 and the placing of Stoves and Pipes :

Samuel Lewis, Stephen Burr.

Port Wardens :

Shubael H. Cady, Nathaniel Crowell, Philander Crosby.

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon, George H. Burnham.  
 Fence Viewer, John Erastus Lester.\*

Undertakers :

Michael J. Barron,	Thomas McMarrough,
Thomas E. Barron,	Merrick Nichols,
James Boyce,	Everett R. Osgood,
William G. Briggs,	Thomas C. Payson,
John L. Clarke,	Patrick Quinn,
George W. Hopkins,	Nathan Smalley,
John G Hopkins,	Benjamin P. Swarts,
Horace R. Knowles,	Gardner T. Swarts,
Henry Lynch,	Orin Sweet,
Thomas Mathews,	William Wallace.

Constables :

George Allen,	Silas Hemmenway,
Silas J. Allen,	John Loughlin,
Lucian J. Arnold,	George Lawless,
William Bacheller,	William H. Pullen.
John A. Creighton,	Stephen S. Salisbury,
John H. Cokely,	James C. Sheridan,
Charles E. Chaffee,	Albert A. Slocum,
Russel Clapp,	Henry Waterman,
John H. Gould,	Randal B. Wilcox,
Thomas W. Hayward,	George W. Wightman,
	Charles Whitmarsh,

\* Declined to serve.

Police Constables, without power to serve civil process :

William C. Atwood,	Daniel Joslin,
Almon G. Bennet,	William R. Mathews,
John B. Benson,	Hector McKenzie,
James W. Braman,	David C. Moore,
Daniel G. Briggs,	Joseph Nutting,
William Lloyd Bowers,	Thomas E. Payson,
Alden M. Brown,	Henry A. L. Potter,
Pardon H. Brown,	George G. Richmond,
Amos M. Clark,	Nathan Smalley,
Samuel T. Cory,	Thomas Swan,
Franklin H. Davis,	Nathan J. Shepley,
William W. Fletcher,	Orin Sweet,
William H. Gale,	Silas G. Tripp,
Philip C. Gray,	Thomas Wilbur,
Daniel Hill,	Thomas W. Walcott,
Nathaniel F. Hallett,	J. Marshall Washburn,
	John H. White.

Packers and Inspectors of Fish :

Peleg S. Sherman, John P. Meriam, Albert F. Fuller.

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Saleratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Chain Cables,	Thomas Wyatt,
Inspector of Kerosene,	George A. Cole,
Inspector of Beef and Pork,	Henry M. Kimball.
Sealer of Leather,	Hiram B. Aylsworth,
Viewer of Hoops;	Peleg S. Sherman.

Surveyors and Corders of Wood :

Lyman Arnold,	Benjamin S. Olney,
William W. Arnold,	Benjamin S. Olney, Jr.
Stephen Brooks,	Jabez C. Olney,
Samuel B. Bullock,	Esek H. Pearce,
Nelson Chace,	Lucian W. Palmer,
James S. Hudson,	Robert E. Smith, 2d
Robert Manchester,	William K. Thurber.
Darwin R. Mowry,	Thomas E. White.

## Surveyors and Measurers of Stone:

Clifton A. Hall,	William Andrews,
Alfred Stone,	Leonard Blodget,
	George W. Cady.

## Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters', Masons' and Painters' work:

Jonathan S. Angell,	Leonard Blodget,
Stephen C. Arnold,	John Buckley,
George W. Cady,	Edson S. Jones,
Charles S. Carder,	James Lewis,
Russell Greene,	Robert Manchester,
Charles T. Griffin,	Robert Manchester, Jr.
Isaac N. Hallet,	Alfred Stone,
Clifton A. Hall,	Niles B. Schubarth,
	John A. Townsend.

## Measurers of Grain, Bran, Salt and Sea Coal:

Shubael B. Crowell,	Joseph Wesley,
Weigher of Hay in Bales,	Robert Sherman.

## Weighers of Hay:

George A. Whipple,	Jabez C. Olney,
Benjamin S. Olney, Jr.	Albert B. H. Pike.

## Weighers of Anthracite Coal:

Albert B. H. Pike,	Samuel W. Pearce.
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## Weighers of Cotton:

Richard H. Morgan,	Frank L. Sheldon,
Charles S. Mathewson,	Charles Dyer,
Samuel R. Simmons,	Charles H. Cowell,
Nathaniel W. Pierce,	Newton Earle,
James F. Rhodes,	Edward L. Dennis,
Frank Brastow,	Frank H. Brown,
Christopher Rhodes,	Samuel C. Davenport,
Stephen Tripp,	Stephen Thurber.
Gauger General,	Edward G. Farmer.

Trustees of the Sinking Fund, to redeem City of Providence  
5 per cent Bonds due 1893.

James Y. Smith, Amos C. Barstow, Moses B. Lockwood.

Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law :  
 Richard Ward Greene, Benjamin T. Eames,  
 Benjamin F. Thurston.

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No. 2.1 Report of Committee to procure a Portrait  
 of Hon. Samuel W. Bridgham :

(Presented June 5, 1871.)

Your Committee, who were, by resolution approved July 13th, 1870, authorized and empowered to cause a proper copy to be made of the portrait of the late Hon. Samuel W. Bridgham, first Mayor of this city, for the purpose of replacing the portrait now hanging in the Council Chamber, respectfully report, that they have procured a copy, by Lincoln, which is satisfactory to the family of the late Mayor Bridgham, as well as to themselves ; at a total expense, including frame, of two hundred and thirty-six-dollars.

Respectfully, submitted for the Committee,

JAMES SHAW, JR.,

*Chairman.*

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No. 13. Joint Standing Committees :

IN COMMON COUNCIL, JUNE 5, 1871.

RESOLVED, That the following named gentlemen having been appointed members of the Joint Standing Committees of the City Council on the part of the Common Council, the same be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, that an Alderman may be added to each.

Read and passed,

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

FINANCE.—Messrs. Waterman, Dexter, Tucker, Bradford, Alderman Spencer.

HIGHWAYS.—Messrs. Beckwith, J. R. Brown, Hunt, Jeslin, Alderman Snow.

EDUCATION.—Messrs. Van Slyck, Harris, W. Y. Potter, Place, Alderman Coggeshall.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. Bradford, White, Fenner, Keep, Alderman Spicer.

ON CITY PROPERTY.—Messrs. Root, Fisher, Perkins, Anthony, Alderman Earle.

ON POLICE.—Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, Case, Murray, Hayward, Alderman Angell.

ON ORDINANCES.—Messrs. Binney, Case, Mowry, Persons, Alderman Spicer.

ON CLAIMS.—Messrs. Cory, Mowry, N. F. Potter, Jr., Whipple, Alderman Daboll.

ON PRINTING.—Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, Phillips, Sellew, A. J. Brown, Alderman Daboll.

ON NORTH BURYING GROUND.—Messrs. Phillips, J. B. Barnaby, A. J. Brown, Alderman Earle.

ON HARBOR.—Messrs. N. F. Potter, Jr., Persons, Cory, Alderman Sprague.

ON RAILROADS.—Messrs. Keep, Paine, W. Y. Potter, Alderman Brayton.

ON SEWERS.—Messrs. Harris, Perkins, Cady, White, Alderman Brayton.

ON REDUCTION OF THE CITY DEBT.—Mr. Binney.

In Board of ALDERMEN same day.

Read and the foregoing Aldermen added.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

#### No. 14. Joint Committee on Accounts :

IN COMMON COUNCIL, JUNE 5, 1871.

WHEREAS, Messrs. Henry A. Cory, Frederick E. Keep, William W. Paine, Clinton D. Sellew and James T. Murray have been elected by ballot, members of the Joint Committee on Accounts, on the part of the Common Council :—

RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Read and passed. J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

In Board of ALDERMEN, same day.

Read, and Aldermen Angell and Snow elected, by ballot, members of said committee.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 15. Resolution appointing Joint Committee on the Harbor :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. N. F. Potter, Jr., Persons and Cory, of the Common Council, with Alderman Sprague, be and they are hereby, appointed a committee for the purpose of expending the money received from the Harbor Master, as already appropriated by ordinance.

No. 16. Resolution relating to Bond of City Treasurer :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to take a bond of the City Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office—said bond to be in the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

No. 17. Resolution to Contract for the City Printing :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, Phillips, Sellew and A. J. Brown, of the Common Council, with Alderman Daboll be, and they are hereby appointed a committee, to contract for the city printing for the present municipal year.

No. 18. Resolution for Printing the Mayor's  
Address and the City Manual :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, Phillips, Sellew and A. J. Brown, of the Common Council, with Alderman Daboll, be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to wait on his Honor the Mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the City Council, and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient.

RESOLVED, That the above named committee be, and they are hereby, directed to cause the Standing Rules of the City Council, the Standing Rules of order of the Common Council, a list of the Standing Committees of the City Council, a list of the city officers, and such portions of the record of the organization of the city government as they may deem expedient, to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, under the general title of the "City Manual."

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No. 19. Resolution for Printing certain Reports :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee who were appointed to cause the Mayor's address to be printed, be and they are hereby authorized to cause the following reports to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, viz.:

The Annual Report of the Gauger General.

The Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of the North Burying Ground.

The Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department.

The Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

No. 20. Resolution limiting the number of City Documents :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the number of city documents to be printed under the several resolutions passed this day shall not, except when otherwise specially ordered, exceed in each case, seven hundred and fifty copies.

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No. 21. Resolution selecting Justices of the Police Court :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That from the justices assigned to keep the peace within the City of Providence, Francis A. Daniels and Stephen Essex, be, and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court during the present municipal year.

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No. 22. Resolution referring subjects in the Mayor's Address to the Standing Committees :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the several subjects mentioned in the inaugural address of his Honor the Mayor, delivered this day, be, and the same are hereby referred to the proper standing committees, (unless otherwise ordered,) to examine and report thereon.

No. 23. Resolution for fixing the Compensation of  
Boards of Canvassers and Clerks :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Ordinances be hereby requested to report an ordinance fixing the compensation of the Board of Canvassers and Clerks.

No. 24. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for Police, for duty performed in May, 1871, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows, viz.:

Benjamin F. Worth,	-	-	-	-	\$85 25
Frank W. Carter,	-	-	-	-	85 25
William J. Booth,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Frank M. Horton,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Robert Flynn,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Byron M. Darling,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Isaac L. Shippee,	-	-	-	-	85 25
John V. Simonds,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Samuel G. Wilbur,	-	-	-	-	85 25

No. 25. Resolution to pay for Lighting the Streets :

(Approved June 5, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps for the month of May, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the same to the reserve fund.

No. 26. Resolutions for celebrating the Fourth of July:

(Approved June 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Fisher, W. Y. Potter and Sellev, of the Common Council, with Aldermen Daboll and Sprague, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence.

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said celebration, to be paid by the City Treasurer to the order of said committee, from the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 27. Resolution relating to a Sewer in Parsonage and other streets:

(Approved June 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay and make a main drain or common sewer from Parsonage street through Manchester, Eddy and Point streets to the river, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

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No. 30. Report of Committee of Arrangements to observe "Memorial Day":

(Approved June 12, 1871.)

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for a suitable observance of "Memorial Day," respectfully report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, that they have expended the sum of \$595 12, and that they have returned to the City Treasurer the unexpended balance, \$4 88, as per enclosed account and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

JAMES SHAW, JR.,

*Chairman.*

No. 31. Resolution to print Annual Report of the School Committee :

(Approved June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That one thousand copies of the annual report of the School Committee and accompanying documents, be printed under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing.

No. 32. Resolution relating to Vacation Schools :

(Approved June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of nine hundred dollars be hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for public schools, for the purpose of maintaining such number of vacation schools, not exceeding six in all, as the School Committee may deem expedient.

No. 33. Resolution relating to printing Resolutions of the City Council :

(Approved June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed not to print in pamphlet form any resolution of the City Council until it shall have become valid in accordance with the provisions of the city charter.

No. 34. Resolution relating to the Providence.  
Reform School:

(Approved June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That so much of the message of his Honor the Mayor, delivered on the 5th inst., as relates to the Providence Reform School, be, and the same is hereby referred to the Joint Committee on Police, to examine and report thereon.

No. 35. Resolution to pay Allen Baker:

(Approved June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Allen Baker, two hundred and thirteen dollars and ninety-six cents, the same being the amount of his claim per bills rendered, for material and labor furnished in the years 1865 and 1866, for repairs on city property, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 36. Resolution relating to the Use of Streets:

(Approved June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Beckwith, Perkins and Cady, of the Common Council, with Alderman Brayton, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine and report whether any individuals or corporations are using our streets to the detriment of the public; and if so, what steps are necessary to be taken to prevent such use.

No. 37. Resolution for the Curbing of Barclay Street :

(Passed June 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause Curb Stones to be set, and Gutters paved on Barclay Street, from Broadway to Atwell's Avenue.

Resolution granting permission to move Buildings :

[Approved May 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz.:

No. 38.—Nehemiah Kinnecom.

39.—Patrick McKenna.

No. 40. Message from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 21, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council :*

I have convened you this evening in order that final action may be taken in relation to the celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 41. Resolution increasing Appropriation for  
Fourth of July :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

WHEREAS a communication has been received from responsible parties, offering to contribute from one thousand dollars to one thousand five hundred dollars, for the purpose of providing an exhibition of fireworks for the evening of July fourth, therefore,—

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby increase the appropriation for July fourth by adding thereto the sum of one thousand dollars, the same to be used for fireworks.

No. 42. Resolution to pay Edward W. Serrell for  
Report on Point Street Bridge :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Edward W. Serrell, of New York, the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars and eighty cents, being in payment in full for his claim for expenses and services as civil engineer in making an examination and report upon the Point Street Bridge; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for said bridge.

No. 43. Message, from the Mayor, relative to fixing  
Bounds on the Cranston line :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 21, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council :*

The City Engineer has called my attention to the fact, that since the annexation of a portion of the Town of Cranston to this city, no permanent bounds have been placed on the present

boundary line of the two towns, and the marks made by the City Engineer when surveying the line are becoming obliterated.

I recommend that authority be given to a committee to cause suitable bounds to be placed upon the line, provided, the Town of Cranston will appoint a similar committee for the same purpose, which, I have no doubt, will be done.

THOMAS A. DOYLE,  
*Mayor.*

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No. 44. Resolution for Assistance to Register of Transfers :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That three hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for salaries, for assistance in the office of the Register of Transfers ; to be expended under the approval of the Mayor.

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No. 45. Resolution to establish Bounds on the Cranston line :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Paine, Root and Persons, of the Common Council, with Alderman Daboll, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to cause suitable bounds to be placed on the boundary line between this city and the town of Cranston, provided, said town of Cranston will appoint a similar committee for the same purpose.

No. 46. Resolution to exchange Chandeliers in the  
Council Chamber :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby directed to exchange the chandeliers now in the council chamber, for suitable gas reflectors. The cost of the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for public buildings.

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No 47. Resolution to pay Claim of Hope Iron  
Works :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to the Hope Iron Works, fifteen dollars and nine cents ; the same being for labor and materials furnished in repairs at the police station on Richmond street. The same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 48. Resolution abating Tax of Jeremiah A.  
Sheldon :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to refund the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents and interest, to Jeremiah A. Sheldon, said amount having been erroneously assessed against him in the city tax of 1870 ; he being at the time of assessment of said tax a resident of the town of North Providence.

## Resolution granting permission to move Buildings :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to remove certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz.:

- No. 49. Fletcher Manufacturing Company.
  - 50. William A. Harris.
  - 51. Sylvester Taylor.
  - 52. Patrick Mulvey.
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## No. 53. Resolution granting permission to move a Building :

(Approved June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Donley, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner ; and said building to be moved between the hours of 11 o'clock, P. M. and 6 o'clock, A. M., to the end that the horse cars may not be obstructed by such removal.

## IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 21, 1871.

The Gauger General makes report that he has appointed as Deputy Gaugers, Messrs. Amos Potter and Robert Sherman ; whereupon, it is voted that said appointments be approved.

A Communication from John Erastus Lester, declining to serve as Fence Viewer, is presented, read and received.

The following City Officers are elected :

Fence Viewer,	Franklin Olds.
Constables :	
J. Crawford Potter,	Michael Craddock,
	Charles Barrows.
Police Constable,	James N. Holmes.

## No. 54. Resolution for curbing Courtland street :

(Passed June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Courtland street, from Broadway to Penn street, a distance of about seven hundred feet.

## No. 55. Resolution for curbing Penn street :

(Passed June 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on Penn street, from Almy to Courtland street, a distance of about four hundred feet.

No. 56. Report of Committee on Education, relating  
to Sundry School Houses:

(Presented June 21, 1871.)

The Joint Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the communication of the President of the School Committee, relative to school houses on Atwell's avenue, Bridgham and Messer streets, beg leave to report that, in their opinion, it is advisable to erect on the land belonging to the city, on Atwell's avenue, a school house containing six rooms, in accordance with plans herewith submitted:—also, that it is advisable to erect a school house on the city's land, on the corner of Messer and Willow streets, similar in arrangement to the school house on Warren street:—the same to be built of brick and to contain eight rooms:—also, that it is advisable to alter and repair the grammar school house on Bridgham street, by the addition of a French roof, in accordance with plans herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. HARRIS, for Committee.

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No. 57. Resolution for Improving the School House  
on Bridgham street:

(Approved June 30, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Root, Fisher, Perkins and Anthony, of the Common Council, with Aldermen Earle and Brayton, be and they hereby are appointed a committee, to cause the school house on Bridgham street to be altered and repaired, in accordance with plans herewith submitted, provided, the expense of the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; which sum is hereby appropriated for the above purpose to be paid out of the appropriation for school houses.

No. 58. Resolution requesting Board of Aldermen to receive the East Turnpike.

(Approved July 10, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive the East Turnpike, so called, from Olney street to the North Providence line, as a public highway.

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No. 59. Resolution relating to Claim of John H. Lonsdale.

(Approved July 10, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Spicer and Brayton, with Messrs. Fisher, Mowry and Cory, of the Common Council, be appointed to confer with John H. Lonsdale relative to his claim against the City of Providence, for damages on account of change of grade in North Main street, and that said committee have full authority to settle and arrange the same, provided a satisfactory adjustment can be made.

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No. 60. Resolution ordering Cross Walks.

(Approved July 10, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to lay cross walks as follows :

Across C street, at Central street.

Across Market square, from the City Building to the South walk of Weybosset Bridge.

## No. 62. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved July 10, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in June, 1871, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

William T. Robinson,	-	-	-	-	\$82 50
Benjamin F. Worth,	-	-	-	-	77 00
William J. Booth,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Frank W. Carter,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Frank M. Horton,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Byron M. Darling,	-	-	-	-	55 00
Robert Flynn,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Samuel G. Wilbur,	-	-	-	-	13 75
Byron H. Arnold,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Isaac S. Shippee,	-	-	-	-	82 50
John G. Simonds,	-	-	-	-	82 20

## No. 63. Message from the Mayor relating to Point Street Bridge.

(Presented July 10, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 10, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Committee appointed to superintend the erection of a bridge at Point street are, I understand, nearly ready to report the completion of the bridge.

In view of the severe strictures made upon the character of this work by General Serrell, it seems proper that the bridge should be thoroughly tested before being thrown open for public travel.

This test should be under the direction of competent persons not connected with the city government. Fortunately we have such who are residents of our city, and whose judgment can be taken as conclusive. I need only to refer to gentlemen like Samuel B. Cushing, J. Albert Monroe or James C. Bucklin, either or all of whom, I have no doubt, would perform the duty if requested to do so by the City Council.

Such a test as I suggest would, I think, be approved by the committee now in charge of the work, and I therefore invite your immediate attention to the matter.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 70. Report of Committee of Arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July.

(Presented July 10, 1871.)

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July, 1871, beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit herewith a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the committee, accompanied with the proper vouchers.

RECEIPTS.

From City Treasurer, being amount of appropriations of the City Council,	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,000 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Clapp & King,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000 00
American Band,	-	-	-	-	-	675 00
Whatcheer Band,	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
Marine Corps of Artillery,	-	-	-	-	-	400 00
United Train of Artillery,	-	-	-	-	-	125 00

Providence Horse Guards,	-	-	-	\$125 00
Burnside National Guard,	-	-	-	95 00
Slocum Light Guard,	-	-	-	62 00
Wolf Tone Guards,	-	-	-	62 00
Co. A Rhode Island Guards,	-	-	-	62 00
Co. D Rhode Island Guards,	-	-	-	62 00
Kearney Cadets,	-	-	-	60 00
G. H. Copland & Co.,	-	-	-	132 50
Thomas J. A. Gross,	-	-	-	93 00
J. Harry Welch,	-	-	-	75 00
A. C. Barstow, (Music Hall),	-	-	-	65 00
Benj. W. Hood,	-	-	-	50 00
Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	-	-	-	100 00
William Orne Weeden,	-	-	-	10 00
Rev. Edward O. Bartlett,	-	-	-	10 00
A. Crawford Greene,	-	-	-	65 58
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson,	-	-	-	63 00
Noah D. Paine,	-	-	-	62 63
Providence Press Co.,	-	-	-	54 38
General Advertiser,	-	-	-	16 50
Edwin Baker,	-	-	-	10 00
Frank F. Tingley,	-	-	-	25 00
A. D. Wheeler & Co.,	-	-	-	20 00
Elsbree & Valteau,	-	-	-	10 00
J. L. & C. A. Webster,	-	-	-	9 00
W. H. Goffe,	-	-	-	9 00
John H. Eaton,	-	-	-	8 00
A. Q. Fisher,	-	-	-	7 86
E. Carpenter & Sons,	-	-	-	6 30
S. S. Rider & Bro.,	-	-	-	6 00
Sweet & Shorey,	-	-	-	6 00
E. C. Pomroy,	-	-	-	5 00
Total expenditures,	-	-	-	\$3997 75
Balance returned to City Treasurer,	-	-	-	2 25

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ADDISON Q. FISHER,

*For the Committee.*

PROVIDENCE, July 10, 1871.

No. 73. Resolutions relating to the Oration delivered  
July 4th, by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark.

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the City Council of the City of Providence, be hereby tendered to the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, for the able and eloquent oration delivered by him at the late municipal celebration of the anniversary of American Independence.

RESOLVED, That the committee of arrangements for the said celebration, be hereby instructed to wait upon the Right Reverend Bishop, and request of him a copy of said oration, for publication, and to cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the use of the City Council.

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No. 74. Resolution appropriating \$35,000 for  
Interest.

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be and is hereby added to the appropriation for interest, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 75. Resolution making appropriation for Gold  
Interest.

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the premium on gold, paid on coupons, due January 1, 1871, on bonds of City of Providence, payable in 1876, amounting to sixteen hundred and forty dollars and sixty-two cents, be and is hereby added to the appropriation for interest on bonds payable in 1876: and the premium on gold, paid on coupons due March 1, 1871, on bonds of City of Providence, payable in 1885, amounting to nineteen hundred and eighty dollars, be and is hereby added to the appropriation for interest on bonds payable in 1885, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 76. Resolution appropriating \$30,000 for  
Sewerage.

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewerage; and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, to hire said sum for sewerage account.

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No. 77. Resolution to pay claims of John Howe and  
William S. Haines.

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to William S. Haines the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and to John Howe, one hundred and sixty dollars, the same being for amounts of their bills for services as engineers, and charge the sum to the appropriation for the Point Street Bridge.

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No. 78. Resolution to suspend work on Cove Street

(Approved July 14, 1871.)

Whereas, a committee has been appointed to make recommendations in regard to the future care and lay out of the cove lands, and, whereas, in such lay out it may be necessary to change and straighten some of the streets already in use, it is therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be and is hereby directed to suspend all action in the paving of Cove street, until ordered by the City Council to proceed with the same.

No. 79. Resolution requesting Board of Aldermen to receive Gilmore Street.

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Gilmore street, from Cranston street to Wilson street, and declare the same a public highway, said street having been laid out, travelled, and actually used for more than twenty years.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings :

(Approved July 12, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz :

- No. 80. E. G. W. Bartlett.
- 81. Timothy Hughes.
- 82. William D. Sherman.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 12, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz :

- No. 83. E. G. W. Bartlett, corner of Charles and West River streets.
- No. 84. Bela W. P. Bennett. No. 14 Beacon street.
- 85. John Dwyer, rear of No. 9 Warner's lane.
- 86. Patrick McGough, rear of No. 186 Atwell's Avenue.

## No. 87. Resolutions to pay Lamp Accounts.

(Approved July 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps for the month of June, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the same to the reserve fund.

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## No. 88. Resolution relative to appropriation for School Houses and Lots.

(Approved July 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of seven thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for public schools, to the appropriation for school houses and lots, and that the expenses for the enlargement and alteration of the school house on Public street, under the resolution approved May 11, 1871, be changed to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

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## No. 89. Resolution relating to interest coupons due by Hartford, Providence &amp; Fishkill Railroad Co.

(Approved July 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to receive in current funds, from the trustees of that portion of the railroad of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company located in the State of Connecticut, the amount due upon the coupons payable January 1, 1871, upon the bonds of said railroad company held by the City of Providence, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from January 1, 1871, until the date of payment, and after paying therefrom a sum equivalent to the amount paid by him in gold, and interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum to redeem the coupons due January 1, 1871, upon the city bonds issued to said railroad company, to pay the balance to the trustees of the sinking fund for the redemption of said city bonds.

No. 90. Resolution making an appropriation for  
Instruction in Writing and French.

(Approved July 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the principal teacher in writing, for services rendered in teaching penmanship in the public schools during the past school year, and also, that the sum of four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for instruction in French in the High School for the ensuing school year.

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No. 91. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Waterman street.

(Approved July 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay a main drain or common sewer from Cooke street through Waterman street to Gano street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807, of the public laws.

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No. 92. Resolution relative to the widening of Dyer and South Water streets.

(Approved July 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on the widening of Dyer street, and the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on the widening of South Water street, be hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of the President and Messrs. A. J. Barnaby and Dexter, of the Common Council, with Aldermen Coggeshall and Spencer, to examine and report thereon.

## IN CONVENTION.

(JULY 17, 1871.)

The declination of Augustus Woodbury, elected Trustee of the Providence Reform School, is presented and read ; where upon it is *voted* that the same be accepted.

The declination of Francis Olds, elected Fence Viewer, is presented, read and laid on the table.

The following City Officers are elected :

Trustee of the Providence Reform School, J. Lewis Diman.

Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters' Masons' and Painters' Work :

Henry A. Grimwood,      Thomas E. White.

Police Constables without power to serve civil process :

John R. Oaks,              William Lewis,  
Henry J. McElroy.

No. 95. Resolutions for removing obstructions from the Sewer in Pearl street.

(Approved July 24, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby instructed to cause all obstructions to be removed from the sewer in Pearl street.

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to carry the foregoing resolution into effect ; the same to be paid out of the appropriation for sewers.

No. 96. Resolution for re-setting the curbing on  
Dorrance street.

(Approved July 24, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be reset and the street re-paved, on Dorrance street, from Broad street to Pine street, in order to conform to the new line of said Dorrance street; the work to be done forthwith.

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No. 97. Resolution for opening the Sewer, at the  
corner of Broadway and Sabin streets.

(Approved July 24, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be and is hereby instructed to cause an opening to be made in the Sabin street sewer, at the corner of Sabin street and Broadway.

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No. 98. Resolution abating Tax of Charles Adams.

(Approved July 24, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby instructed to deduct from the amount of tax assessed against Charles Adams, in the year 1870, the sum of one hundred forty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents; the same having been erroneously assessed against him upon personal property, he having been at the time of such assessment a resident of the town of Cumberland, as appears by the certificate of the town clerk of said town.

No. 99. Resolution to pay claim of G. H. Copeland  
& Co.

(Approved July 24, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to G. H. Copeland & Co. the sum of twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, the same being in full for the claims for damage to sleigh, on the night of February, A. D. 1871; said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for highways.

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No. 100. Resolution granting permission to move a  
Building.

(Approved July 24, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Second Free Baptist Society to move a certain wooden building pursuant to their petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners; they giving bond to pay ten dollars per day, under the ordinance.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings:

(Approved July 31, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz.:

No. 101. Patrick Gannon.

102. James H. Sabin.

No. 103. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved July 31, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Americus V. Potter, to raise a certain building, located at No. 481 Cranstons street; pursuant to his petition.

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No. 104. Resolution for procuring plans for improving Prospect Square.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Alderman Coggeshall with Messrs. Cory, Paine and Anthony of the Common Council, be hereby appointed a committee to obtain plans and estimates for the improvement of Prospect Square, and report thereon as soon as practicable.

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No. 105. Resolution relieving John H. Porter, et. al., from judgment on License Bond.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to enter satisfaction of the judgment in favor of Benjamin Tripp, City Treasurer, against John H. Porter, John McElroy and Walter R. Proctor, rendered at the June term, A. D., 1871, upon payment of all costs which have accrued thereon.

## No. 106. Resolution transferring appropriation.

(Passed August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for paving.

## No. 107. Resolution to pay Lamp Accounts.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps for the month of July, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the same to the reserve fund.

## No. 108. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in July 1871, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:

Byron H. Arnold,	-	-	\$88 00
John V. Simonds,	-	-	88 00
Isaac S. Shippee,	-	-	88 00
William P. Winslow,	-	-	88 00
John K. Tripp,	-	-	88 00
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	88 00
William J. Booth,	-	-	88 00
Frank M. Horton,	-	-	88 00
Frank W. Carter,	-	-	88 00
William T. Robinson,	-	-	88 00
Benjamin F. Worth,	-	-	88 00
Robert Flynn,	-	-	88 00
Francis H. Morton,	-	-	88 00

No. 110. Message from the Mayor relating to the death of Thomas J. A. Gross, Chief of Police, and recommending the appointment of a City Attorney.

(Presented August 14, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, August 14, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

A vacancy exists in the office of the Chief of Police, caused by the death on the 2d instant of Thomas J. A. Gross, who was elected to the position for the second time in June last.

Mr. Gross was appointed city watchman, Nov. 21, 1854; he was subsequently promoted to a position on the day force, and in June, 1864, I appointed him Captain of the Watch. At the organization of the present police system, he became Captain of Police and Deputy Chief, serving as such until his election to the office of Chief in June, 1870.

In these various positions he was found to be faithful to the trust committed to him, and I am confident that the immediate cause of his death was his close attention to his official duties.

I take this occasion to recommend that the Chief of Police be relieved from the duty of conducting cases in the courts, and that so much of his work be assigned to an officer to be styled the City Attorney. The four to six hours daily confinement in the court room required of the Chief of Police, is a serious injury to the efficiency of the force. No one can perform this duty properly and then have the requisite energy left to devote to the general detail, the discipline and operations of the department. I have been aware of this for a long time. The morning report required to be made to the Mayor by the Chief of Police, at ten o'clock each day, has not for the past two years, been made until afternoon, and frequently not until a subsequent day. When the number of cases before the courts has been unusually large, sometimes two or three days have elapsed without an interview between the Mayor and Chief of Police. The remedy for this state of things is the appointment of such an officer as I have suggested.

For the year ending on the 1st instant, 5,896 persons were arrested by the police for various offences. In the month of July last, 647 persons were arrested, and thus far in the present month, 269 arrests have been made. These statistics are sufficient to convince any person that the City Attorney would find ample employment, and that the Chief of Police who examines and prosecutes so many cases, can find little time for other and more important duties.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 111. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor presented this day, relating to the subject of a City Attorney, be and the same is referred to the Joint Committee on Ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 112. Message from the Mayor relative to the driving of Cattle through the streets.

(Presented August 14, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
 City of Providence, Aug. 14, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen :*

The recent stampede of cattle in the streets of this city has caused so many inquiries to be made at this office as to the means being taken by the executive department to protect the lives and property of our citizens against similar occurrences in future, that I deem it proper to communicate to you the present condition of the business of slaughtering cattle and cattle driving in the streets of our city.

In June, 1866, the General Assembly passed an act providing that when any town council should designate a place in the town, where slaughtering could be carried on, it should be unlawful to carry it on in that town in any place not so designated, under a penalty for each day's violation of the act.

In October, 1869, the Board of Aldermen designated a place in this city, where slaughtering of cattle could be carried on, and every effort was made by the Superintendent of Health, the Chief of Police and the Executive Department, to induce persons engaged in violating the act in this city to cease therefrom, but without success.

Finding other means fail, resort was had to the courts, and at the last June term of the Common Pleas these persons were indicted, arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Their cases were continued to the September term, when it is hoped they will be tried.

In December last, the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the driving of cattle in the streets of this city after the first day of March of the present year, under a penalty to be recovered in the Municipal Court. At the April term warrants were issued against sundry parties for violation of the ordinance, the cases were called and continued to the June term, and in June were continued to the September term.

The operations of this ordinance being too slow to be effective, it was repealed on the 13th of July last, and a new ordinance passed under which cases could be brought in the Police Court. So little time elapsed after its passage that the late Chief had no opportunity to enforce it.

Early last week, and before the stampede of cattle occurred, I called the Deputy's attention to the business of slaughtering and driving cattle in this city, and directed him to commence at once the work of suppressing them. I directed him to commence each day, new actions against the persons carrying on the business of slaughtering, and against the workmen engaged in the operations, and also, to prosecute the persons employed in driving cattle through the streets in violation of the ordinance. He at once proceeded to carry my orders into effect, and war-

rants were being prepared when the stampede occurred, which have some of them been served, and the others will be.

Every effort will be made, by these repeated prosecutions under statute and ordinance, to suppress a business which is being persisted in to the danger and annoyance of the whole community.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 113. Resolution transferring appropriation.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the whole sum paid into the city treasury by the Water Commissioners for work done for them by the Highway Department, be and the same is hereby ordered to be transferred to the appropriation for the Highway Department.

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No. 115. Resolution for sinking a Dry Well in Daboll street.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed, with the advice of the Joint Committee on Highways, to cause a dry well to be sunk in Daboll street, near Greenwich street; for the purpose of disposing of the surplus water which now floods the highway at the corner of said streets, provided that the expense of the same shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

No. 116. Resolution for testing the Point street  
Bridge.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Committee on the Point street Bridge be hereby authorized and directed upon the completion of said bridge and prior to its acceptance from the contractors, to employ Samuel B. Cushing, Esq., C. E., Ambrose E. Burnside, Esq., and Noble T. Greene, Esq., to make an inspection or test thereof, and report in full their opinion and advice in relation thereto.

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No. 122. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 to the  
Providence Water Works.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, and that the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, be authorized to hire the same.

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No. 123. Resolution for repairs on the City Building.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause such repairs to be made within the City Building, as in their judgment may be necessary, providing the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 124. Resolution electing to widen and straighten  
Broad street, near Snow street.

(Approved August 14, 1871 )

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court at the March Term, A. D. 1871 to widen and straighten Broad street, near Snow street, made their first report to said court on Thursday, July 20, 1871 : Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said Court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 125. Resolution for closing Irwin street and  
adding the same to the School lot on Greenwich  
street.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to take such action as may be necessary to close Irwin street, and to add the same to the school estate on Greenwich street, and that the sum of twelve hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for this purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz :—

No. 127. Andrew Moore, No. 200 Atwell's avenue.

No. 128. William H. Read, No. 57 and 59 Federal street.

No. 129. John W. Shields, No. 64 Summer street.

No. 130. James Tiffany, Summer street.

No. 131. Resolution granting permission to move building.

(Approved August 14, 1871.)

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to Ebben Simmons to move a certain wooden building pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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IN CONVENTION

(AUGUST 14, 1871.)

The following City Officers are elected :

Chief of Police.—John M. Knowles.

Fence Viewer.—Henry G. Gladding.

Police Constables without power to serve civil process :

John Slocum,

Stephen S. Salsbury,

John Nickerson,

Richard Barrett.

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IN CONVENTION.

(SEPTEMBER 4, 1871.)

The declination of Henry G. Gladding, elected Fence Viewer, is presented, read and accepted.

The following city officers are elected :

FENCE VIEWER.—Lyman Arnold.

Weighers of Cotton,

Oliver A. Lockwood, Jr., Morris B. Deming.

### No. 132. Resolution for leasing Mill Property at Pawtuxet.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby instructed to sign such a lease or leases of the whole or any portion of the property in Pawtuxet purchased by the Water Commissioners for the city, as they and the City Solicitor may approve.

### No. 133. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Debt, relative to the Water Loan.

(Presented September 4, 1871.)

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:--

The committee on the city debt deeming it proper that the City Council should be informed of the action of the committee in relation to the water loan, make this report :

That on the twenty-fourth of July last, they caused an advertisement inviting proposals for the whole of the water loan, to be inserted in the newspapers of this city employed to do the city printing, and also, in the *Hartford Courant*, *New Bedford Standard*, *Boston Post*, *Boston Advertiser*, *New York Evening Post*, *New York Times*, and the *Philadelphia North American*. A copy of this advertisement is hereto annexed. The committee also caused circulars of the same purport to be distributed among the banks and bankers of different cities. In response to the advertisement and circulars, the following bids were received by the committee:

#### FOR A FIVE PER CENT. LOAN.

Hadwin & Barney, Nantucket,	-	-	-	\$5,000 at 93
" " "	-	-	-	3,000 at 93 50
" " "	-	-	-	2,000 at 97
William E. Fales, Bristol,	-	-	-	13,000 at 84
Greene & Cranston, Providence,	-	-	-	16,000 at 93
Providence Institution for Savings,	-	-	-	1,000,000 at 90
Morton, Bliss & Co., New York,	-	-	-	4,000,000 at 90 03
Blake Bro's. & Co., Boston,	-	-	-	4,000,000 at 91

#### FOR A SIX PER CENT. LOAN.

S. Baldwin, Bennington, N. H.,	-	-	-	\$1,000 at 98
Machias Savings Bank,	-	-	-	5,000 at 90
" " "	-	-	-	5,000 at 92
Hadwin & Barney, Nantucket,	-	-	-	5,000 at 103 50
" " "	-	-	-	5,000 at 105
" " "	-	-	-	7,000 at 104
" " "	-	-	-	10,000 at 103
H. Kelley & Sons, Philadelphia,	-	-	-	8,000 at 100
Ward & Co., New York,	-	-	-	8,000 at 103 20

William Binney, Providence,	-	-	-	6,000 at 103
Horace Binney, Philadelphia,	-	-	-	10,000 at 103
Gardner Savings Bank,	-	-	-	40,000 at 100
Elliott Five cent Savnigs Bank, Boston;	-	-	-	20,000 at 100
Massachusetts " " "	-	-	-	25,000 at 100 40
S. C. Blodget, Providence,	-	-	-	25,000 at 104 50
Edward S. Milling, Philadelphia	-	-	-	25,000 at 100
Charles D. Owen, Trustee, Providence,	-	-	-	30,000 at 103 50
Truman Beckwith, Providence,	-	-	-	20,000 at 105 05
" " " "	-	-	-	10,000 at 104 62½
William E. Fales, Bristol,	-	-	-	13,000 at 100
Royal Phelps, Newport,	-	-	-	100,000 at 100 38
Boston 5 cent. Savings Bank, to be payable in Boston,	-	-	-	200,000 at 99
" " " " " "	-	-	-	200,000 at 100
Greene & Cranston, Providence,	-	-	-	160,000 at 102
Bourn & Co., " "	-	-	-	50,000 at 100 50
" " " "	-	-	-	50,000 at 101
" " " "	-	-	-	25,000 at 101 50
" " " "	-	-	-	25,000 at 102
" " " "	-	-	-	25,000 at 102 50
" " " "	-	-	-	15,000 at 102 75
" " " "	-	-	-	10,000 at 103
Peters & Parkinson, Boston,	-	-	-	75,000 at 103 50
" " " "	-	-	-	50,000 at 100 25
" " " "	-	-	-	50,000 at 100 75
" " " "	-	-	-	50,000 at 101 25
A. Iselin & Co., N. York, to be agreed as to place of payment,	-	-	-	150,000 at 101 35
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 101 60
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 101 85
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 102 10
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 102 35
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 102 60
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 102 85
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 103 10
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 103 35
" " " "	-	-	-	150,000 at 103 60
People's Savings Bank, Providence,	-	-	-	200,000 at 105 05
" " " "	-	-	-	200,000 at 105 55
" " " "	-	-	-	200,000 at 106 05
" " " "	-	-	-	200,000 at 106 55
Providence Institution for Savings,	-	-	-	1,000,000 at 104
Drexel, Morgan & Co., New York,	-	-	-	4,000,000 at 100
Morton, Bliss & Co., New York,	-	-	-	4,000,000 at 101 81
Blake Bros. & Co., Boston,	-	-	-	4,000,000 at 104 67

At the time fixed in their advertisement, the committee met and proceeded to open the several proposals, after which, being unable to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the course to be pursued, they adjourned to Thursday, Aug. 31, at 12 o'clock, noon, when they again met and resumed the consideration of the subject.

It has been thought by many, and members of the committee held the opinion that a five per cent. sterling loan could be negotiated abroad on better terms than a six per cent. loan could be placed in this country, while many of

our leading business men held that even if a small pecuniary benefit would result from such a loan, it may be far better for the city to place its bonds among its own citizens and institutions, if it could be done, and they therefore urged that a six per cent. loan should only be thought of.

The committee, however, gave full attention to the subject of a foreign loan, and were gratified to find that the credit of the city was so high that our loan could be placed abroad on unusually favorable terms. The council should understand, in this connection, that such a loan, although bearing on its face a rate of interest of five per cent., actually costs the city not less than five and three-quarters per cent. per annum, and if there be a premium on gold the annual cost is increased with the advance in this premium; so that, in considering the proposals for the loan, the questions presented for the decision of the committee may be thus stated, First—The best offer for a loan bearing interest at the rate of five per cent., payable, principal and interest, at the office of the City Treasurer. Second—The best offer for a loan bearing interest at the rate of five per cent., payable, principal and interest, in London, being not less than five and three quarters per cent. to the city, and Third—The best offer for a loan bearing interest at the rate of six per cent., payable, principal and interest at the office of the City Treasurer.

It was deemed important, also, to know how much money would be needed by the Water Commissioners for their purposes, and when it would be wanted.

The best offer for the five per cent. home loan, was that of Messrs. Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston, of \$91 in currency. The price which could be obtained for a five per cent. foreign loan was \$90 in gold. The bid of Messrs. Blake Brothers & Co., for the six per cent. loan, was \$104 67 currency for the whole amount, and the bids of the People's Savings' Bank of this city, was at an average rate of \$105 80. The Water Commissioners informed the committee that probably not more than two million dollars would be required by them during their term of service, or say to September 27, 1872.

Upon this information the committee decided that there was no bid for the whole loan at a premium high enough to warrant them in borrowing two million dollars to be used by a new board of Water Commissioners, sometime after the year 1872, and they therefore voted not to issue any larger sum than would be needed by the present Water Board. The bids of the People's Savings Bank being at a higher rate of premium than any offer made for the five per cent. loan, payable here, or than could be obtained for a five per cent. foreign loan, the committee voted that the bonds to be issued at the present time, should bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

The only other bid made within the range of the bids of the People's Savings' Bank was that of Truman Beckwith, Esq., for twenty thousand dollars at 105 05.

The committee being of the opinion that there would be no difficulty in placing the balance of the two millions on as favorable, if not better terms than the average rates of the bids of the People's Savings Bank, voted to reject all bids except the four made by them, and the bid of Mr. Beckwith, and these they accepted. The votes passed by the committee were unanimously adopted, and will, they are confident, meet the approval of your honorable body.

The work of issuing the bonds is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully submitted for the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, September 4, 1871.

No. 135. Resolution transferring \$6,000 to appropriation for Highways.

[Passed September 4, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to transfer the sum of six thousand dollars from the reserve fund to the appropriation for highways.

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No. 136. Resolution to pay Lamp Accounts.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps for the month of August, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the amount to the reserve fund.

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No. 137. Resolution for removing surplus earth from Ocean street to School House lot on Public street.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be, and they are hereby instructed to provide in any contract for work on Ocean street, that so much of the surplus earth as may be needed for the purpose, shall be removed to the school estate on Public street.

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#### Petition of Narragansett Hotel Company.

*To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence :*

The Narragansett Hotel Company respectfully represent that they propose to erect a first class hotel upon their estate in this city, bounded by Dorrance, Broad and Eddy streets and the estate of the Opera House Association.

The want of suitable hotel accommodations has long been a reproach to our city, but the efforts that have been made heretofore to obtain the necessary subscriptions for that purpose have not been successful. Recently five of our citizens have united in the purchase of the above described estate, and have obtained an act of incorporation, and they further represent that a large sum of money will be required to erect such a hotel as the wants of the city imperatively require, and that considerable time must elapse before any income can be derived therefrom. Other cities have frequently lent their aid to public improvements of a similar character, and your petitioners believe that the erection of a hotel of the character they propose, to erect, first class in all respects, will greatly enhance the value of the taxable property in its vicinity.

They therefore respectfully request your honorable body to exempt from taxation the hotel building and improvements which shall be erected upon said estate, for ten years from the time of the commencement of the erection thereon.

As in duty bound, &c.,

EDWARD PEARCE,

*President Narragansett Hotel Company.*

HENRY LIPPITT, *Treasurer.*

No. 138. Resolution relating to Narragansett  
Hotel Company.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the petition of the Narragansett Hotel Company, asking that the improvements they propose to make upon their lot at the corner of Dorrance, Broad and Eddy streets, may be exempted from taxation for the term of ten years, be referred to Aldermen Coggeshall and Brayton, with Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, Case and Binney, of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 140. Resolution transferring \$10,500. to the appropriation for Police.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars be hereby transferred from the appropriation for the reserve fund to the appropriation for police.

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No. 141. Resolution transferring \$6,250 to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

(Approved September 17, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixty-two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund, as an additional appropriation to the fire department.

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No. 142. Resolution for furnishing School House on Public street.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for furnishing the school house on Public street; said expenditure to be made under the direction of the Committee on City Property, and charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 143. Resolution relating to School House on Greenwich street.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for grading and fencing the school house lot on Greenwich street and otherwise repairing the house, the same to be expended under the direction of the Committee on City Property, and charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 144. Resolution relating to Sewerage of the Fountain street district.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Sewers be, and they are hereby requested to obtain of the Water Commissioners, a plan for a system of sewerage for the Fountain street district, and report the same at the next meeting of this Council.

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No. 145. Resolution to pay claims growing out the explosion of Steam Fire Engine, No. 6.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Walter E. Anthony one hundred and nineteen dollars; to Edward T. Caswell, fifty dollars; to Charles W. Parsons, twenty dollars; to N. A. Fisher, fifteen dollars; to Robert Millar, ten dollars; to George W. Hopkins, one hundred thirty-nine dollars and sixty cents, and to Swan Point Cemetery, C. R. Drowne, treasurer, fifteen dollars; the same being for medical attendance and funeral expenses furnished in the case of George T. Benson, who came to his death in consequence of the explosion of a steam fire engine belonging to the city. The

same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies : and in passing the foregoing resolution, the City Council expressly disclaim any legal liability of the city in the above named case; being impelled to this action solely by the peculiarly distressing circumstances of the case.

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No. 146. Resolution appointing a special committee to settle with Henry C. Clark.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bradford, Tucker and Metcalf, of the Common Council, with Aldermen Coggeshall and Sprague, are hereby constituted a committee with full power to adjust and settle all the outstanding unsettled claims of Henry C. Clark, and Clark and Webb, trustees to said Clark, against the city, for injuries to the property of said Clark, resulting from discharging the contents of the Dorrance street and Ship street sewers into the Dorrance street dock.

RESOLVED, That said committee are hereby authorized to draw upon the city treasury for the payment of such sum as they shall find to be due said Henry C. Clark, and the City Auditor is hereby directed to audit the draft of said committee therefor, without the approval of the Committee on Accounts : the said amount to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 147. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to S. W. Simmons to raise a certain building, located at the corner of Halsey and Benefit streets, pursuant to his petition.

No. 148. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to S. W. Simmons to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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No. 149. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved September 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Elizabeth Wilkin-son, to move a certain wooden building pursuant to her petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and provided further, that said building be removed without obstructing the railroad, and that the sum of ten dollars per day be designated as the sum to be paid by said petitioner for each day said building shall remain upon any public highway.

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No. 158. Resolution directing Committee on Point street Bridge to transmit Reports.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee on the Point street Bridge, are hereby directed to transmit to the City Council, any report or reports, that may be received by them, from the committee appointed to inspect and test said bridge, at the earliest possible moment after their reception.

No. 159. Resolution fixing on Location for School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Council, of the City of Providence, fix upon the following described land, in the said City of Providence, to wit, a certain tract of land described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of Plane and Point streets, being also the northwest corner of the estate of Lawrence Murray; thence easterly on the southerly line of Point street, one hundred and eighty and eighty nine one hundredths feet to a corner; thence southerly in a line parallel with Plane street and one hundred and eighty feet therefrom, bounding easterly on land of Henry C. Mathewson, two hundred and forty-five and thirty-nine one hundredths feet to a corner in land of said Mathewson; thence westerly in range with the northerly line of Langley street continued, (from Hospital street,) one hundred and eighty-four and ninety-one one hundredths feet, bounding southerly on land of said Mathewson and Bridget O'Donnell to the easterly line of Plane street; thence on said easterly line northerly, two hundred and four and nine-tenths feet to the point of beginning, as a location for a school house; and the same is hereby fixed upon as such location for said purpose.

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No. 160. Resolution to negotiate with owners for School House Lot, on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education are hereby authorized to negotiate with the owners of the land on Point and Plane streets, this day fixed upon as a location for a school house, and to obtain the terms upon which said owners will convey said land to the city.

No. 161. Resolution relating to account against Daniel Remington.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to deduct, from the bill of the City of Providence, dated October 1, 1870, against Daniel Remington, for two hundred and forty-five feet of curbing, the sum of five cents per foot, or twelve dollars and twenty-five cents, he being equitably entitled to said deduction according to the terms of the bill, having tendered payment of the same within thirty days of the date thereof.

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No. 163. Resolution to pay John R. Kiernan.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John R. Kiernan, out of the appropriation for contingencies, the sum of fifteen dollars and twenty cents. The same being for cash paid for one undivided sixteenth part of an estate sold by N. S. Draper, then Collector of Taxes, and purchased by said Kiernan, for interest on same and for cost of recording deed. It having afterward proved that the estate was wrongfully sold by the collector, that it belonged to a person other than the one against whom the tax was attempted to be collected, and that the real owner had already paid the tax upon the same. Therefore, the sale to Kiernan conveyed no valid title to the property.

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No. 163. Resolution to pay bill of S. L. Sherman.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay, from the city treasury, the bill of S. L. Sherman, amounting to one hundred and eight and sixty-eight one hundredths dollars, (\$108.68) and to charge the same to the appropriation for police.

## Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz:—

- No. 164. A. C. Brown, Railroad street.  
 165. George B. Earle, No. 252 South Main street.  
 166. David Lingan, No. 100 Burnside street.  
 167. Patrick McKenna, rear of No. 106 Federal street.  
 168. William A. Stevens, No 96 Transit street.
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## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons, to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz.:—

- No. 169. Job Kenyon.  
 170. Patrick McCann.
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(September 11, 1871.)

James Y. Smith is elected, by concurrent vote, a Commissioner of the Cove Lands.

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(September 25, 1871.)

The following persons are elected, by concurrent vote, Commissioners of the Cove Lands, viz :

Thomas A. Doyle, Nelson W. Aldrich, Joseph J. Cooke.

No. 171. Resolution to obtain plans for sewerage of the Ninth Ward and the Dorrance street district.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Moses B. Lockwood, Charles E. Carpenter and Joseph J. Cooke, be hereby appointed a committee to examine and report a plan for the drainage and sewerage of the district comprising the Ninth Ward, and also, a new plan for draining the district now drained by the sewer in Dorrance street.

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No. 172. Resolution for grading Waterman street near Central Bridge.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause Waterman street to be brought to a grade, from the Central bridge westerly, across East River street.

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No. 173. Resolution to pay Ann Coghill.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay Mrs. Ann Coghill, the sum of fifty dollars, for damages sustained by her in grading Spruce street, said sum to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 174. Message of the Mayor relative to revising  
the Ordinances.

(Presented September 25, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }  
September 25, 1871. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PROVIDENCE:.

The commissioners who were appointed to cause a revision of the city ordinances to be made, have nearly completed the work and herewith present printed copies of the revised ordinances, which they respectfully request may receive the early examination of your honorable body.

In behalf of the Commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 175. Resolution for building Wing Walls and  
Keeper's House at Central Bridge.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Overseer of Bridges is hereby authorized and directed to cause suitable wing walls to be constructed at the west abutment of the Central Bridge, and to cause a suitable building to be erected for the use of the keeper of said bridge, or to cause the present toll house to be put in suitable repair.

RESOLVED, That the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes named in the foregoing resolution, to be paid out of the appropriation for the maintenance of public bridges, and to be expended under the direction of the Board of Aldermen.

No. 176. Resolution authorizing the purchase of land for School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Charles Anthony, Benjamin B. Knight and Esek Tallman, being three disinterested persons appointed by the Board of Aldermen to decide upon the valuation of the land at the junction of Point and Plane streets, fixed upon by the City Council as a location for a school house, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the fee of said land, provided the same can be done upon satisfactory terms, and provided further, that a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor can be obtained thereto.

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No. 177. Resolution requesting Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Williams street.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Williams street from Governor street to the Seekonk river, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 178. Resolution for curbing Summer street.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Summer street, from Broad street to Meadow street, the work to be done forthwith.

No. 179. Resolution for paving part of Broadway  
with granite blocks.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause Broadway, from Barton street to the intersection of Broadway and High street to be paved with granite blocks, the work to be done forthwith.

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No. 181. Report of Committee on the Point Street  
Bridge.

(Presented September 25, 1871.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Point Street Bridge Committee report, that they have received from Messrs. Cushing, Greene and Burnside, two reports relative to the Point Street Bridge, and having seen in the published proceedings of your Honorable body, an account of the passage of a resolution, directing them to communicate all reports from the above named gentlemen, respectfully present the accompanying reports for your consideration.

The first of these reports as will be seen, relates to the contract of the New England Iron Company for replacing the broken beams, and putting in an entire new turn table, which contract, in the opinion of the examining engineers, seems to have been well and properly performed, in which opinion your committee concur. The bills for this work have been paid from the funds remaining unpaid, under the first contract.

The suggestions contained in the report of the examining engineers, with the exception of strengthening the sidewalk railing, are now being completed.

The second report, dated September 16th, and which was received by the committee September 23d, relates to the entire

superstructure, and gives in detail the operations of the examining engineers, and also, their views, with a drawing, showing their plan for strengthening the bridge.

Your committee in presenting this plan, prepared by the examining engineers, simply say, that, although they do not concur in all the suggestions of the examining engineers, yet, they are perfectly willing to see the plan carried out to completion, and, therefore, they recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted, For the Committee,

JAMES H. ARMINGTON, *Chairman.*

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 25th, 1871.

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“TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE POINT STREET BRIDGE:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your request, (communicated to us by the City Engineer,) we have read the contract between the New England Iron Company and the City of Providence, dated on the 15th of March last, and have carefully examined the drawings and specifications appended thereto. Under this contract, the New England Iron Company, engage to furnish materials, and perform certain specified work upon the Point Street Bridge, the principal part of it being upon the new or amended turn table, and its connections and appendages.

We have carefully examined (so far as the same is now accessible,) the materials and workmanship thus furnished and performed, and are of the opinion that the contract has been, in most respects, substantially complied with. The wrought iron beams, which have been added to the turntable to support the towers, appear to be of excellent workmanship and have abundant strength for the purpose for which they are intended;—they were manufactured at the works of the Providence Steam Engine Company.

We noticed, however, that many of the friction rollers or wheels which move upon the circular track rail, beneath the drum of the turntable (which they steady, and to some extent support,) have been crushed and broken at their outer edges, by the pressure of the drum. We cannot, therefore, consider them to be of the proper form and strength, and would recommend that they should be replaced by others more suitable.

Between the top of the turntable drum and the floor timbers of the roadway, wooden blocks, pieces of board, and small wooden wedges have been placed for the purpose of steadying the action of the drum when revolving, and of partially supporting some of the floor timbers. If blocking is considered necessary for this, or any other purpose, it should be made of hard wood, and placed and fitted in a more workmanlike and permanent manner.

The arrangement for locking the draw spans to the fixed spans, when the the Bridge is in position to be travelled over, is not now in proper adjustment to support and secure each corner of the draw bridge. Two of the corners (one at each end of the bridge,) are unsupported from beneath, until a carriage or other load presses it down to the bearings, causing thereby a constant and unnecessary strain upon the cables of the tower, and a sudden jerk whenever a carriage shall pass from the fixed to the draw span. This should be remedied by readjusting the locking gear.

The sidewalk railing is deficient in strength and stiffness, and needs bracing to make it safe.

We have repeatedly witnessed the operation of the turntable, and locking arrangement in opening and closing the draw bridge, and think the draw turns quite as easily as a draw of such length and weight could be expected to do.

Two men can open it without unusual exertion, in about three minutes, and close it in about the same space of time.

One man can do it when there is but little wind, but, of course, it takes him a longer time.

By using larger pinions and applying more power, the time occupied in opening and closing the draw, can be considerably lessened.

We shall, hereafter, in further fulfillment of your request, make a full examination and test of the entire structure, and report upon the same.

Respectfully, yours,

SAMUEL B. CUSHING,  
N. T. GREENE,  
A. E. BURNSIDE.

PROVIDENCE, August 24th, 1871.

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE POINT STREET BRIDGE :

GENTLEMEN:—Since the date of our first report to you we have made further examinations of the bridge with a view to ascertain its strength and fitness for public use.

We have also carefully examined the plans and drawings, handed to us by the City Engineer, and from the dimensions shown therein, we have computed the strain which the material would be subjected to under such loads as are liable to come upon the bridge. These computations have satisfied us that the structure could not sustain, without injury, such a load, for instance, as a dense crowd of people in motion; a case which cannot be considered as unlikely to occur, and which the bridge should be competent to meet, not only without breaking down, but without injury to the elastic strength of its material.

We recommend, therefore, that it be strengthened as hereinafter indicated, before any such load is brought upon it—or any test is made of its capability of sustaining such loads. The test which had been applied previous to our appointment, however satisfactory it might have been in showing the ability of the bridge to sustain as many ordinary teams as can be placed upon it, failed to exhibit the effect which would be produced by fewer, but heavier teams concentrating a greater load upon limited portions of the structure.

This experiment we considered it desirable to make, and procured for the purpose, of Messrs. A. & W. Sprague, two of their largest wagons, which carry as their usual load ten tons each, and sometimes more. These were loaded, (after being hauled upon the western end of the bridge,) the one with twenty thousand nine hundred, and the other with twenty thousand two hundred pounds of sand. Two yokes of oxen were then attached to each wagon, and the draw being closed and locked, the loads were hauled across the entire length of the bridge; the transit being so regulated that the teams passed each other at intervals, thus bringing occasionally the weight of both at once upon limited portions of the floor. If the bridge had stood the trial in a satisfactory manner, it was our intention to repeat it by recrossing with the same loads, and after that to increase the load upon each wagon to fifteen tons. Several weak points, however, having been developed by the first trial, it was deemed inexpedient to repeat it, and the teams were left upon the eastern span of the bridge.

Upon attempting to open the draw after the test, to allow a steamer to pass through, it was found to be so tightly bound to the eastern fixed span that oxen and pulleys had to be used to start it.

The arches of the draw spans were discovered to be injured at the points where the outer suspension cables are attached, and at one of these points, particularly, the iron was badly bent and crippled. The mischief was greater, no doubt, than it would have been had the locking gear stood up to its duty and firmly supported the ends of the draw when the load come upon it. It failed to do so, however, and the consequence was a sudden pull upon the cables, and a severe strain upon the arch at the points where they are attached.

MR. NORCROSS, who was present at the test, informed us that he intended to strengthen the arches at these points, and we believe he has done so. The drawbridge will require, besides this, to be considerably strengthened and stiffened before it can be used with safety. The tower is too low in proportion to the length of the arch, and this, (when the draw is swung off,) causes the cables to exert a compressive force towards the tower, in excess of the thrust of the arch. There is not sufficient material either in the arches or the chords to resist the strain without yielding so much as to change the form of the arch, nor is there any diagonal bracing to stiffen it. We recommend that to each of the arches there be attached another counter arch, formed of two channel bars, one on each side of the suspension rods and firmly riveted to them. The counter arch should also be strutted with T iron to the chord, and also to the arch. Diagonal bracing should also be inserted between the arch and chord to stiffen the whole.

The chord should be strengthened and stiffened by a six inch channel bar, riveted to each side of the suspension rods, a little above the floor beams, and strongly bolted at the ends to plates attached to the bottom plate of the arch. Light cast iron struts should be placed between the channel bars and the bottom chord at every alternate suspension rod, and brought to their bearings by setting up the nuts on the lower ends of the rods. Struts of light angle iron should be interposed between the channel bars and the new counter arch. The main arch should be strengthened by angle irons riveted to its under side, on each side of the suspension rods.

The outer cables should have double their present strength, and be attached to the chord instead of the arch.

The fixed spans may be strengthened by additional counter arches and diagonal bracing, as recommended for the draw span, and additional chords of round iron well secured to the feet of the arches, and the tension on them adjusted by strong screw threads and nuts at one end. These spans might also be effectually and cheaply strengthened by piers, or columns under the middle of each chord. These columns might be composed of screw piles or timber encased in iron, penetrating to hard bottom. Diagonal bracing would be required also, if this method were adopted.

We think the method first described the best, as the last, although it would be effectual, would have an unsightly appearance.

The flooring of all the spans should be stiffened laterally by diagonal bracing under the floor beams.

The bridging pieces should be fastened to the floor timbers by blunt bolts instead of nails. The sidewalk railing throughout should be firmly stiffened by braces at each post.

The present locking arrangement does not afford a firm and reliable support for the ends of the draw, and we think it should be replaced by simple rollers capable of being adjusted by means of screws, so as at all times, to furnish a firm bearing. The locking can be effected by means of sliding bolts worked from the middle of the draw.

After the bridge has been strengthened as indicated above, we think it should be thoroughly tested with moving loads as before, and also, with a dead weight equal to eighty pounds per superficial foot of its entire surface.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servants,

S. B. CUSHING,

N. T. GREENE,

A. E. BURNSIDE.

Providence, Sept. 16, 1871.

## No. 182. Resolution to procure plans for strengthening the Point street Bridge.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. S. B. Cushing, N. T. Greene and Thomas J. Hill are hereby requested to prepare and present to this council, detailed plans and specifications for any alterations and additions which they deem necessary to properly strengthen the Point Street Bridge, said plans to be accompanied by an estimate of cost.

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee on the Point street bridge, are directed to forthwith suspend all work upon the Point street bridge.

No. 183. Resolution to procure plans for a school house on Atwell's avenue.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education, be hereby directed to report a plan and estimate for a primary and intermediate school house on the Atwell's avenue school lot.

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No. 184. Resolution for laying water pipes to the buildings of the city.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the direction of the Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to make application to the Water Commissioners for the introduction of service pipe to the buildings belonging to the city.

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No. 185. Resolution granting permission to move a Building.

(Approved September 25, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William J. Arnold to move a certain wooden building pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner; and further provided, that the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy either of the public streets of the city.

No. 186. Resolution granting permission to move a  
Building.

(Approved September 28, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Olive G. Pettis, to move a certain wooden building pursuant to her petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and further provided, that the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid by the petitioner for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 187. Resolution granting permission to move a  
Building.

(Approved September 28, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Elizabeth Wilkinson to move a certain wooden building pursuant to her petition, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and further provided, that the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid by said petitioner for each day said building shall occupy any of the public streets of the city.

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No. 188. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Fountain and Cove streets.

(Approved October 4, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay a main-drain or common sewer, in Fountain and Cove streets, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807, of the public laws.

## No. 190. Resolution to pay Emily Gross.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to the order of Mrs. Emily Gross, widow of the late Thomas J. A. Gross, the amount that would have been due him for his services as Chief of Police, for the quarter ending on the first Monday in September, 1871, and charge the same to the appropriation for police.

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## No. 191. Resolution abating bill against Henry J. Smith and wife, for curbstones.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the amount of the bill against Henry J. Smith and wife, amounting to one hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-nine cents, for curbstones, provided, said Smith and wife execute a release to the City of Providence, of all claims for damages caused by changing the grade of Cent and South Main streets, near the Point Street Bridge.

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## No. 192. Resolution relating to curbing in front of estate of Mrs. Edward B. Hall,

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to set the curbing at the corner of Benefit and Power streets, in front of the estate of Mrs. Edward B. Hall, provided, she release to the city the right of way over the portion of her land which shall be included in the street, in changing the position of the curbing.

No. 193. Resolution to purchase land for Police Station, Engine House and Ward Room.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee, appointed April 10, 1871, to inquire into and report a proper location for a police station, engine house, and ward room for the Third Ward, be hereby authorized to purchase the lot of land east of and adjoining the police station on Wickenden street, measuring about forty-eight by one hundred feet, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, and, provided, that a title, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be obtained. Said sum to be paid from the appropriation for the reserve fund.

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No. 194. Resolution for enlarging the sewer in Cove street and Exchange Place.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Moses B. Lockwood, Charles E. Carpenter and Joseph J. Cooke be and they are hereby appointed a committee, to cause, in their discretion, the tidal drain, so called, in Cove street and Exchange Place, to be enlarged by deepening, and the direction of the inlets to be changed, substantially in accordance with the recommendation of the Water Commissioners, and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

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No. 195. Report of Joint Committee on City Property, relative to Roger Williams Square.

(Presented October 9, 1871.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Joint Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property, to whom was referred September 4, the message of

His Honor the Mayor, relating to land on Williams street, given for a public square, make this their report :

The committee have given the subject due consideration, by an official visit to the public square in question ; that they find the square or park at the foot of a steep bluff, inaccessible by team or carriage, over any received street or highway. Your committee would, therefore, suggest, that if it is necessary at this time, to improve this piece of public property, the proper order of business would be to first grade, at the expense of the abutters or otherwise, and then receive the streets leading to this public park.

Your committee would further recommend, that before any money is expended upon the park in question, the City Solicitor be instructed to inquire into, and report upon the validity of the title under which the city holds the same.

In view of the foregoing reasons, your committee are of the opinion, that it is inexpedient to expend, at this time, any money on Roger Williams' Square.

Respectfully submitted for

The Committee on City Property,

HENRY T. ROOT, *Chairman.*

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No. 196. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Tallman's lane.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Tallman's lane, from Chestnut street to the river, in compliance with chapter 807, of the public laws.

## No. 202. Resolution to pay James Miner.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay as a gratuity to James Miner, or his legal representatives, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, for such a period, not exceeding six months from the first day of June, 1871, as the Board of Aldermen may determine; said payments to be made monthly, and charged to the appropriation for police.

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## No. 204. Resolution for enlarging the sewer in Pearl street.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That whenever the Surveyor of Highways proceeds to remove the obstructions in the sewer in Pearl street, in compliance with a vote passed by the City Council the twenty-fourth day of July last, he be further instructed to cause the side walls and covering stones of said sewer to be so raised as to make the same of a uniform capacity throughout, from Vine street to the cistern in Pearl street.

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## No. 205. Resolution to pay the Congregation of the Sons of Israel.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Congregation of Sons of Israel, one hundred and fifty dollars; the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them by reason of the grading of Greenwich street; the same to be paid from the appropriation for highways, whenever they shall give a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 206. Resolution for curbing and paving Tallman's lane.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the street paved on Tallman's lane, from Chestnut street to Eddy street.

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No. 207. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Superior street.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out and extend Superior street, from the easterly termination of said Superior street to Dexter street, of a width of forty feet.

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No. 208. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Sycamore street.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Sycamore street, from Willow street to Hudson street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 209. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Vinton street.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Vinton street, from Lee street to Gesler street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 210. Resolutions to widen and straighten Hope Street.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen and straighten Hope street, from John street to Thayer street, of a width of not less than fifty feet, and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,—

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled “An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence,” and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application, the City Solicitor shall make application, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-fourths of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

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No. 211. Resolution electing to widen Battey street, from Fountain street to High street.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, at the March term, A. D. 1871, to lay out and widen Battey street of a uniform width of forty feet, from Fountain street to High street, under and pursuant to an act entitled, “An Act in relation to the laying out,

enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report, to said court, on Saturday, October 7th, 1871. Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz:—

- No. 212. Edward T. Allen, No. 61 Front street.
- 213. H. S. F. Irons and M. E. J. Russell, Linden St.
- 214. Thomas Miller, No. 45 Borden street.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz.:

- No. 215. James Lewis.
- 216. James Murphy.

No. 217. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas T. James to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount to be paid for each day or part of a day, said building shall occupy any of the public streets of the city.

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No. 218. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved October 9, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Murphy to move a certain wooden building pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and that the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid by said petitioner for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 219. Report of Special Committee on Petitions, of Narragansett Hotel Co., and Anson W. Aldrich, for exemption from Taxation.

(Presented November 6, 1871.)

The Special Committee of the City Council to whom was referred the petitions of the Narragansett Hotel Company, and

A. W. Aldrich, asking that certain properties may be exempted from taxation, respectfully report :—

That inasmuch as the City Solicitor has advised your committee that the Council have no authority to exempt any property other than that provided for by the acts of the General Assembly, from taxation, they would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

JAMES H. COGGESHALL,

*Chairman, for the Committee.*

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No. 220. Resolution of Inquiry as to expediency of extending the Wall on Wonasquatucket river.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be hereby instructed to examine and report to the City Council upon the expediency of extending the river wall, on the south-erly side of Wonasquatucket river.

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No. 221. Resolutions appointing a Committee to settle the claim of James Rothwell.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Snow and Earle, with Messrs. Mowry, Persons and Murray, of the Common Council, are hereby appointed a committee, with full power to settle the suit of James Rothwell, against the city, for damages to his estate by reason of the overflow from the sewer in Pearl street, now pending in the Supreme Court of this state.

RESOLVED, That the City Auditor is hereby directed to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount that shall be found due to said Rothwell, and to charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies.

## No. 222. Resolution to pay Policemen.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay, from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in October, 1871, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:—

James Braslin,	"	"	\$74.25
Edward B. Soule,	"	"	85.25

## No. 223. Message from the Mayor, relating to claim against Frank W., and Knight D. Cheney.

(Presented November 13, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 13, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

I invite your attention to the communication herewith, which I have received from Charles Hart, Esq., counsel of the Messrs. Cheney, against whom the city have commenced a suit. I recommend the appointment of a new committee, as requested by Mr. Hart.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

PROVIDENCE, November 4, 1871.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

DEAR SIR :—The communication of the City Treasurer of November 7, 1870, to the City Council, touching the claim of the city against F. W. and K. D. Cheney, for Doyle Avenue with accompanying documents, was referred, as you remember, to a committee of two from the aldermen, and three from the council, to examine and report thereon. That committee proposed to give me a hearing before reporting, upon my suggestion that the Cheneys were desirous of avoiding litigation at some sacrifice. Nothing was done by the com-

mittee in the way of such hearing, nor was any report made to the council of last year. Three of the committee are not in office this year, and one has deceased. I suppose a new committee should be appointed, and would like the same to be done.

Yours, respectfully,

CHARLES HART

*Attorney for Cheney's.*

No. 224. Resolution discharging Committee on the claim against Frank W., and Knight D. Cheney.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed November 7, 1870, to examine and report upon the claim of the city against F. W. & K. D. Cheney, for the expense of Doyle avenue, are hereby discharged.

No. 225. Resolution appointing Special Committee upon the claim against Frank W. and Knight D. Cheney.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the communication of the City Treasurer, dated November 7, 1870, relating to the claim of the city against Frank W. and Knight D. Cheney, for the expense of opening Doyle avenue, with the accompanying documents, are hereby referred to Aldermen Snow and Earle, and Messrs. Van Slyck, Root, and Fisher, of the Common Council, with instructions to hear the parties or their counsel, and report thereon to the City Council.

No. 226. Message from the Mayor, relative to establishing Hose Companies and the erection of Wooden Buildings:

(Presented November 13, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, Nov. 13, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

It is highly probable that the long desired supply of water will be flowing through the pipes in our streets sometime dur-

ing the present month, and the Water Commissioners hope to have upwards of sixty-five hydrants ready for use before the winter weather shall interfere with their important work. It is evident, that with this number of hydrants and a certain supply of water for them, it will be necessary to re-organize the fire department. I recommend that such changes be made in the ordinance establishing the fire department as will provide for the establishment of hose companies, and the withdrawal from active service of one or more steamers, to be held in reserve for any emergency which may arise.

I have heretofore called the attention of the City Council to the necessity of a change in the statute relative to the erection of wooden buildings in the compact portion of the city. As real estate increases in value and rents advance, owners of vacant lands are tempted to erect cheap structures of wood, totally regardless of the serious danger from fire they are causing to neighboring property and the city at large. A notable instance of this is seen on Pine street, between Richmond and Chestnut streets, where a wooden building, three stories in height, is in process of erection between two dwelling houses, and within five feet of each of them. This building is to be used, it is understood, for a blacksmiths and a carriage making shop.

The present statute is entirely inadequate to prevent this class of buildings from being erected, and I earnestly hope that you will make application to the General Assembly, at the beginning of the next session, for such change in the law as will effectually prevent the erection of wooden buildings in the compact and business portion of the city. The recent destruction of the business portion of Chicago, should impel us to use all the means at our command to prevent a similar calamity here. Our chief security, heretofore, has been in the open spaces surrounding our buildings. If we suffer these to be occupied with large wooden structures, we shall deserve to be severely punished for our folly.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 227. Resolution relating to Hose Companies and the erection of Wooden Buildings.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That so much of the message of the Mayor, dated November 13, 1871, as refers to re-organizing the Fire Department, by introducing hose carriages, and the erection of wooden buildings, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 229. Resolution for settling the claim of Esek Tallman.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee of the City Council, appointed to settle the claim of James Rothwell, be hereby empowered, in like manner, to settle the claim of Esek Tallman, for damages sustained by him by the overflow of the sewer in Pearl street, and that the Joint Committee on Claims be hereby discharged from further action on his claim,

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No. 230. Resolution relating to the Sewer in Pearl Street.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the resolution passed July 24, 1871, directing the Surveyor of Highways to remove all obstructions in the Pearl street sewer, is hereby amended by striking out the words "Joint Committee on Highways," and inserting in place thereof the words, "Joint Committee on Sewers."

No. 231. Resolution relating to premises of Neil Harvey.

(Approved November 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Sewers be hereby instructed to examine the premises of Neil Harvey, No. 167 Wickenden street, which are alleged to have been damaged by an overflow of water thereon.

No. 234. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Providence Water Works.

(Approved November 15, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, and that the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, be authorized to hire the same.

No. 235. Resolutions for Alarm Bells and Bell Towers.

(Approved November 15, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby directed to procure for fire alarm purposes, four alarm bells with suitable striking apparatus and towers for the same.

RESOLVED, That the sum of nineteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect: the same to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 236. Resolutions accepting land from Lyman Arnold and for erecting a Drinking Fountain.

(Approved November 15, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the deed of Lyman Arnold to the City of Providence, of certain land at the corner of Greenwich and Public streets, in said city, for the purpose of a highway, conditioned upon the erection of a drinking fountain thereon, is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the erection of a drinking fountain upon said land under the supervision of the Water Commissioners ; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 237. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Hudson street.

(Approved November 15, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Hudson street, from Parade street to Messer street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 238. Resolution to pay the funeral expenses of Thomas J. A. Gross, late Chief of Police.

(Approved November 15, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Emily A. Gross the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars, being in full for the bill of Messrs. Knowles & Boyce, for the funeral expenses of Thomas J. A. Gross, late Chief of Police; the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 239. Message from the Mayor, relating to a Water  
Celebration.

(Presented November 13, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 13, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The introduction into this city of a supply of pure water is of sufficient importance to deserve recognition by public services. I therefore recommend the appointment of a committee to make arrangements for a proper celebration of the event at an early day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 240. Message from the Mayor, relating to  
cleaning the Sewers.

(Presented November 13, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 13, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the committee appointed to construct a sewer on North Main street, a communication in relation to the condition of the catch basins attached to said sewer. It is absolutely necessary that these basins should be examined after every rain fall, and cleaned as soon as any considerable deposit of earth has been made therein, and this rule should be observed with reference to all our sewers similarly constructed. A great number of suits are now pending against the city for defective sewerage, and it is not wise to invite others by our neglect to keep the sewers clean and fit for the purpose for which they were built. I would suggest that the water board be empowered to take charge of all the sewers constructed under their supervision, and attend to their cleaning and repairing. The sewerage of the city should be under the care of the department which controls the water supply, for the reason that the force

of engineers and workmen constantly employed by that department, can perform the duties connected with the sewerage better than other employees of the city.

I forward the communication of the committee herewith, and invite prompt action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

DEAR SIR:—We regret that we are compelled to call to your official notice the state of the catch-basins connected with the North Main street sewer, and to the great damage which must necessarily ensue from their continued neglect. These basins, as you are aware, are intended to prevent the solid matter, brought down the hill-side by rains, from entering the sewer, and should be kept clear for that purpose. If it was merely a question of difference of expense between removing sand from these basins and removing it from the sewer, it would be important; but the sewer itself, with the connecting pipes, are likely to become filled. Should such be the case, destructive overflows must inevitably occur.

If a remedy for the evil is not within the scope of your own authority, we respectfully ask that you will make such representations to the City Council, in relation to the subject, as shall cause prompt and efficient action.

What we have said in regard to the North Main street catch-basins and sewer is, of course, applicable in principle to all others which have been or may be constructed.

Very respectfully yours,

M. B. LOCKWOOD,  
CHARLES E. CARPENTER,  
JOSEPH J. COOKE.

PROVIDENCE, November 13, 1871.

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No. 241. Resolution appointing a Committee of Arrangements for a Water Celebration.

(Approved November 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That, in conformity with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Coggeshall and Brayton, with Messrs. Binney, Van Slyck and N. F. Potter, Jr., of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a commit-

tee to arrange for a proper celebration in commemoration of the introduction of water into this city; and that this committee be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for a sufficient sum to defray the expenses of the same; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be hereby added to the foregoing committee.

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No. 242. Resolution empowering the Water Commissioners to repair and clean certain sewers.

(Approved November 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to keep all sewers constructed by them in repair and properly cleaned, until further orders from the City Council.

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No. 243. Resolution for curbing Tallman's Lane, forthwith.

(Approved November 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed, under the advice of the Joint Committee on Highways, to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Tallman's lane, from Chestnut street to Eddy street, forthwith.

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No. 244. Resolution relative to Reports of the Commissioners to widen Battey and Broad streets.

(Approved November 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the Supreme Court to re-commit the report of the commissioners of estimate on Broad street, near Snow street, and on Battey street, for the purpose of revising the same, and correcting any errors in said reports, respectively.

No. 245. Resolutions for settling claims of Patrick and Timothy O'Connor, for damages in laying out Thayer street.

(Approved November 22, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Mowry, Cady and Murray, with Aldermen Daboll and Brayton, are hereby constituted a committee with full power to adjust and settle all claims of Patrick and Timothy O'Connor, against the city, for damage to their property, resulting from the extension of Thayer street.

RESOLVED, That said committee are hereby authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for such sums as they shall find due to the said Patrick and Timothy O'Connor; and the City Auditor is hereby directed to audit the drafts of said committee therefor, without the approval of the Committee on Accounts. The said amount to be paid from the appropriation for opening streets.

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No. 246. Resolution relating to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance.

WHEREAS, Mr. Parley M. Mathewson has been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Stephen Waterman, Esq.,

RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

In COMMON COUNCIL, November 20, 1871. Read and passed.

In BOARD OF ALDERMEN, November 22, 1871. Read.

No. 248. Resolution to pay Richard Atkinson and John Baxter for damages in changing the grade of Thurber avenue.

(Approved November 22, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Richard Atkinson and John Baxter, three hundred and twenty-five dollars: the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them, by reason of any change of grade on Thurber avenue; to be paid from the appropriation for highways, whenever they shall give a joint receipt therefor, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 249. Resolution to pay George Lewis Clark, for damages sustained on North Main street.

(Approved November 22, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George Lewis Clark thirty-seven dollars and ninety-five cents, the same being in full compensation for damages to horse, wagon and harness, by reason of the caving in of a certain portion of North Main street, near Arsenal lane, on the first day of July, 1871. To be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, whenever said Clark shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 250. Resolution to purchase Steam Fire Engines and Hose Carriages.

(Approved November 22, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby directed to procure

for the use of the fire department, (either by purchase or exchange,) two steam fire engines and two hose carts.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect, the same to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 251. Resolution for curbing Vinton street.

(Approved November 22, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and and gutters paved on Vinton street, from Asia street to Gesler street.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved November 22, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

- No. 252. Chestnut street Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 253. H. K. Clarke.
- 254. Hugh Dugan.
- 255. Michael Gormley.
- 256. Primus Jones.

## No. 257. Message from the Mayor.

(Presented December 1, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, December 1, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

I have convened you this evening in consequence of a proposition which has been made to me, and which I deem it of great importance to the interests of the city that some action should be at once taken by the City Council, thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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## No. 258. Resolution for purchasing land on the plat of the Dorrance Street Association.

(Approved December 1, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Walter S. Burges and others, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand dollars, (\$11,000) whenever they shall present to him a deed satisfactory to the City Solicitor, of lots numbers twelve and thirteen, on the plat of the Dorrance Street Association, in the City of Providence: the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

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## No. 259. Resolution to pay Walter S., and Zenas Baxter, for services in watching the Point Street Bridge.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Walter S. Baxter the sum of sixty-five dollars, and Zenas Baxter the sum of seventy-five dollars, the same being for their services in watching the Point Street Bridge to October 24, 1871; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 260. Resolution to pay J. H. Norcross for services on the Point Street Bridge.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay J. H. Norcross the sum of three hundred and six dollars and seventy cents, being in full payment for his services on the Point Street Bridge, from September 28, to November 10, 1871; to be paid from the appropriation for the Point Street Bridge.

No. 261. Resolutions to widen Eddy street, south of Broad street.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to relay, widen and straighten Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad street, by the following courses and distances: Beginning for the easterly line of said street in the northerly line of Pine street, and at the south-west corner of the Opera House estate; thence northerly, in the westerly line of said Opera House estate, and in direct range therewith, about two hundred and ninety-three and  $\frac{8}{100}$  feet to the southerly line of Broad street; the westerly line of said street to be parallel with the easterly line and forty and  $\frac{12}{100}$  feet therefrom, beginning at Pine street, and from thence northerly to the brick building on the estate of William Grosvenor and wife, at a point about one hundred and  $\frac{39}{100}$  feet southerly from Broad street, thence following the line of said building fifty-nine and  $\frac{45}{100}$  feet, thence in a line parallel with the easterly line aforesaid, and forty and  $\frac{12}{100}$  feet therefrom to the southerly line of Broad street.

AND, WHEREAS, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering

streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application, the City Solicitor shall make application, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess three-fourths of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

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No. 262. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay, from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in November, 1871, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:—

Joseph Gardiner,	-	-	\$68 75
Charles G. Worth,	-	-	41 25
James Braslin,	-	-	82 50
Edward B. Soule,	-	-	82 50

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No. 263. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Angell and other streets.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid in Angell street, commencing at or near the highest point in said street, east of Prospect street, and continuing through Angell street to Benefit street, through Benefit to Waterman, and Waterman to North Main street, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 807, of the public laws.

No. 264. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Meeting street.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid in Meeting street, from Congdon street to North Main street, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 807, of the public laws.

No. 265. Message from the Mayor relating to the Central Bridge.

(Presented December 11, 1871.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, December 11, 1871. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A portion of the sum appropriated for building the Central Bridge was used for other purposes connected therewith, by direction of the City Council. The commissioners request that the amount so used may be added to the appropriation for the Central Bridge, in order that they may pay for work already contracted for by them.

I suggest that this appropriation be made at an early date, and also, that such further sum be appropriated as may be needed to complete the bridge. The request of the commissioners is presented herewith.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 266. Resolution referring the foregoing Message

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor, dated December 11, 1871, recommending a further appropriation for the Central Bridge, be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance.

No. 268. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Edward Pearce, to raise two certain buildings, located at Nos. 305 and 307 Westminster street, pursuant to his petition.

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(December 11, 1871.)

William Binney is elected, by concurrent vote, a Commissioner of the Cove Lands.

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No. 269. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Superior street.

(Approved December 11, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out Superior street, from Cranston street to Dexter street.

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No. 273. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Sprague street.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Sprague street, from Greenwich street to Dexter street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 274. Resolution to pay the Broadway Baptist Society for damages.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Broadway Baptist Society, the sum of one hundred dollars, the same being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them, by reason of the flowing of water from Broadway, or otherwise; to be paid from the appropriation for highways, whenever said society shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 275. Resolution abating tax of Frank Brastow, trustee.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or, if the same has already been paid, to refund to Frank Brastow, trustee, the sum of fifty-nine dollars and forty cents, the same having been twice assessed against him, first as Frank Brastow, administrator, and again, as Frank Brastow, trustee.

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No. 276. Resolution abating tax of Erastus Edwards

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Erastus Edwards, for the year 1871, the sum of eight dollars and ten cents, the same being for an error made in estimating a given number of feet of land at a given rate per foot.

No. 277. Resolution abating tax of Leah M. Sweet,  
trustee.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if the same has already been paid, to refund to Leah M. Sweet, trustee, the sum of twenty dollars and twenty-five cents, the same having been erroneously assessed, first to Charles Gorton and wife, and again, to Leah M. Sweet, trustee.

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No. 278. Resolution abating tax of Louisa Miller.

[Approved December 13, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if the same has already been paid, to refund to Louisa Miller, widow of the late Edward F. Miller, the sum of forty dollars and fifty cents, the same being for amount erroneously assessed against her, she having made her statement to the Board of Assessors, as by law required, and said statement having been accidentally overlooked by said board in making up the amount of her tax.

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No. 279. Resolution abating taxes of Frank E.  
Richmond.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if the same has already been paid, to refund to Frank E. Richmond the sum of one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and twenty cents, the same having been erroneously assessed for the years 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871, upon property which has been, and now is, used solely for church purposes, and is, by law, exempt from taxation.

No. 280. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William A. Munroe, to raise the building corner of Governor and Transit streets, pursuant to his petition.

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No. 281. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved December 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Talbot Brothers, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and it is further

RESOLVED, That the petitioners be required to pay to the City Treasurer five dollars for each day or part of a day said building shall be upon any of the public streets of the city.

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No. 282. Resolution in relation to the number of Wards, and adding the Ninth Ward to the Eastern District.

(Approved December 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Earle and Daboll, and Messrs. W. Y. Potter, Fisher and Murray, of the Common Council, be hereby appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of applying to the General Assembly to increase the number of wards in the city, and also, for causing the ninth ward to be included in the eastern congressional district.

No. 283. Resolution to purchase land at the junction of Broadway and High street.

(Approved December 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That Alderman Brayton, and Messrs. Sellew, A. J. Brown and Place, of the Common Council, be hereby authorized to purchase a certain lot of land at the junction of Broadway and High street for the purpose of adding the same to the street, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for opening streets.

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No. 284. Resolution for improving Prospect Square.

(Approved December 20, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause Prospect Park to be graded and laid out in conformity with the plan accompanying this resolution, and that the sum of eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses thereof; the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public grounds.

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No. 286. Report of Special Committee to settle with Timothy and Patrick O'Connor for damages in laying out Thayer street.

(Presented December 20, 1871.)

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The Joint Special Committee appointed by the City Council, with full power to adjust and settle all claims of Timothy and Patrick O'Connor against the City of Providence for damages to their property from the extension of Thayer street, beg leave to report,—

That they have conferred with said Timothy and Patrick, and found the several sums estimated, by the Commissioners of estimate and assessment, on said extension, as the damages of said Timothy and Patrick by reason of said extension, to be, in the judgment of your committee, entirely inadequate to indemnify them against the actual net damages they have sustained thereby: that the total amount of damages claimed and shown to your committee by said Timothy was seven thousand and sixty-three dollars, being two thousand seven hundred and fifty-four dollars more than the amount estimated by said commissioners; and the total amount of damages claimed and shown by said Patrick was six thousand and seven dollars, being two thousand four hundred and fifty-eight dollars more than the amount estimated by said commissioners: that your committee have compromised and made a full settlement with both of said claimants by allowing them one thousand dollars each, additional to the amount so estimated by said commissioners; and that, thereupon, the several appeals taken by said Timothy and Patrick from the doings of said commissioners to the Supreme Court, have been discontinued.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

E. C. MOWRY, *Chairman.*

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No. 287. Resolution to set off a lot in the North Burying Ground for use of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(Approved December 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the petition of Prescott Post of the Grand Army of the Republic of this city, for a burial lot in the North Burying Ground, be granted with the following conditions: That the lot be deeded to the Prescott Post, for the use of all the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city as a burial place for the comrades of their several posts: that the Prescott Post shall agree to erect on the lot when deeded to

them, a suitable monument, within two years of the date of said deed, and they shall also agree to keep the lot in good order :

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, are hereby directed to set apart a lot for said post, the dimensions not to exceed fifty by fifty feet, also, to curb the same at an expense not exceeding two dollars per foot ; the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for the North Burying Ground.

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### No.,288. Resolutions for the widening of Potter street.

(Approved December 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That, in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen Potter street from Pine street to Broad street, by the following described metes and bounds ; beginning on the westerly line of Pine street at the southeasterly corner of Thomas Cosgrove's estate ; thence westerly bounding northerly on land of said Cosgrove and of the heirs of Phinehas Potter, and in direct line with the southerly side of the buildings on said estates about two hundred and fourteen feet to an angle forty feet northerly from the present southerly line of Potter street ; thence westerly parallel with said southerly line and forty feet therefrom, about seventy-four feet to the easterly line of Broad street.

Then beginning, for the southerly line of said lay out, at a point in the easterly line of said Broad street forty feet from the above described northerly line, being the present southerly line of said Potter street, thence in said southerly line as near as may be easterly about one hundred and twelve feet to an angle forty-six and fourteen one hundredths feet from the northerly line above described : thence easterly parallel with and forty-six and fourteen one hundredths feet from said northerly line about one hundred and seventy-two feet to the westerly line of Pine street,

And WHEREAS, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application, the City Solicitor shall make application, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-fourths of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

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No. 289. Resolution for curbing a portion of Summer street.

(Approved December 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committtee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Summer street, from Pine street to Friendship street.

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No. 291. Resolution abating Tax of Elisha W. Appleton.

(Approved December 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Elisha W. Appleton, the sum of nine dollars and fifteen cents; the same having been erroneously assessed against, and paid by him upon a lot of land, in the year 1870, which lot of land had been sold and conveyed by him, by deed, to the City of Providence, in February of the same year, 1870.

No. 292. Resolution abating Tax of Anna R.  
Boardman.

(Approved December 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit or, if the same has already been paid, to refund to Anna R. Boardman, the sum of twenty dollars and twenty-five cents, the same having been twice assessed against her, once in her maiden name, Anna Rathbone, and again, in her present name, Anna R. Boardman.

No. 293. Resolution abating Tax of Nathan B.  
Waldron.

(Approved December 21, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit to Nathan B. Waldron, the tax assessed against him upon personal property for the year 1871; he having been at the time said tax was assessed, and for some time previous, a resident and tax payer in the town of North Kingstown, as appears by the accompanying certificate from the Town clerk of said town.

No. 295. Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the  
Poor.

(Presented December 21, 1871.)

OFFICE OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR, }  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, December 11, 1871. }

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned respectfully submits his semi-annual report, as follows :

In the six months, ending November 30, 1871, eleven hundred and forty-two orders were given to two hundred and ninety-two families, as follows :

For groceries, fuel, &c., one thousand three hundred and thirty-six, amounting to	-	-	\$1,480 00
For cash, one hundred and six, amounting to			2,841 61
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Total Amount,	-	-	\$4,321 61
Amount paid by the City Treasurer,	-		4,218 70

Of the orders for supplies, three hundred and sixty-four were by direction of the Board of Aldermen, three hundred and forty-five by order of His Honor the Mayor, and four hundred and twenty-seven by myself.

Of the cash orders, seventy-six were by direction of the Board of Aldermen, and amounted to,		\$2,515 08
And thirty by myself, amounting to	-	326 52

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WIGHTMAN,

*Overseer of the Poor.*

No. 296. Message from the Mayor with Invitation  
from the Irish American Societies.

(Presented January 1, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 1, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I transmit herewith an invitation of a convention of the Irish American Societies of this city, for the City Council to take part in the procession of the above societies on St. Patrick's day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*

PROVIDENCE, December 28, 1871.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

May it please your Honor and Gentlemen : At a convention of Irish American Societies, held in this city, December 18, 1871, to take into consideration the celebration of St. Patrick's Day by a public parade, the following resolution was unanimously adopted,

That His Honor the Mayor and municipal officers of the city of Providence, be respectfully invited to appear in line on Monday, March 18, 1872.

Respectfully submitted to the consideration of the above named parties.

BERNARD O'DONNELL,	} Committee on behalf	
J. DRISCOLL,		of the
HUGH KERR.		Convention.

No. 297. Report of Committee on City Debt, in relation to sale of Water Bonds.

(Presented January 1, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 1, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The Committee on the City Debt make this report : In their report to your honorable body on the fourth of September last, they expressed the opinion " that there would be no difficulty in placing the balance of the two millions of the water loan they had voted to issue, on as favorable terms as the average rate of the bids made by the Peoples' Savings Bank of this city," which was \$105.80 for a six per cent. bond. On the day succeeding the date of the above report, Messrs. Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston, addressed a communication to the committee, in which they requested the committee to offer to them at a fixed price, the remaining portion of the two millions of water bonds, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum. The committee, in answer to this proposition, fixed the sum of ninety-three dollars as the price at which they would issue the amount asked for, which was equal to at least \$107, for a six per cent. bond. This offer Messrs Blake Brothers &

Co., promptly accepted, and since that time the committee have been endeavoring to arrange the terms of the negotiation, but were not successful until Friday last, when certain changes in the original ordinance in relation to the water loan were unanimously agreed to by both the committee and the Messrs. Blake. The ordinance, as proposed to be amended, is herewith presented, the passage of which the committee recommend. The changes asked for are merely matters of form, with the exception of the places of payment of the bonds, which now include the city of Boston.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

No. 299. Report of Commissioners of the Cove Lands.

(Presented January 1, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 1, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE :

The Commissioners of the Cove Lands report that they have organized by the appointment of Thomas A. Doyle, as chairman, Joshua M. Addeman, as clerk, at a compensation to be hereafter agreed upon, and Samuel B. Cushing, as chief engineer, at a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum. The commissioners have taken rooms on North Main street, in the building owned by James T. Rhodes, Esq., at an annual rent of seven hundred and fifty dollars. The investigation of the matters committed to the commissioners will require legal talent, which they are not now authorized to employ. I am therefore instructed by them to request your honorable body to grant authority to the commissioners to employ such counsel as they may deem expedient.

In behalf of the Commissioners of the Cove Lands,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

No. 300. Resolution authorizing the Commissioners of the Cove Lands to employ legal counsel.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of the Cove Lands be hereby authorized to employ such legal counsel as the commissioners may deem necessary.

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No. 301. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in December 1871, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:—

Joseph Gardiner,	-	-	\$85 25
James Braslin,	-	-	85 25
Edward B. Soule,	-	-	85 25

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No. 302. Resolution to pay Walter S., and Zenas Baxter, for services in watching the Point Street Bridge.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Walter S. Baxter the sum of ninety-two dollars and fifty cents, and Zenas Baxter the sum of ninety-two dollars and fifty cents, the same being for their services in watching the Point Street Bridge to December 31, 1871; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 303. Resolution to employ Watchmen on the Point Street Bridge.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Overseer of Bridges be and he is hereby authorized to employ such persons as he may think proper as temporary watchmen of the Point Street Bridge, subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

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No. 304. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare a portion of Dorrance street.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to declare that portion of Dorrance street lying southerly of Dyer street, and extending to tide water, as laid out upon the plat of the Dorrance Street Association, to be a public highway, by reason of the same having been quietly, peaceably and actually used and improved as a public highway for twenty years.

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No. 306. Resolution discharging all Committees on the Point Street Bridge.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That all committees of the City Council who have heretofore been appointed, relative to the Point Street Bridge, be and the same are hereby discharged.

No. 307. Report of a Special Committee of the  
Common Council on the Point Street Bridge.

(Presented January 3, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE:—

The Special Committee to procure from Samuel B. Cushing and Noble T. Greene their opinion upon the present draw pier of the Point Street Bridge, so called, and its sufficiency to support the draw contemplated in their plan and estimates presented heretofore to the Board of Aldermen, respectfully report:

That they present herewith such opinion in the form of a report in writing, signed by those gentlemen; your committee also ask leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM BINNEY, *Chairman.*

OPINION OF SAMUEL B. CUSHING AND NOBLE T.  
GREENE, ENGINEERS:

TO MESSRS.—WILLIAM BINNEY, ALFRED METCALF, N. VAN SLYCK,  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN.—We have, in compliance with your request, made an examination of the centre pier of the Point Street Bridge with a view of ascertaining whether it would be safe to trust it as a support for a new draw.

The committee are aware that neither of us has any personal knowledge of the construction of this pier, and can form no opinion of its strength, except from observing the effect produced upon it by the present draw and from information obtained from those who know the manner in which it was built.

We have sought this information from those who were present when the work was done and had the oversight of it.

Mr. Samuel Lewis, who was employed to oversee the pile-driving for the foundation, assures us that he saw all or nearly all of the piles driven, and that they were well and thoroughly driven to hard bottom.

Mr. Paine, the City Engineer, states that there are two hundred and ninety piles in the foundation of the centre pier. They were driven with a hammer

weighing sixteen hundred pounds, until they would sink only half or three-quarters of an inch at a blow.

Such being the facts, we have no hesitation in saying that the *foundation* has ample strength and stability for any structure that may be put upon it.

Mr. Joshua R. Brown, who superintended the construction of the pier, has described to us the manner in which the work was done.

The piles were cut off about thirteen feet eight inches below high water mark, so that their tops were all on a level, or very nearly so.

Resting upon the heads of the piles there is a platform, consisting of five courses of three inch plank, (the alternate courses crossing each other,) and upon this platform the masonry is laid.

The pier is circular in form and thirty feet in diameter. Its central portion, which supports the cone of the turn-table and bears nearly the whole weight of the draw, was built up in courses of split granite stones two feet high each and of variable lengths and breadths. The lower course, which rests directly upon the platform, is formed of stones about eight feet long, laid side by side until they formed a base course about eight feet square. Upon this, other courses were laid with stones of the same thickness, but of less length, so that the column tapers roughly from bottom to top, which was five feet square and was covered by a single stone of that size. Upon this stone the cone of the turntable rests.

That portion of the pier upon which the iron rail for the track of the turntable is laid, is a circular shell or ring, four feet thick at the bottom, which rests upon the platform, and two feet thick at the top; built up with granite stones, laid in courses of two feet rise each.

The space between this outer shell and the central column which supports the cone of the turntable, was filled with stones of irregular size and shape, laid in promiscuously without forming any bond between the central and exterior masonry.

Mr. Brown states that it was intended that the whole of the pier should be laid in cement, but the severity of the weather prevented this from being done, and the work was all laid dry or without cement.

Holes or wells were made in the rubble filling by means of which it was intended to fill the interstices between the stones with grout after the work was done, but this idea also was finally abandoned.

Mr. Brown states that the beds of the granite stones which formed the courses were dressed to fair bearings, but less care was taken in this respect, than there would have been, if it had been known at the outset that no cement would be used in bedding the stones.

It was not until after one of the granite stones in the centre of the pier (owing to imperfect bedding or want of cement) had been fractured by the weight of the draw, that there was any cement or grout put into the work.

After this accident the rubble filling was taken out down to low water mark and the stones were relaid in cement. Grout was also poured in to fill the remaining cavities in the coursed work. This doubtless makes the pier stronger than it was before, in all parts that could be reached by the cement.

There are at present no indications of settlement or weakness that we have been able to detect in any part of it.

To satisfy ourselves as to how it has hitherto stood under the weight of the present draw, we requested Mr. Paine to examine it with a levelling instrument and ascertain whether any change had taken place in its height since it was completed.

The result of this examination is very satisfactory, in showing that no settlement has occurred to any appreciable extent.

We think, upon the whole, that the pier will prove strong enough to permanently support either the present or a new draw, and are of the opinion that nothing need be done to it.

We recommend that chip stone ballast be put around all of the piers where the piles are exposed above the surface of the mud.

With regard to using the water from the water works to operate the draw, (a matter we alluded to in our last report and about which some questions have been asked,) we see no practical difficulty in doing it, but are not now prepared to recommend any particular mode.

One way would be to convey the water to the pier through a pipe with flexible joints laid in a trench dredged in the mud, and apply it to small turbine wheels set below the level of the lowest tides. The head of water would be so great that a small quantity would suffice to furnish the required power.

There are other and perhaps better modes of applying the power, all of which would, of course, be investigated before adopting any plan.

We estimate the cost of a new draw with 100 feet opening,	
as per our last report,	\$26,351
Straightening the fixed spans by columns under the middle of each arch,	5,000
Bracing side walk railing and placing new wheel guards and wales,	700
1000 cubic yards chip stone ballasting around the outside of the piers.	2,000
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Deduct estimated value of old iron,	4,171
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Estimated cost of all, say	\$30,000
This expenditure we are satisfied, would render the bridge safe for any amount and weight of travel that could come upon it.	

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. CUSHING,  
N. T. GREENE.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 30, 1871.

No. 308. Resolutions appointing a Joint Special Committee, and appropriating \$30,000 to construct a new draw for the Point street Bridge.

(Approved January 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Binney, Van Slyck and Metcalf, on the part of the Common Council, with Alderman Earle and Spencer, be and they are hereby constituted a committee of the City Council, whose duty it shall be, under the supervision

and direction of Samuel E. Cushing, Esq., and the Overseer of Bridges of the City of Providence, to proceed as soon as conveniently may be, to erect and complete upon the site of the present Point street Bridge, a draw-bridge of material, form and construction in conformity with the plan, specifications and estimates for a bridge having a draw span of one hundred feet, as presented to the Board of Aldermen by said Samuel B. Cushing and Noble T. Greene, on the—day of November, A. D. 1871, and in conformity with and reliance upon the professional opinion of said Cushing and Greene, as expressed in their communication in writing, dated Dec. 30, 1871, and signed by them, directed to a special committee of the Common Council. Also, that the committee hereby constituted be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to use so much of the material now in said Point street Bridge as may be needed or capable of being used in the performance of their duties hereunder ; or, to sell any or all of such material, and apply the proceeds thereof in such performance ; also, that said committee make report to this council, once in each month, of the progress of their work and of the amount expended up to such time in its prosecution ; and that they make a final report to said council within one month of their receiving from said Cushing and said Overseer of Bridges a certificate in writing, signed by them, that said bridge and draw are complete and ready for use.

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated out of the city treasury and charged to the loan account, to meet the expense of completing said bridge ; said money to be expended under the direction of the committee hereby constituted.

No. 309. Report of Committee on City Property, on  
Woonasquatucket river wall.

(Presented January 3, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

GENTLEMEN.—The Joint Standing Committee on City Property, to whom was referred by your honorable body, on the thirteenth day of November, a resolution entitled “Resolution of Inquiry as to the expediency of extending the wall on the Woonasquatucket River,” make this their report :

That your committee, although agreeing to the necessity of ultimately constructing or extending the wall in question, yet, in view of the fact that a commission has been appointed by the City Council, charged with the duty of preparing and reporting plans for the improvement of the cove lands, deem that the subject matter of the resolution in question appropriately belongs to the cove land commission : your committee therefore report back the resolution, recommending that the matter be referred to the cove land commission.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee on City Property,

HENRY T. ROOT, *Chairman.*

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No. 310. Resolution relating to Woonasquatucket  
river wall.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of the Cove lands be hereby requested to examine and report upon the expediency of extending the river wall along the southerly side of Woonasquatucket river.

## No. 311. Resolution to pay Sarah Gill.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Sarah Gill four hundred and fifty dollars for damages sustained by her in the change of grade of Cranston street, upon her filing with the City Treasurer a proper receipt for full compensation for such damage.

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No. 312. Resolution to pay Providence Concrete Co.  
for sidewalks of Mrs. E. B. Hall.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay the Providence Concrete Company the sum of thirty-one dollars and ninety cents, being in full payment for a concrete sidewalk laid in front of the estate of Mrs. Edward B. Hall, on Benefit and Power streets.

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## No. 313. Resolution to pay John R. Kiernan.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John R. Kiernan the sum of twenty-five dollars and fifty-five cents; the same being for amount paid by said Kiernan, for a lot of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Brighton street in the City of Providence, together with interest on the same and expense of recording deed, provided, said Kiernan convey all his right, title and interest in said estate to Elisha W. Pierce without additional compensation. Said estate was taxed to one Louisa W. Pierce, and was sold, July 31, 1868, by N. S. Draper, then Collector of Taxes in said city, for non payment of tax; it afterwards appeared that said estate was owned by one Elisha W. Pierce, that the taxes had been paid upon the same and consequently, the collector's deed to Kiernan conveyed no valid title to the property.

No. 314. Resolution relative to purchasing Slaughter House estates.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the subject of purchasing the slaughter house estates of J. F. & A. Comstock, Moore & Perkins, H. K. Clark and William A. Wood, be referred to Aldermen Daboll and Brayton, with Messrs. Mathewson, J. B. Barnaby and Dexter of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 316. Communication from the City Auditor.

(Presented January 8, 1872.)

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, January 8, 1872.

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :—

GENTLEMEN :—I have examined the statement of the City Treasurer for the month of December, 1871, and find it correct, with the exception of a charge on page 6 of \$1,050, six months interest on notes to William Corliss, to the "North Burying Ground Sinking Fund," and as the City Council has not, in the knowledge of the Auditor, created such "Fund" by an ordinance, and no appropriation having been made for the payment of interest on said notes, except the "Interest account," he is of the opinion that the amount should have been charged to that appropriation.

The Joint Committee of Accounts, having the direction of the manner in which the Auditor's books shall be kept, he respectfully requests that the report may be referred to said committee.

Very respectfully,

JAMES M. CROSS, *City Auditor.*

No. 317. Resolution relating to the Monthly Report  
of City Treasurer.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the monthly Report of the City Treasurer for December, 1871, be received and referred to the Joint Committee on Finance, with instructions to report why the City Auditor's certificate is omitted.

No. 318. Report relating to Woonasquatucket River  
Wall.

(Presented January 8, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE:

The Commissioners of the Cove Lands, who were directed by your honorable body to inquire into and report upon the expediency of extending the river wall along the southerly side of Woonasquatucket river, make this report.

In obedience to the instructions of the City Council they have examined the subject committed to them, and are of the opinion that there is no immediate necessity for the erection of said wall.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Commissioners of the Cove Lands.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

Providence, January, 1872.

No. 319. Resolution relating to Police Station  
Engine House and Ward Room for the Third Ward.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Sellew, Root and Keep, with Aldermen Angell and Spicer be and they are hereby appointed a committee to report plans and estimates for a suitable building to be erected upon the land owned by the city on Wickenden street, to be used for a ward room, fire and police stations.

No. 320. Resolution for introducing Water into the  
City Building.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to introduce water into, and cause the City Building to be properly plumbed, and that the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for this purpose; to be charged to the appropriation for public ings.

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No. 321. Proposition of Thomas A. Doyle, trustee,  
to sell certain land on Dorrance street wharf.

(Presented January 8, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE:

The undersigned, for himself and Messrs. Henry J. Angell, James H. Coggeshall, George B. Earle, George T. Spicer, William Spencer, Samuel S. Sprague, Amos W. Snow, Lodo- wick Brayton and William V. Daboll, respectfully represents that they have purchased of Hon. Walter S. Burges and others, the two lots of land known as lots numbers twelve (12) and thirteen (13) of the Dorrance Street Association Lands, with all the rights belonging thereto, being the same property which your honorable body voted to purchase by resolution approved December 1, 1871; that the undersigned and his associates were aware before they bought said property, that the purchase of the same by the City Council, would have been highly advantageous to the city, and with the rights of wharfage belonging thereto would have been of great use, not only for the purposes of the highway, but other departments of the government;

that they were also aware that by the action of two of the justices of the Supreme Court of this state the city would not be able to complete the purchase of said lots within the time specified in the contract of sale made by them with Mr. Burges, and they would therefore be unable to secure the advantages to be derived as aforesaid; that in view of these facts, the undersigned and his associates decided to buy said lots and hold the same until your honorable body should be at liberty to purchase them, or in case they were not so purchased, to retain them as an investment; that the undersigned, therefore, under instructions from his associates, informed Mr. Burges, prior to the hour fixed for the completion of his contract with the city, that they were ready, in case the city could not conform to their contract, to pay the price fixed in said contract and take the deeds of said lots, upon the express condition that the same should be offered to your honorable body at the same price paid to him, and that the city should be allowed all the time they might desire to decide whether or not they would buy said lots; that, upon this condition, the said Burges made said sale, and deeds were executed in due form to the undersigned as trustee for himself and the parties aforesaid; and that now, in conformity to said condition, the undersigned hereby offers to your honorable body to convey to the City of Providence the two lots of land aforesaid, with all the rights thereunto belonging, for the exact cost thereof to the undersigned and his associates, whenever within a reasonable time hereafter, your honorable body shall desire to purchase the same.

Respectfully submitted, for the parties in interest;

THOMAS A DOYLE, *Trustee.*

Providence, January 8, 1872.

No. 322. Resolution to purchase land on the  
Dorrance street wharf.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That whereas, in the opinion of the City Council and in the exercise of their power under the charter of the City of Providence, it has become for the interest of the city in its highway department and for other municipal uses, to purchase, own and make use of the real estate referred to in the proposition in writing, to sell the same, made to the City Council this day by Thomas A. Doyle, for himself and certain associates: the City Council hereby accept such offer on the part of the City of Providence, at its terms as contained in said written proposition, and that the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to pay to said Thomas A. Doyle, the sum fixed in said proposition upon the tender to said treasurer of a deed of said real estate by said Thomas A. Doyle, approved by the City Solicitor, and the amount so paid be charged to the loan account.

No. 323. Resolution granting permission to raise a  
Building.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John F. Hicks to raise a certain building located on Autumn street pursuant to his petition.

No. 324. Resolution granting permission to raise a  
Building.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Sarah L. Reed to raise a certain building, located at No. 4 Westfield street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 325. Report in relation to, and Resolution for building, a Fish-way at Pawtuxet dam.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Joint Standing Committee on City Property, to whom, on December 4th, was referred, by your honorable body, a petition of the Commissioners of Internal Fisheries in regard “to building a fish-way on the dam at the mouth of the Pawtuxet River,” have given the matter due consideration in full committee, and make this their report :

The commissioners, by the aid of an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars from the state, are working with commendable zeal to largely increase the supply of our fresh water fish. They desire to properly stock the Pawtuxet with salmon, shad and alewives; to do this effectually will require to be built fish-ways at each of the seventeen dams on the Pawtuxet. All the owners of the dams, with a single exception, have signified their willingness to build these fish-ways at their own expense, when the city shall take the initiative step by building one at their dam, as asked for by the petitioners. These fish-ways do not in the least affect the supply of water. From the best of evidence, your committee are satisfied that the Pawtuxet river is natural breeding ground for salmon, shad and alewives, and that should the views of the commissioners be carried out, great good would result at a very small expense. Your committee unanimously recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and offer the following resolution :

For the Committee on City Property,

HENRY T. ROOT, *Chairman.*

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a fish-way on the dam owned by the city at the mouth of Pawtuxet river, the same to be built under the direction of the Water Commissioners; the appropriation herewith voted to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

## No. 326. Resolution for binding Tax Books.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to cause the old tax books in his office, to be suitably bound for preservation.

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No. 327. Resolution to ascertain cost of Derrick &c.,  
for Dorrance street Wharf lots.

(Approved January 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be hereby instructed, when the purchase of the land on Dorrance street wharf is completed, to examine and report on the cost of suitable derricks, shutes and bins for the loading and storage of materials for the highway department thereon.

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No. 329. Resolution appropriating \$100 for teaching  
French.

(Approved January 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, in addition to the former appropriation, for the salary of the teacher in French in the High School of this city; the appropriation for the same to be paid from the former appropriation for the support of public schools, provided, however, that the whole appropriation for the present fiscal year shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

No. 330. Report and Resolution relating to Sewerage  
of the Second and Third Wards.

(Approved January 10, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Joint Committee on Sewers, who were, by a resolution passed November 13th, 1871, directed to examine the premises of Neil Harvey on Wickenden street, make report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and that they find that during a heavy rain in October last, the said premises were overflowed with water, in consequence, in the opinion of your committee, of the limited capacity of the sewer in that district to pass off the water as fast as it accumulated from the rain, and that the same thing is liable to occur again under similar circumstances.

The only remedy that suggests itself to your committee is to provide sufficient sewerage to obviate the difficulty; but in the absence of a matured plan for the drainage of that district, your committee do not make any recommendation other than contained in the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

L. S. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be hereby appointed a committee to examine and report a plan for the drainage and sewerage of the Second and Third Wards.

No. 331. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Vineyard street.

(Approved January 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Vineyard street, from Potter's avenue to Hawthorne street, and declare the same a public highway, according to the accompanying plat.

## No. 332. Resolution to rent room on Benefit street.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be authorized to let the lower floor of the ward room building, on Benefit street, at a rent not less than three hundred dollars per annum, on condition that the tenant thereof shall vacate the same at any time on receiving fifteen days' notice.

## No. 333. Message of the Mayor relating to the purchase of land on Dorrance street Wharf.

(Presented January 24, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, January 24, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

A resolution of the City Council, approved December 1, 1871, authorized the purchase of lots 12 and 13 on the Dorrance Street Association plat, at a price not exceeding \$11,000. Hon. Walter S. Burges, who was authorized to sell said lots, stipulated that the price should be \$11,000, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, from the day of sale until the delivery of the deed; that the purchaser should furnish the internal revenue stamps and pay for acknowledging the deeds; that he should also pay the city taxes for 1871 on said lots and the wharf rights belonging to them, and Mr. Henry C. Clark's bill for their proportion of the wharf repairs and expenses. These terms were accepted by the committee on the part of the city, but the action of the Supreme Court prevented the execution of the contract, and the lots were purchased on the same terms by Thomas A. Doyle as trustee for himself and others.

By a resolution of the City Council, approved on the 8th inst., the City Treasurer was authorized to pay to said trustee for a deed of said lots, "the exact cost thereof" to the said trustees and his associates. Under this resolution I yesterday made my draft on the City Treasurer for the sum of \$280 79, being the balance due said trustee, over and above the sum of \$11,000, previously paid to him, making the exact cost to the city for these lots to be \$11,280 79, the vouchers for which are on file with the proper officers, as follows :

Paid Hon. W. S. Burges, - - -	\$11,000 00
Paid same for taxes on lots, - - -	18 90
Paid same for taxes on wharf rights, - - -	53 58
Paid same 14 days interest at 7 per cent. - - -	29 95
Paid same for Henry C. Clark's bill, - - -	136 86
Paid for stamps on deeds to trustee, - - -	11 00
Paid for acknowledging same, - - -	50
Paid for recording same, - - -	2 00
Paid for stamps on deed to city, - - -	11 50
Paid for interest to R. I. Hospital Trust Co. for loan to trustee, - - -	16 50
<b>Total, - - -</b>	<b>\$11,280 79</b>

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 334. Report and Resolution in relation to the claim against F. W. & K. D. Cheney for Doyle Avenue.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council, who were appointed, November 13, 1871, to whom was referred the communication of the City Treasurer, dated November 7, 1870, relating to the claim of the City against Frank W. and Knight

D. Cheney, for their portion of the expense of constructing Doyle avenue, with the accompanying documents, with instructions to hear the parties or their counsel, do now respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the contract of the Messrs. Cheney with the City, taken the testimony of the Surveyor of Highways, the Chairman of the Committee on Highways at the time the work was in progress and the City Engineer, and have heard and duly weighed the argument of the counsel of the Messrs. Cheney, and their proposal to pay to the city, six thousand dollars as a compromise of said claim, and after giving the whole matter a careful consideration, and on consultation with the City Solicitor, your committee are unanimously of the opinion that it will be for the interest of the city to accept the proposal now made for a settlement.

They do therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS W. SNOW, *for the Committee.*

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Messrs. F. W. and K. D. Cheney six thousand dollars, in full payment of the claim of the city against the said Cheneys for their portion of the expense of opening and finishing Doyle avenue.

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No. 335. Resolution relating to streets through the West Burying Ground.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Snow and Brayton, with Messrs Cory, N. F. Potter Jr and Harris, of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to take into consideration and report upon the proper method of laying out and extending streets through the West Burying Ground, so called, with a plan thereof.

No. 336. Message of the Mayor relating to the Police Station on Richmond street.

(Presented January 22, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, Jan. 22, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I deem it proper to call your attention to the bad condition of the Police Station on Richmond street, in consequence of the want of proper drainage. The cells are frequently unfit for use because of the depth of water on their floors. I suggest that the Joint Committee on City Property should be authorized to remedy the difficulty complained of at the earliest practicable moment.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

337 Message of the Mayor with communication from Joseph J. Cooke in relation to surplus earth on North Main street.

(Presented January 22, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence Jan. 22, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I transmit herewith a communication I have received from Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., one of the Board of Water Commissioners, relating to a matter contained in the last report of the Surveyor of Highways, which would seem to require some further explanation from that officer.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 17, 1872. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

*Dear Sir* :—On page eight, of the Report of the Surveyor of Highways, for the quarter ending November 30, 1871, under the head of North Main street, is this item :—“Removing surplus earth left by the contractors for building sewer and laying water pipes, \$2,366.22”

The distance from Market square to Smith street, is 2,073.9 feet, which represents the length of the line of 24 inch pipes.

The distance from Market square to Meeting street, is 926.7 feet, which is the length of a sewer, the area of which is 13.25 feet.

The distance from Meeting street to Smith street, is 1,147.2 feet, which is the length of a sewer, the area of which is 6.24 feet.

Now,

$$\begin{array}{r} 2,073.9 \text{ ft.} \times 3.69 = 7,652,691 \text{ c. ft.} = 283,433 \text{ c. yds.} \\ 926.7 \text{ " } \times 13.25 = 12,278,775 \text{ " } = 454,769 \text{ " } \\ 1,147.2 \text{ " } \times 6.24 = 7,158,528 \text{ " } = 265,131 \text{ " } \end{array}$$

$$\text{Total,} \quad 27,089,994 \text{ c. ft.} = 1,003,333 \text{ c. yds.}$$

So that, allowing *nothing* for shrinkage, and assuming that nothing was either carted off or on by the contractors, \$2,366.22+1,003,333=\$2.35+ cost per cubic yard of removal by the Surveyor of Highways. Seventy-five cents per yard would be an "outside" price.

But, the usual allowance for shrinkage is 10 per cent.—in this case, the engineer thought it was more. Calling it 10 per cent., which is to be calculated on the total excavation, and not for the area occupied by the sewer and pipes, the surplus earth would be 604.109 cubic yards, \$2,366.22+\*604,109=\$3.91+cost per cubic yard of removal by the Surveyor of Highways.

But, the engineer says, that the pipe contractor removed all of his surplus earth, and the sewer contractor, at least three-fourths of his; then \$2,366.22+†110,894=\$21.33+cost per cubic yard of removal by the Surveyor of Highways.

Yours, respectfully,

JOSEPH J. COOKE.

*Length.	Area after deducting 10 per cent. shrink- age on total exca- vation.			
2,073.9 ft.	× 2.09	=4,334,451 c. ft.	=160,535 c. yds.	-†160,535
926.7 "	× 9.21	=8,534,907 "	=316,107 "	- 237,080
1,147.2 "	× 3	=3,441,600 "	=127,467 "	- 95,600
		16,310,958 c. ft.	=604,109 c. yds.	493,215 } = 110,894 }

In a letter to the Chief Engineer, dated September 3d, the Surveyor of Highways states there is about eighteen inches of surplus earth on North Main street, which must have been left there by the contractors. Now, provided that there had been *no* shrinkage and *no* earth removed, there could have been, on the average, but 4.36 + inches between the side-walks.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2,073.9 \text{ ft. long} \times 36 \text{ feet wide} = 74,660.4 \text{ sq. ft.} \\ 27,090 \div 74,660 = 3,628 = 4.35 \text{ inches.} \end{array}$$

No. 338. Resolution referring the foregoing Message  
to a Special Committee.

(Approved January 24, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor, dated January 22, 1872, transmitting a communication from Mr. Joseph J. Cooke, one of the Water Commissioners, relative to the removal of surplus earth on North Main street by the Surveyor of Highways, be and the same is hereby referred to Messrs. Case, Anthony and Paine, of the Common Council, with Alderman Sprague, to examine and report thereon.

No. 340. Annual Report of the Superintendent of  
Public Buildings.

(Presented January 22, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The Superintendent of Public Buildings, in conformity with the ordinance of the City Council, has the honor of presenting his annual report, showing the condition of the buildings, with the nature and amount of expenditure that have been made thereon during the year 1871 :

By a detailed statement, in print, herewith submitted, to which the attention of the council is respectfully invited, it will be seen that the amount paid for ordinary repairs and improvements, including all furniture, is twenty-four thousand four hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty-two cents,

-	-	-	-	\$24,478 32
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For new buildings and alterations, ordered by the City Council, forty-four thousand and eighty-five dollars and four cents,	-	-	-	44,085 04
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Total, sixty-eight thousand five hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-six cents,	-	-	-	\$68,563 36
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Respectfully submitted,

OBADIAH SLADE,

*Superintendent of Public Buildings.*

No. 341. Report of the Joint Special Committee on  
the Point Street Bridge.

(Presented January 22, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The committee on the Point street Bridge respectfully present this their first monthly report, as follows:—

The committee organized immediately upon their appointment by the election of William Binney, as chairman, and Alfred Metcalf, as secretary.

They conferred with S. B. Cushing, engineer, in conformity with the resolution creating the committee, and instructed him to prepare and publish a notice inviting proposals for the work upon the bridge, as specified in the report of said Cushing and Noble T. Greene, referred to in said resolution.

Pending the preparation of such notice, a petition of A. & W. Sprague and others, was received by the council and referred to this committee. This committee, in consequence thereof, advertised a meeting for Friday, January 12th, inviting the petitioners to be present.

They held the meeting on that day from 3 to 4.30 p. m., and heard such of the petitioners as were present and desired to be heard, also, such other citizens as wished to express their views.

The committee, after this hearing, addressed a letter, through their chairman, to Messrs. A. & W. Sprague and other petitioners, of which a copy is appended, and received from that house the reply which is also appended. The purport of this reply was exactly similar to that which was made to similar questions by the petitioners who spoke at the meeting.

On January 15th, at three o'clock, p. m., the committee again met, and after reading and conferring upon the letter and its reply, voted to issue the advertisement appended hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BINNEY, *Chairman,*

January 22, 1871.

[LETTER REFERRED TO.]

PROVIDENCE, January 12, 1872.

MESSRS. A. &amp; W. SPRAGUE AND OTHERS, PETITIONERS :

GENTLEMEN :—I am instructed by the Committee of the City Council on the Point Street bridge, to whom a petition signed by yourselves and others, relative to said Bridge, was referred, to invite your reply to the following questions :

1. In case the city shall permit you, at your own expense, to perform the work upon the bridge, as suggested in your petition; are you willing to give to the city a satisfactory pecuniary guarantee that the bridge, when finished by you, shall be capable of standing successfully, and shall so stand the tests as originally required in the contracts for its construction?

2. Are you willing to give the city a satisfactory bond to indemnify it against all loss or damage that may accrue to the city, or for which it may be liable on account, or by reason of the bridge at Point street, during the time it is under your control and repair?

3. Will you also give the city a satisfactory pecuniary guarantee that the draw, when you leave it, shall be capable of being turned completely around, as originally intended?

4. Within what period will you engage to complete your work on the bridge, and turn over the same to the city, fit for continuous and safe use, throughout its entire length, from shore to shore?

As delay is deprecated by everybody, and the prompt completion of a draw-bridge at Point street is imperatively demanded, the committee request an answer to the foregoing questions from you, on behalf of your own house; in case you cannot reply for your associate petitioners, on or before Monday, January 15th, at twelve o'clock.

The difficulty of conferring with the several petitioners, notwithstanding the committee publicly invited them to attend a meeting held by them for this purpose to-day; and the fact that no one of the petitioners has claimed any authority to represent the rest, have induced the committee to address these questions to you, as the first named in the petition.

Very respectfully, &amp;c.,

WILLIAM BINNEY, *Chairman for the Committee.*

[REPLY.]

OFFICE OF THE A. & W. SPRAGUE MANUFACTURING CO., }  
 PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 12, 1872. }

WILLIAM BINNEY, ESQ., CHAIRMAN, &amp;C., PROVIDENCE, R. I.:

DEAR SIR—We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 12th, making certain inquiries concerning bonds and pecuniary guarantees which your committee seems to require from ourselves and others—signers to a petition to the City Council, in the matter of repairs to the draw of Point Street Bridge.

We beg to reply for ourselves, that we decline to give any guarantees to the City Council, beyond those set forth in the petition referred to.

Yours, very respectfully.

A. &amp; W. SPRAGUE.

No. 342. Report of special Committee on re-organizing  
the Highway Department.

(Presented January 22, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 22, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PROVIDENCE:—

The committee to whom on the 8th day of June, 1870, was referred that portion of the Mayor's message relating to highways, in examining the subject committed to them, have found it necessary to more clearly define the duties of the City Engineer, and they have therefore prepared an ordinance for the purpose, which they herewith submit and recommend its passage.

The two large and expensive bridges now in process of erection, and the fact that a similar one will be required at India Point within a very few years, and nearly twenty other smaller bridges being now under the care of the city, seemed to the committee to require some competent person educated as an engineer, to take charge of them. The subject of a proper system of sewers and their construction, the large extent of territory within the city limits yet to be graded, with the alteration of grades already established, require competent engineering talent in order to protect the city against heavy loss, or future damage in consequence of improper work.

These considerations have influenced the committee in the preparation of the ordinance, and will undoubtedly commend its provisions to the approval of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

No. 344. Resolution relative to increasing the number  
of Wards.

(Approved January 24, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council of the City of Providence, to increase the number of wards in said city, from time to time, as the City Council may think best.

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No. 345. Resolution for curbing Sycamore street.

(Passed January 24, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Sycamore street, from Hudson street to Willow street, a distance of about three hundred feet.

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No. 346. Resolution for curbing Hudson street.

(Passed January 24, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Hudson street, from Parade street to Messer street, a distance of one thousand feet.

No. 347. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved January 24, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Cornelius Galvin, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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No. 348. Resolution abating tax of Asahel Peck.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to cancel and abate the tax assessed against Asahel Peck, for the year 1871, amounting to three hundred thirty seven dollars and fifty cents, the same having been erroneously assessed against him.

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No. 349. Resolution abating tax of Michael Brophy.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Michael Brophy the sum of sixteen dollars and twenty cents, the same having been erroneously assessed against and paid by him.

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No. 350. Resolution abating tax of Benjamin G. Dexter.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Benjamin G. Dexter the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents, the same having been erroneously assessed against and paid by him for the year 1871, on personal property.

No. 351. Resolution permitting alterations in the  
Railroad Depot at Weybosset Bridge.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Union Railroad Company, and the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls, Railroad Company, at their own expense, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, be permitted to make alterations in their depot, for the better accommodation of the public.

No. 353. Annual Report of the Trustees of the  
Sinking Fund, to redeem City Bonds issued to  
the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad  
Company.

(Presented January 25, 1872.)

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the bonds of the City of Providence, due in 1876, issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, make the following report of the investments made by them of the funds in their hands:

They hold seven registered bonds of the city of Providence, payable in 1876, six per cent. bonds,	\$92,000 00
They hold five registered bonds of the city of Providence, payable in 1893, five per cent. bonds,	28,000 00
They hold five coupon bonds, State of Rhode Island, one thousand dollars each,	5,000 00
Cash in bank,	629 99
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	\$125,629 99

E. E., PROVIDENCE, January 25th, 1872.

AMOS D. SMITH,	} Trustees Sinking Fund, City of Providence Bonds, 1876.
A. C. BARSTOW,	
BENJAMIN TRIPP,	

Coupons 1858, unpaid.

No. 354. Report of Special Committee upon the  
Re-organization of the Highway Department.

(Presented January 25, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE :

The committee appointed by resolution of the City Council, approved June 8, 1870, to whom was referred that portion of the message of the Mayor, relating to the highway department, make this report :

The committee find that under the present system of managing highway work, the surveyor has full and absolute control of the expenditure of the large sums appropriated for highways ; he has authority to employ such number of men and teams as he deems expedient ; he decides what streets are to be cleaned, and when the work shall be done ; he fixes the price to be paid to the workmen and teams employed on the streets ; he decides what materials shall be purchased and when, and of whom ; he fixes the grades of streets, and directs the manner in which sidewalks shall be built ; in fact, the entire department is in his hands, and the Joint Standing Committee on Highways of the City Council have practically no control whatever over him or his work. This state of things, the committee believe, should be changed. However competent the surveyor may be, the committee are of opinion that no single individual should be vested with power to expend upwards of one hundred thousand dollars annually, of the public money, without the supervision of a board of commissioners, or a committee of the City Council. The committee have given much attention to the whole subject of managing the highway work, which already requires heavy appropriations for its support, and will demand more and more with the growth of the city, and, as a result of their deliberations, they submit two ordinances for the consideration of your honorable body.

By one of said ordinances the control of the highway department is placed in the Joint Standing Committee on Highways of the City Council, and by the other, the management of

the highway department and all the powers now exercised by the Surveyor of Highways, are vested in a board of three commissioners, one of whom only is to be elected annually.

The committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the latter ordinance.

The work now performed by the highway committee exceeds that of any other committee of the City Council, and for a long time has been so burdensome that it has been done with great reluctance. To increase this duty, as proposed, would render it more difficult to find members of the City Council who would accept a place on the committee, and the operation of the ordinance would result in a practical restoration of the present system.

The committee are of the opinion that our city has arrived at a proper size and its highway work is of sufficient importance to warrant placing it in the control of a board of commissioners, who shall be paid for their services.

The members of this board should be elected for a term of years, in order that at all times there shall be men of experience engaged in the management of so important a branch of the city government.

The committee are confident that under such a board of commissioners the highway work would be more economically performed and a large saving be made annually to the city treasury.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

PROVIDENCE, January 25, 1872.

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No. 355. Resolution transferring Appropriation.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for the Point street Bridge.

## No. 356. Resolution relating to Park at Field's Point.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for such modification of chapter 813, of the public laws, entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Providence to establish a Public Park in said city," as shall allow the City Council, in their discretion, to make such reduction in the limits of said park as they may determine.

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## No. 357. Resolution relating to a Sewer in Meeting street.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid in Meeting street, from Prospect street to Congdon street, to connect with the sewer already ordered to be laid in Meeting street, from Congdon street to North Main street.

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## No. 358. Resolution to pay Walter S. and Zenas Baxter for services in watching the Point Street Bridge.

(Approved January 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Walter S. Baxter the sum of sixty seven dollars and fifty cents, and Zenas Baxter the sum of seventy seven dollars and fifty cents, the same being for services in watching the Point street Bridge to November 24, 1871: said sum to be paid out of the appropriations for public bridges.

No. 359. Resolution relating to the election of Superintendent of Streets and Surveyor of Highways.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for authority to postpone the election of Superintendent of Streets and Surveyor of Highways until May next, or to dispense with said officers altogether, if the City Council shall deem expedient.

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No. 360. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, and the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, is authorized to hire the same.

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No. 361. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 to pay Interest on Water Loan.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest on the water loan, payable in the year 1900; and the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 362. Resolutions for fitting upper rooms in  
Bridgham School.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to cause the upper rooms of the Bridgham school house to be fitted for school use forthwith.

RESOLVED, That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry the foregoing resolution into effect; the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 363. Resolution for laying out Eddy street, from  
Washington street to Cove street.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Eddy street, in the City of Providence, of its present width, from Washington street to Cove street, in continuation of the present line of said Eddy street between Westminster and Washington streets: AND, WHEREAS, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application, the City Solicitor shall make application that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-fourths of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

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No. 364. Resolution to pay Martha K. Shepard.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Martha K. Shepard the sum of one hundred dollars, being in full for all damages sustained by her by reason of a fall upon one of the public highways of the city on Thanksgiving Day, 1871; the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, whenever she shall give a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 365. Resolution abating tax of Abby D. Bradford.

(Approved January 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit the sum of forty dollars and fifty cents, assessed against Abby D. Bradford on personal property for the year 1871; she being at the time of such assessment a resident of the town of Barrington, R. I.

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IN CONVENTION.

(JANUARY 31, 1872.)

The following City Officers are elected:—

City Engineer, Charles E. Paine.  
Superintendent of Public Buildings, Obadiah Slade.  
Surveyor and Corder of Wood, Charles H. Battelle.

No. 366. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the  
North Burying Ground.

(Presented January 22, 1872.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:—

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, in conformity with law, make this their report of receipts and expenditures, from May 1, 1871, to December 31, 1872, inclusive:

REPORT.

1st. The amount expended for and on account of North Burying Ground, from May 1, 1871, to December 31, 1871, inclusive, - - - \$4,976 40

2d. The general purpose of the expenditures were for account of surveying, laying out and plating new and old grounds, grading, gravelling avenues and paths in new and old grounds, trimming trees, repairs on buildings at Corliss estate, and for purchasing horses, carts, wagons, tools, harnesses, &c., per inventory, salaries, labor, horse feed, &c., \$4,976 40

3d. Paid for, as follows:

Drafts on City Treasury, - -	\$4,749.01	
Miscellaneous receipts, - -	227.39	
		<hr/> \$4,976 40

Respectfully submitted, for the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground,

WILLIAM EARLE, Commissioner.

No. 368. Resolution relating to a Grammar School in  
the Ninth Ward.

(Approved February 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education be hereby authorized to hire and fit up for school purposes, a suitable room and grounds in the Ninth Ward, to be used for a grammar school for the rest of the municipal year; the cost of said room and fittings not to exceed the sum of six hundred dollars, and to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 369. Resolution discharging Committee on  
Re-organizing the Highway Department.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee to whom, on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1870, was referred a message from the Mayor in relation to reorganizing the highway department, be hereby discharged from further consideration of the subject.

No. 370. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in January, 1872, by policemen who have been appointed, but not confirmed, as follows:—

Joseph Gardiner,	-	-	-	-	\$82 50
Edward B. Soule,	-	-	-	-	85 25
James Braslin,	-	-	-	-	85 25

No. 371. Message from the Mayor, relating to Land  
devised to the City by Betsy Williams.

(Presented February 7, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 27, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF PROVIDENCE:—

I transmit herewith a certified copy of the will of Miss Betsy Williams, late of this city, who died on the 27th of November last, and who by said will bequeathed to the City of Providence, upon certain conditions, her farm of about one hundred acres, situated partly in this city and partly in the town of Cranston. The location and boundaries of the farm will be seen upon the plat thereof, made by the City Engineer, which I also transmit herewith. The will was proved in the Municipal Court of this city, on the 19th of December last, and the time allowed by statute for an appeal expired on the 28th ultimo; the title of the city to the land in question is therefore complete. Miss Williams was the daughter of James Williams, who was the son of Nathaniel Williams, who was the son of James Williams, who was the son of Joseph Williams, who was the son of Roger Williams.

The land bequeathed to the city is, undoubtedly, a portion of the original tract set off to Joseph Williams by the proprietors of the town of Providence, and a portion of this farm has never been conveyed by a deed of sale, having descended through the several parties before named to Miss Williams, the testator. The tract of land thus bequeathed to the city is extremely valuable, and I recommend its acceptance by the City Council upon the conditions named in the will; and also, that a committee be appointed to report the proper action to be taken in the premises.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 372. Resolution discharging Committee to settle with Henry C. Clark.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the committee to whom was referred the claim of Henry C. Clark against the City of Providence, be, and the same is hereby discharged.

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No. 376. Resolution transferring \$21,000 to the appropriation for Central Bridge.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for the Central Bridge.

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No. 377. Resolution for transferring property in the hands of the Surveyor of Highways, to the Highway Commissioners.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to turn over to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, all books, documents and property of every kind and nature whatsoever in his possession belonging to the city, and the same by said committee to be turned over to the Highway Commissioners elected by this City Council.

No. 378. Resolution to pay Edward Burr & Co. for a harness.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Edward Burr & Co. the sum of sixty-five dollars; the same being in full for their bill for a buggy harness, furnished the highway department.

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No. 379. Resolution granting permission to raise a Building.

(Approved February 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Jemima Collins to raise a certain building, located at No. 86 Ocean street, pursuant to her petition.

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#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Elected by concurrent vote of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, February 7, 1872:

Samuel L. Blaisdell, for three years.

Charles Anthony, for two years.

Gideon Bradford, for one year.

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#### IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 7, 1872.

The following city officer is elected:—

Surveyor General of Lumber, Esek A. Jillson.

No. 380. Report of Committee to construct a Sewer in  
Market Square.

(Presented February 5, 1872.)

PROVIDENCE, February 3, 1872.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The undersigned, who having previously been constituted by the Honorable Board of Aldermen a committee to cause to be constructed a public sewer in North Main street, were, by your honorable bodies, by a resolution approved, April 10, 1871, authorized to cause a sewer to be laid in Market square to connect the aforesaid sewer to the river, respectfully report:

That the said sewer was constructed by contract in connection with the North Main street sewer; that the cost of the whole work, as per detailed statement in the report of the committee to the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, is \$22,046 62. The cost of the North Main street section is \$20,155 53. The cost of the Market square sewer is \$1,891 09, as is shown by the statement hereunto appended and which is made a part of this report. A plan of the sewer is also embraced in the report of the committee to the Honorable the Board of Aldermen.

M. B. LOCKWOOD,  
CHAS. E. CARPENTER, } *Committee.*  
JOSEPH J. COOKE, }

STATEMENT OF THE COST OF THE SEWER LAID IN MARKET  
SQUARE.

(Memorandum.—The bills referred to are a portion of the bills for the North Main street sewer—see annexed report.)

Part of Bill No.	1.	Builders' Iron Foundry, iron work, - - -	\$16 44
" "	3.	Burrows Chace, inspection, - - -	35 76
" "	4.	B. J. Blanchard, granite, - - -	75 00
" "	5.	James Edmond & Co., sewer pipe, - - -	16 00
" "	10.	Congdon, Carpenter & Co., iron rods, - - -	2 25
" "	14.	Louis R. Daniels, internal examination, - - -	3 06
" "	16.	Alfred Mundell, construction, - - -	1,647 83
" "	21.	George B. Wheeler, sundries, - - -	4 75
" "	22.	Providence Water Works, for services of engineers, - - - - -	90 00
			<hr/> \$1,891 09

No. 381. Resolution in relation to the Land devised  
to the City by Betsy Williams.

(Approved February 12, 1872.)

WHEREAS, His Honor the Mayor, has this day transmitted to the City Council a copy of the will of Betsy Williams, late of this city, deceased, (a lineal descendent of Roger Williams,) and whereas, by said will the city comes, into possession of a valuable tract of land of about one hundred acres, on certain express conditions, it is therefore—

RESOLVED, That we recognize, accept and gratefully appreciate this munificent bequest, and acknowledge our obligation to the generous spirit which prompted it; and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said will in relation thereto, and also, that the proper steps be now taken to secure the appropriate laying out, platting and general care of said land, that His Honor the Mayor and Aldermen Angell and Daboll, with Messrs Root, Keep and Dexter, of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to consider and recommend to the City Council, such action in the premises as, in their judgment, the interests of the city may require.

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No. 382. Joint Standing Committee on the City  
Engineer's Department.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 12, 1872.

The President having appointed Mr. William Binney, a member, on the part of the Common Council, of the Joint Standing Committee on the City Engineer's Department, pursuant to ordinance, it is therefore—

RESOLVED, That the foregoing appointment be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

By order,

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 14, 1872.

Read:

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

## No. 386. Report of the Highway Commissioners.

(Presented February 12, 1872.)

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }  
 CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 12, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
 PROVIDENCE :—

The Highway Commissioners respectfully report, that they have been duly engaged, according to law, and have organized by electing Charles Anthony, president, and Gideon Bradford, secretary. The commissioners have secured for their office the room adjoining the office of the City Engineer, at a rent of four hundred dollars per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES ANTHONY,  
 SAMUEL L. BLAISDELL, } *Commissioners.*  
 GIDEON BRADFORD, }

No. 387. Resolution for furnishing the office of the  
 Highway Commissioners.

(Approved February 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to cause the office of the Highway Commissioners to be filled up at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars : to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 388. Resolution to employ a Male Teacher in the Grammar School on Eddy street.

(Approved February 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the School Committee be and hereby is empowered to employ a male grammar school teacher in the Eddy street grammar school, and to pay said teacher a salary of not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per year. The said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 389. Message from the Mayor, in relation to supplying Water to consumers in adjoining towns.

(Presented February 19, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, February 19, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I invite your immediate attention to that portion of the last quarterly report of the Water Commissioners, which relates to the subject of supplying water to the inhabitants of adjoining towns. It is important that a decision should be made in reference to this matter at an early date.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 390. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to the Joint Committee on Finance.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, dated February 19, 1872, in relation to supplying water to consumers in adjoining towns, be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 391. Report of the Joint Special Committee in relation to the land devised to the city by Betsy Williams.

(Presented February 19, 1872.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:—

The committee appointed by resolution of the City Council, approved February 12, 1872, to consider and recommend to the City Council such action in relation to the land devised to the city by Miss Betsy Williams as the interests of the city may require, make this report: The committee have examined the land referred to, and find it to be admirably adapted for a public park. A considerable portion of the tract is covered with forest trees of various kinds and many of them are of large size. A part of Cunliff's pond is embraced in the devise, while two brooks flowing through the premises will enable other portions of the tract to be flowed, and thus add to the attractiveness of the place. The land is sufficiently uneven to make a drive over it pleasant, by the variety of the scenery, even in mid-winter. The committee were surprised to find a parcel of land already fitted for a park, so near the compact part of the city, and yet known to but few of our citizens. The committee therefore report herewith a resolution, which they recommend to be adopted, setting apart the land given to the city by Miss Betsy Williams, except so much as may be used for a graveyard, as and for a public park, by the name of Roger Williams Park.

It may be urged in opposition to this resolution, that the city has already established a park of several hundred acres in extent in the same section of the city, and that therefore, the land of Miss Williams should be used for other purposes. In reply to this, the committee suggest that the City Council have applied to the General Assembly for permission to reduce the lim-

its of Field's Point Park, and that the advantage to be gained by adopting the above resolution, is that the present residents of our city will, by a small annual outlay, be enabled to enjoy the advantages of a park during the entire year, while the location at Field's Point will require many years and a heavy expenditure of money to make it attractive, except during the heat of summer.

The committee recommend that the City Council make another application to the General Assembly for authority to connect the Field's Point Park with the land of Miss Williams, and to add to the latter tract such adjoining land as may be necessary, the whole quantity so taken, however, not to exceed the number of acres embraced in the first lay out of Field's Point Park ; and for this purpose the committee recommend the passage of the resolution, herewith. If the City Council decide to make a park of the Williams land, the next action should be to authorize the employment of suitable talent to lay out the same in proper form, and a resolution giving this authority is submitted with this report, which the committee recommend be adopted.

The City of Providence has never commemorated its founder by any public monument or proper memorial, and the munificent bequest of Miss Williams affords a fitting opportunity to remedy this neglect. The graveyard where repose the remains of the children of Roger Williams and their descendants, would seem to be a proper place to erect a monument worthy of this prosperous city and its noble founder. The yard is situated at the foot of Elmwood avenue, and a monument therein would be seen for nearly a mile on this broad street.

The committee recommend the City Council to take immediate action to procure designs for a monument to the memory of Roger Williams, to be erected within the graveyard situated on the tract of land devised to the city by the late Miss Betsy Williams, and a resolution appointing a committee for that object is presented herewith, and the committee trust it will re-

ceive the unanimous approval of the City Council, as they believe such a vote will be approved by the citizens of Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.	} Committee.
HENRY J. ANGELL,	
WILLIAM V. DABOLL,	
HENRY T. ROOT,	
FREDERICK E. KEEP,	
LEWIS DEXTER.	

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No. 392. Resolution setting apart the Land devised to the city, by Betsy Williams, as Roger Williams Park.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the tract of land devised to the city by Miss Betsy Williams, deceased, situated partly in the Ninth Ward and partly in the town of Cranston, be and the same is hereby set apart and designated as and for a public park, to be known as Roger Williams Park, excepting so much thereof as may be included in the Williams burying ground on said tract, wherein are the remains of the children and descendants of Roger Williams; and excepting also, so much thereof as may be sold or exchanged for the purpose of straightening any dividing line or lines, or of leaving the main body of the farm in a better shape than it now is.

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No. 393. Resolution to procure plans for laying out Roger Williams Park.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Aldermen Snow, Angell and Daboll, with President Aldrich, and Messrs. Root, Keep, and Dexter, of the Common Council, be a committee to procure from competent landscape gardeners and rural artists proper plans for the lay out of Roger Williams Park.

No. 394. Resolution for applying to the General Assembly for authority to reduce the area of the Park at Field's Point, and to take additional land for Roger Williams Park.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, and Aldermen Snow, Angell and Daboll, with President Aldrich and Messrs. Root, Keep and Dexter, of the Common Council, be a committee to make application to the General Assembly, at its present session, for such an amendment to chapter 813, of the public laws, as will allow the City Council to reduce the limits of the Park, at Field's Point, to not less than one hundred and twenty-five acres, nor more than two hundred and fifty acres, and to connect the same with the land devised to the city by Betsy Williams, deceased; with authority to take such land adjoining said Williams' land, for a public park, as said City Council may deem necessary, provided, that the quantity of land so taken, exclusive of water, shall not exceed in all, the number of acres embraced in the original lay out of Field's Point Park.

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No. 395. Resolution to procure plans and estimates for a Monument to Roger Williams.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, and Aldermen Snow, Angell and Daboll, with President Aldrich, and Messrs. Root, Keep and Dexter, of the Common Council, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to procure plans and estimates for a monument to be erected to the memory of Roger Williams, in the Williams Burying Ground, situated on the tract of land devised to the city by Betsy Williams, deceased.

## No. 396. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 19, 1872.

Mr. Lemuel S. Harris having been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, in place of Gideon Bradford, resigned, and Mr. James Arden, a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education, in place of Mr. Lemuel S. Harris, resigned, it is

RESOLVED, That said appointments be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

By order,

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

In BOARD OF ALDERMEN, same day.

Read :

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

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 No. 397. Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Point Street Bridge.

(Presented February 19, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :—

The Joint Special Committee on the Point street Bridge, make this their second report, as follows :—

Since the presentation of their first report, the committee have diligently prosecuted the work entrusted to them. They have advertised for proposals, and issued full detailed specifications of the work required. They have received and entertained various proposals at the date fixed for their reception. They have not, as yet, concluded the terms of any contract, but the same are in course of preparation, and when completed, will be reported to the council in detail.

The committee have every reason to expect that the work committed to them will be completed expeditiously and satisfactorily to the council.

For the committee,

WILLIAM BINNEY, Chairman.

No. 398. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William H. Price, to raise a certain building, located at No. 11 Prairie avenue, pursuant to his petition.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved February 19, 1872.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

- No. 399. Michael Dillon.
- 400. Ferdinand Potter.
- 401. Patrick Mulvey.

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No. 402. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved February 19, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Albert Symon to move a certain wooden building pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and, provided further, that the sum of twenty dollars be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any of the public streets of the city.

## IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 19, 1872.

The Surveyor General of Lumber presents the names of the following persons as Deputy Surveyors, whereupon it is *Voted*, that the City Council approve of their appointment, viz. :

Robert Manchester,	Smith Potter,
Nathaniel C. Bushee,	Frank B. Chedel,
Jacob Silloway,	Charles A. Manchester,
Joseph K. Robinson,	John B. Winship,
Henry A. Grimwood.	

Charles C. Lee, for mahogany and other ornamental lumber.  
Robert Manchester, for oak and other hard wood used in ship building.

The following city officers are elected, viz. :

Police Constables, without power to serve civil process :

Oliver P. Hopkins,	Preserved Thatcher.
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No. 403. Message of the Mayor in relation to Sackett street and Elmwood avenue.

(Presented February 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I transmit herewith two deeds executed in proper form, one by Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., conveying his interest in Sackett street and Elmwood avenue to the city, and the other by Elijah C. Baker, Esq. and wife, conveying their interest in said Elmwood avenue to the city, which I recommend be accepted by the City Council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 404. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor, dated February 26, 1872, in relation to certain deeds conveying Sackett street and Elmwood avenue, be referred to the Joint Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 405. Message of the Mayor in relation to hitching horses to Lamp posts.

(Presented February 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The custom of hitching horses to the public lamp posts has become so great an annoyance as to require some legislation to remedy it.

On a recent occasion, eleven horses were thus fastened to the posts on one of our main thoroughfares at the hour of lighting, and the lighter must either leave the lamps unlighted or stop to find a more suitable place to hitch the horse. Two of our lamplighters have been thrown from their ladders, and the latter destroyed, by attempting to light the lamps without moving the horse. As the posts are set up for the convenience of the entire public, I suggest that their use for the accommodation of a single individual be prohibited.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

## No. 406. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, dated February 26, 1872, in relation to hitching horses to the public lamp posts, be referred to the Joint Committee on Ordinances, to report the requisite ordinance.

No. 407. Report of the Water Commissioners  
in relation to Sewers.

(Presented February 26, 1872.)

PROVIDENCE, February 26, 1872.

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The undersigned, who, by a resolution of your Honorable bodies, approved September 25, 1871, were appointed a committee to report "a new plan for the drainage and sewerage of the district now drained by the sewer in Dorrance street," and who were also, on the 4th day of October last, constituted by the Honorable Board of Aldermen, "a committee to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from Aborn street, through Fountain and Cove streets, to connect with the tidal drain, so called, in said Cove street," respectfully present a copy of a communication made to them by J. Herbert Shedd, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Providence Water Works, dated Feb. 24, recommending a plan for the relief of the Dorrance street drainage district, by the construction of an intercepting sewer, beginning in Bourn street, at Atwell's Avenue, and running through a part of Federal street, the whole of Jackson street, including a proposed short extension of the same, and parts of High and Chestnut streets and the whole of Ship street to the river.

A profile of street levels and a large diagram of the Dorrance street and the Fountain street drainage districts, showing the location of the proposed sewer, are also presented herewith.

The committee earnestly recommend the adoption of the proposed plan, and as the size of the Fountain street sewer can be materially lessened by such adoption, it is desirable that the question should be decided as early as can consistently be done.

M. B. LOCKWOOD,  
 CHARLES E. CARPENTER, } *Committee.*  
 JOSEPH J. COOKE.

### COMMUNICATION OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, No. 2 College street, }  
 PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb, 24, 1872. }

MESSRS. M. B. LOCKWOOD, CHARLES E. CARPENTER AND JOSEPH J. COOKE, COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN—You have asked me to prepare plans for the relief of the Dorrance street drainage district.

A view of that territory brings to notice the fact that a considerable area lies but a few feet above tide.

Other cities have found it necessary to raise the buildings and fill such lands at enormous expense, and others, still, have been obliged to pump the sewage gathered on their low grounds to a sufficient elevation to carry it away.

It may not be necessary to determine now whether either of these courses is likely to be forced upon the City of Providence at some future time, but from various reasons, such as the need of keeping the size of sewers on low lands small, so that they may discharge well at low tide and still have their water line of full flow as much below the street grade as possible; the greatly increased cost of taking a given quantity of sewage along a nearly level grade rather than on a steep grade; and other reasons, it is evident I think, that the amount of sewage allowed to collect on lands so little above tide, should be reduced as far as practicable.

With this in view, I have examined the district to see if there are convenient ways to intercept the drainage of any considerable area of high ground, and turn it off to the harbor without passing it through the low grounds.

I find the area of the Dorrance street district, including that of Fountain street, to be about three hundred and sixty-four acres, and of this amount, about two hundred and sixty one acres may be drained through an intercepting line, beginning in Bourn street, at Atwell's avenue, and running through a part of Federal street, the whole of Jackson street, including a proposed short extension of the same, and parts of High and Chestnut streets, and the whole of Ship street to the Providence river.

All this intercepting line would be through present highways of the city, except on land between Carpenter and Fountain streets, in the line of Jackson

street, a distance, excluding the width of a lane, of about two hundred and twenty feet by scale measurement on the city map.

The collected travel of several main avenues could be so conveniently turned through Jackson street into other important avenues centering at the junction of High and Westminster streets, if Jackson street were extended, that its extension would seem to be demanded for highway purposes alone, and there is no doubt in my mind, that its extension would be more than warranted on account of its value as a line for drainage.

I therefore respectfully suggest, that you propose to the City Council, the extension of Jackson street to Carpenter street, and that authority be given for the construction of the sewer in Fountain street, now intrusted to you, on a plan providing for an intercepting drain, as above indicated. Such a plan would, I think, prove more satisfactory and more economical than any other that occurs to me.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. HERBERT SHEDD.

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### No. 408. Resolution for extending Jackson street.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Jackson street, from Fountain street to Broadway, and, WHEREAS, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application, the City Solicitor shall make application that said commissioners shall apportion and assess one-half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 409. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of  
the Surveyor of Highways.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to lodge his annual report for the year ending November 30, 1871, with the City Clerk, on or before the first day of March, 1872, or to give, in writing, his reasons why said report is not presented to the City Council, as required by ordinance.

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No. 410. Resolution to apply for the repeal of Chapter  
263 of the Statutes.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly, for the repeal of chapter 263 of the statutes.

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No. 411. Resolution electing to lay out, widen and  
straighten Camp street.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court at the March Term, A. D. 1871, to lay out, widen and straighten Camp street, from Olney street to North street, under and pursuant to the act entitled, "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Thursday, February 1, 1872. Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

## No. 412. Joint Standing Committee.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 26, 1872.

Mr. Lewis W. Anthony having been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, in place of Mr. Gideon Bradford, resigned, it is

RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the Honorable Board of Aldermen.

By order,

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN the same day,

Read :

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 413. Annual report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem City Bonds, due in 1885.

(Presented February 26, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :—

The Trustees of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds of the City of Providence, payable in 1885, make the following report of the investments for account of said fund :

17	Registered City of Providence bonds, 6 per cent. 1885,	-	-	\$127,000 00
12	Registered City of Providence bonds, 5 per cent. 1893,	-	-	104,000 00
9	Registered City of Providence bonds, 6 per cent. 1876,	-	-	24,000 00
3	Registered United States currency bonds, 6 cent. -	-	-	16,000 00
10	United States 10-40 coupons gold bonds, 5 per cent. -	-	-	10,000 00

## RESOLUTIONS.

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21 State of Rhode Island coupon bonds, 6 per cent. - - -	\$21,000 00
Cash in National Bank of Commerce, Providence, - - -	41 82
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E. E. PROVIDENCE, January 16, 1872.

AMOS D. SMITH,	} Trustees.
HENRY ANTHONY,	
ELISHA DYER.	

No. 414. Resolution relative to supplying water in adjoining towns.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be hereby authorized to supply water from the Pawtuxet river, to the inhabitants of the towns adjoining the City of Providence, whenever, in the judgment of the commissioners, the interests of the city will be promoted thereby.

No. 415. Resolution for selling buildings on Wickenden street.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed to report plans and estimates for a ward room for the Third Ward, be hereby directed to advertise, and sell at public auction, the wooden buildings now standing upon the land owned by the city, on Wickenden street.

## Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz. :—

No. 416. Janette W. Clum, No. 4 Newton street.

417. Daniel M. Tyler, corner of Lockwood and Providence streets.

## Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved February 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners, said buildings to be kept moving night and day while upon the railroad track; and it is further provided, that said petitioners shall each pay into the city treasury the sum of ten dollars for each day or part of a day his building shall occupy any public street of the city, viz. :—

No. 418. David Cady,

419. John Gorton.

420. Charles A. Pabodie.

No. 421. Resolution in relation to claims against the  
Union Railroad Company.

(Approved March 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the claims of the city against the Union Railroad Company, for paving Cranston street and cleaning sand traps, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Aldermen Coggeshall and Spencer, with Messrs. Case, Van-Slyck and Mowry, of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 422. Report of the Surveyor of Highways in  
relation to his Annual Report.

(Presented March 1, 1872.)

PROVIDENCE, March 1, 1872.

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :—

The Surveyor of Highways, as directed by a resolution of the City Council, to lodge his annual report with the City Clerk on or before the first day of March, 1872, or to give, in writing, his reasons why said report, is not presented, respectfully reports, that the inventory was not fully completed, and the increased business of the department rendered it impossible for the clerk of the department to get the report before your honorable body. The report will be in at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. HART, *Surveyor of Highways.*

No. 423. Resolution relating to Coupons of July, 1857, due from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co.

(Approved March 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on the city debt, is hereby instructed to take immediate steps to collect the amount due the city from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, upon the coupons of said company, due July 1, 1857, now in possession of the city.

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No. 424. Resolution for purchasing land of James Russell.

(Approved March 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Russell the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, whenever said Russell shall present to him a deed satisfactory to the City Solicitor, of his lot of land in the rear of Plane street, near Point street in the City of Providence, the same being a portion of the land fixed upon as a location for a school house, by resolution approved September 11, A. D. 1871.

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No. 426. Resolution relating to Salary Ordinance.

(Approved March 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Finance are hereby requested to prepare an ordinance fixing the salaries of the several officers of the city, for the year ensuing the first Monday in June, 1872, and report the same to the council.

## No. 427. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved March 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay, from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in February, 1872, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:—

James Braslin,	-	\$79 75
Edward B. Soule,	-	79 75
Joseph Gardiner,	-	79 75

## No. 431. Resolution to purchase Hose.

(Approved March 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby directed to purchase four thousand feet of hose, at a cost not exceeding six thousand dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

## No. 432. Resolution in relation to a sewer in Bowen street.

(Approved March 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid in Bowen street, from Prospect street to a well or catch basin near Thayer street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807, of the public laws.

## No. 433. Resolution to pay Veranus B. Nickerson.

(Approved March 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay Veranus B. Nickerson, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being in full for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Pearl street, in June, A. D. 1870; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies whenever he shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

## No. 434. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved March 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John King, to raise a certain building, located at No. 42 Pearl street, pursuant to his petition.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved March 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

No. 435. John King.

436. Sylvester Taylor.

No. 437. Resolution to pay for Examination of the  
Point Street Bridge.

(Approved March 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay S. B. Cushing, N. T. Greene and A. E. Burnside, the committee appointed to test the Point street bridge, the sum of six hundred and seventy five dollars, the amount of their account for services and expenses, and charge the same to the appropriation for bridges.

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IN CONVENTION.

MARCH 14, 1872.

RESIGNATION OF AMOS D. SMITH.

PROVIDENCE, March 9, 1872.

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL.

The undersigned herewith tenders his resignation of the office of Trustee of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds of the City of Providence payable in 1885. As the trustees' account has been kept by the undersigned, he respectfully requests that the same be examined.

AMOS D. SMITH.

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PROVIDENCE, March 9, 1872.

TO THE HON CITY COUNCIL.

The undersigned herewith tenders his resignation of the office of Trustee of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds of the City of Providence payable in 1876, and issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company. As the trustees' account has been kept by the undersigned, he respectfully requests that the same be examined.

AMOS D. SMITH.

VOTED, That the resignation of Amos D. Smith, Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem city bonds due in 1885 and Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem city bonds due 1876, issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, be accepted by the City Council.

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The following officers are elected :

Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem city bonds payable in 1885, William Binney.

Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem city bonds payable in 1876, issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, William Binney.

Constable, Alexander M. Massie.

Police Constables without power to serve civil process :

Gilbert O. Westcott, Reuben A. Arnold.

William H. Wickes.

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No. 439. Resolution of Thanks to Amos D. Smith, Esq.

(Approved, March 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That th thanks of this City Council be and they are hereby tendered to Amos D. Smith, Esq., for the valuable services which he has for several years rendered the City of Providence in his capacity as Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem the bonds of the city due in 1885 ; and also, as Trustee of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company ; and that it is with extreme regret that the City Council has accepted his resignation of the above named offices.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit to Amos D. Smith, Esq., a copy of these resolutions, and to enter a copy thereof on the records of the City Council.

No. 440. Resolution to transfer the property in the hands of Amos D. Smith, Trustee, to his successor.

(Approved March 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the City Debt be hereby requested to receive from Amos D. Smith, trustee of the sinking fund to redeem city bonds due in 1885, and trustee of the sinking fund to redeem city bonds issued to the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company, all the property in his possession as such trustee, and transfer the same to his successor in office, and also, to examine and report upon the correctness of the same.

No. 441. Message of the Mayor relating to the purchase of materials for Sewers.

(Presented March 25, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, March 25, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I am informed by the Chief Engineer of the water works, that a considerable saving to the city may be made by purchasing materials for sewers in large quantities. We are and shall be ordering sewers to be built in different sections of the city, and the committee in charge of their construction can only buy the material for each sewer as required. As the castings and street openings, as well as other portions of the materials, are the same in each sewer, I suggest that the Water Commissioners, who have thus far had this important matter under their supervision, may be authorized to purchase such sewer materials as will, in their judgment, be needed during the ensuing working season.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

## No. 442. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, relative to the purchase of materials for the construction of sewers, be referred to the Joint Committee on Sewers to examine and report thereon.

## No. 443. Message of the Mayor relative to Storage.

(Presented March 25, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, March 25, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In January, 1869, I called the attention of the City Council to the need of some legislation in reference to the manner of packing merchandize in buildings in this city. No action was taken by the City Council, however, and we have again been reminded of the necessity of such legislation. On Sunday morning, 17th instant, a fire broke out about one o'clock in a brick building, three stories in height, on Washington street. Each story of the building was closely packed with hay or straw, in consequence of which no water could be thrown into the building through the doors or windows, and the firemen were compelled to wait until the roof had burned through before their labor was effective. After some sixteen hours of service in removing the contents of the building, laborers had to be employed to continue and complete the work. In other cities this method of packing buildings has been prevented by law, owners and occupants being compelled to leave sufficient space around the contents of their buildings for the firemen to move about in when needed. Had such a space been left in the building referred to, the fire would have been easily controlled, and in all probability, confined to the story in which it originated, I trust that you will take the necessary steps to secure the proper storage of merchandise in buildings in this city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 444. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor in relation to the storage of merchandise in buildings, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, to examine and report what legislation is requisite in the matter.

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No. 445. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

(Approved March, 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, for the year ending November 30, 1871, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the City Council.

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No. 446. Resolution for the purchase of Land on Wickenden street.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the special committee who were instructed to procure plans and estimates for a police station, ward room and engine house on Wickenden street, be hereby authorized and directed to purchase for that purpose, a certain lot of land on said street, on the northerly side, near the corner of Traverse street; provided that the cost of the same does not exceed the sum of eleven thousand dollars: to be paid from the loan account, and provided a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor be first obtained.

No. 447. Resolution relating to the Surveyor of Highways.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Spencer and Sprague, with Messrs. Mathewson, Cory and Anthony of the Common Council, be appointed a special committee to examine the annual report of the Surveyor of Highways and his records and accounts, the property in his hands and the inventory of the same; and said committee are hereby authorized, by their chairman for the time being, to summon witnesses to testify, and to administer oaths, and on completing the examination, to report the same to the City Council.

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No. 448. Resolution relating to Roger Williams Park.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed by the resolution No. 393, approved Feb. 19, 1872, be and they are hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for an act annexing to the City of Providence that portion of the Roger Williams Park lying in the town of Cranston, and also, such land as may by law, be added to said park, situate in said town.

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No. 449. Resolution relating to Hope street.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to lay out and widen Hope street, be hereby directed to lay out said street according to the plat made by the City Engineer and presented to the City Council, in October, 1871.

No. 450. Report of Committee on the Point Street  
Bridge.

(Presented March 25th, 1872.)

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :—

The joint special committee on the Point street Bridge, make this their third report as follows :

Referring to the reports previously made to the council, the committee continued their action by advertising in the city papers, inviting proposals from bridge-builders, for the construction of a draw-span in accordance with certain specifications to be obtained of the engineer, S. B. Cushing. A copy of the advertisement is appended hereto, marked A, and a copy of the specifications, marked B.

In response to this advertisement, various proposals were received, with plans accompanying the same in some instances. The lowest proposal was that of Charles Macdonald of New York.

The committee received satisfactory assurances of Mr. Macdonald's competency and character, from parties for whom he had successfully completed extensive works of a character like that now proposed for, and to the satisfaction of the parties. The committee, therefore, accepted Mr. Macdonald's proposal, and a contract was executed by him and the chairman of this committee, on behalf of the city, in conformity thereto, on the 22d day of February, 1872. A copy of this contract is annexed to this report marked C.

This contract was based upon the supposed sufficiency of the existing turn-table to cary the contemplated draw-span ; a supposition which it was not in Mr. Macdonald's power at that time to verify, nor in the power of the committee to establish. It was therefore agreed that Mr. Macdonald should take such steps as he deemed necessary to satisfy himself on this point, and amongst them, should enquire directly of Mr. Sellers, the maker and patentee of the turn-table. The result of this investigation was, that Mr. Macdonald reported to the committee, that the existing turn-table was in parts, badly damaged, and

was, and always had been, entirely insufficient to support the weight contemplated for the draw when loaded. This conclusion Mr. Macdonald supported by a letter of Mr. Sellers to himself, of which a copy is annexed hereto marked D.

In conformity with this conclusion of Mr. Macdonald, a communication of the engineer, Mr. Cushing, was submitted to the committee, taking the same ground, and presenting a proposition by Mr. Macdonald for reconstructing the turn-table: using certain of its parts in so doing, so as to render it adequate to the load which it was intended to carry. The communication of Mr. Cushing is annexed hereto, marked E, as also, that of Mr. Macdonald, marked F.

Both communications were discussed by the committee, and it was unanimously voted to accept the proposition of Mr. Macdonald; and in consequence, an additional contract was executed March 22d, 1872, by said Macdonald and the chairman of this committee on the part of the city, of which a copy is annexed marked G.

As certain portions of the existing turn-table would not be needed in the new work, the committee have instructed the engineer to invite an offer for the same, from Mr. Sellers, the original contractor.

From an examination of the exhibits before referred to, it will be seen: That the existing turn-table was only intended to carry 250 tons safely, and that Mr. Sellers was assured that the "total weight on it would never exceed 100 tons." That the weight of the present draw span, *unloaded*, is 225 tons. That the contemplated draw span, *unloaded*, will not weigh more than if quite so much as the present one.

That the weight of either the existing or contemplated draw-span, when loaded as *intended to be provided for*, would be 490 tons.

That the turn-table therefore must be made sufficient to bear this load, or nearly this.

If a bridge was to be built, at all, at Point street, with the original requirements, it was therefore necessary, *in the first place*, to provide a competent turn-table, in place of the present incompetent one.

It will also be seen that the committee have contracted, in accordance with plans and under the approval of S. B. Cushing, Esq., for the completion of a suitable turn-table at a cost of \$6,500; and for the completion of a draw-span, in all respects up to the largest requirements of the original intentions of the City Council, in regard to the same, at a cost of \$22,727; less the iron on the present draw, which is to be paid for by contract or at the price of one cent per pound, say \$2,200, *about* \$20,527, making a total of \$27,027.

That the work is to be done on or before June 25, 1872, with a forfeit of fifty dollars, by contract, or under certain contingencies, for each working day, from that date to the day of completion.

In order to have the present shore spans ready at that time to receive the contemplated draw in connection, it was foreseen and so stated to the City Council by the engineer, S. B. Cushing, Esq., that they would require strengthening by means of some description of pier or pile. The committee, therefore, requested the engineer to prepare specifications for a suitable support for the same, and to invite offers from competent parties. Mr. Macdonald was invited to make an offer, but stated to the committee, that the work needed could be better and more cheaply done here than by himself, and he declined to propose for the same.

A proposition was, however, made by J. Albert Monroe, which is submitted herewith and is marked H, and a recommendation of the same by S. B. Cushing, Esq., annexed hereto, marked I.

The foregoing work when finished, will complete the construction of the Point street draw bridge, except in so far as certain stone filling about the piers, or slight alterations or footways and railings, all of which have been already suggested to the council and Board of Aldermen, in early communications upon the subject of the bridge.

As the original appropriation was \$30,000; and the necessary cost of the works above detailed will amount to \$27,027; and the work on the piers, by proposal of J. A. Monroe is \$5,000, the committee recommend the additional sum of \$2,027

be added to the appropriation for the Point street bridge, and this with the full understanding that the work generally alluded to above; but not yet estimated upon in detail, and certain contingent expenses, as for instance, for the services of the engineer, will not be included therein, but will require additional appropriations. This work was originally estimated by the engineer at about \$2,700, thus making the necessary additional appropriation about \$5,000, which the committee recommend.

When all is paid for, the Point Street Bridge will be found to have been an exceedingly costly public work, but this committee do not feel responsible in any way for this fact. The present bridge is wholly incapable of being used, or of being made capable of use, for the purposes and to the extent, and with the safety originally demanded.

The plan adopted by the engineer, approved of by the council, and now contracted by the committee to be carried into effect, is not believed by the committee to be other than a good and reasonable one in the points of economy, durability, efficiency, facility of adjustment and of repair. Admonished by the past history of this bridge, this committee cannot go further than express the belief, as stated above, and hope that the ill-fortune which has hitherto attended it, may not adhere to the labors of the present committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BINNEY, Chairman.

Providence, March 25, 1872.

A

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

The Committee appointed by the City Council to cause a new draw to be constructed for Point Street Bridge in this city, invite proposals for the work. The drawbridge is to be of iron, and about two hundred and fifty feet long.

Specifications and other information may be obtained by applying to S. B. Cushing, Civil Engineer, 21 South Main street, to whom also, the proposals may be sent.

The right of rejecting any or all of the proposals is reserved by the Committee.

WM. BINNEY, *Chairman of the Committee.*

Providence, R. I. January 13, 1872.

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PROPOSALS

Will be received until February 15th, 1872, at noon, for the construction and erection of a drawbridge to take the place of the one now at the Point Street Bridge in the city of Providence, R. I.

The drawbridge will be of iron, two hundred and forty nine feet and seven inches long and twenty seven feet, and eight and a half inches between centres of trusses, with a side walk five feet wide in the clear on each side.

The trusses will be about twenty five feet high at the center pier or middle of the drawbridge, and about nine feet high at the ends. The top chord to be curved between these points. Bracing across on the top not to be lower than sixteen feet above roadway.

The drawbridge when open or swung off must sustain itself without the aid of towers and suspension cables.

The iron work, except caps and pedestals of posts, and washers, is to be wholly of wrought iron of the best and toughest quality, suitable for the purpose, and free from imperfections of every sort.

Before being used, five bars shall be selected from each lot of one hundred bars, and a piece one foot in length at least, shall be cut from each of the five, which shall be tested with a tension of fifty thousand pounds per square inch. If either piece breaks the whole lot shall be rejected.

All of the bars used in the bridge shall first be subjected to a strain of twenty thousand pounds per square inch, and while under this tension shall be struck several smart blows with a hammer. If any show permanent set or indications of imperfect welding, they shall be rejected.

The different parts of the structure are to be so proportioned that a moving load of thirty-two hundred pounds per lineal foot, in addition to the weight of the structure, shall not cause a tensile strain on the wrought iron of more than twelve thousand five hundred pounds per square inch, nor a shearing strain on the pins greater than seven thousand five hundred pounds per square inch, nor a compressive strain upon the wrought iron of more than eight thousand pounds per square inch.

All of the workmanship shall be of the best quality.

All abutting joints shall be turned or planed.

All pin holes in wrought iron shall be drilled.

No bar of wrought iron having an error of more than one thirty second of an inch in length between pin holes or more than one hundredth of an inch in the diameter of holes shall be allowed.

The cams or rollers at the ends of the draw, and the arrangements for locking the bridge when shut, shall be subjected to the approval of the engineer.

The draw bridge is to be so constructed as to admit of being easily turned entirely round in either direction, and each end must fit, and be readily and securely locked to either of the stationary spans.

All of the iron work as soon as possible after being cleaned, shall be painted with one coat of oxide of iron and oil; and after erection, the whole of the iron work shall be painted with two coats of paint of such quality and color as the committee may direct.

The present turntable and its appendages (except the wheels or friction rollers between the track and turntable,) will be used in the new drawbridge. So, also, will the side walk railing and the floor timbers of the present bridge.

All of the remainder of the present drawbridge is to be taken down and removed by the contractor at his own cost and risk.

The present drawbridge is on the "Mosely plan" and has two spans of the "Mosely Arch Girder Bridge" one hundred and twenty two feet and four inches long each, which are supported when the draw is open, by suspension cables from a tower between the two spans.

The iron work in both spans including the tower and suspension cables, but excluding the turn table and sidewalk railing, weighs about 220,000 pounds.

The floor timbers are of southern pine 4x16 inches, two feet apart between centers.

One thickness of three inch chestnut planks and one thickness of three inch planks, of southern pine form the flooring for the roadway, and two inch southern pine for the side walks.

Parties proposing for the foregoing, are requested to state in their proposals.

*First*.—For what sum they will furnish the labor and materials (including a new set of friction rollers for the turntable track) and fully complete the drawbridge in accordance with the specifications, and finish it in all respect ready for public use.

*Second*.—What sum they will pay for the present drawbridge (subject to the reservations and conditions before stated) in case their proposal for building the new one shall be accepted.

*Third*.—What length of time they will require after signing the contract to finish the drawbridge ready for public use.

They will be expected to furnish security satisfactory to the committee, that the work will be done according to the specifications, and be completed within the designated time.

The committee reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals.

Proposals may be addressed to the undersigned who will upon application furnish such further information as may be desired. No proposal received after the fifteenth of February next, at noon, will be entertained.

S. B. CUSHING, *Engineer*.

Providence, R. I. January 12th, 1872.

C.

This agreement made and entered into this twenty-second day of February eighteen hundred and seventy-two, by and between Charles Macdonald, of the city and state of New York, party of the first part, and the City of Providence, a municipal corporation, of the State of Rhode Island, party of the second part, witnesseth.

That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of twenty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven (\$22,727) dollars, to be paid under the conditions and stipulations hereinafter set forth by the said party of the second part, hereby agrees to furnish all the materials and labor and to construct in a thorough and workmanlike manner in accordance with the specifications and the general plan hereto annexed, and in accordance with the detailed drawings to be approved by the engineer appointed by the said party of the second part, a drawbridge to take the place of the present drawbridge of the Point Street Bridge, in said City of Providence, and to complete the same in all respects ready for public use on or before the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy two. The whole to be done to the approval and acceptance of said engineer, and to be subject to such test or tests not inconsistent with the requirements of said specifications as said engineer may direct.

And the said party of the first part further agrees to take down and remove, at his own cost and risk, the present drawbridge and to purchase the iron work thereof, subject to the restrictions and reservations set forth in said specifications and to pay for the same upon final settlement between the parties to this contract at the rate of one cent per pound.

And the said party of the second part, in consideration of the foregoing, agrees to pay the said party of the first part the sum of twenty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty seven (\$22,727) dollars, in manner and form following, to wit: On or about the first of each and every month during the progress of the work, an estimate of the value of the work done and materials furnished by the said party of the first part under this contract shall be made by the said engineer, and thereupon the said party of the second part shall deliver to the said party of the first part an order upon the City Treasurer of the said City of Providence, for the payment to the said party of the first part of eighty per cent. of the amount of said estimate, and when the whole work shall have been completed and accepted by said engineer, then the said party of the second part shall deliver to the said party of the first part, an order on said City Treasurer for the payment to the said party of the first part of the balance due to the said party of the first part, after deducting all previous payments and the amount due for the iron work of the present drawbridge.

And it is further agreed and understood, between the parties, that if the said party of the first part fails to complete the said drawbridge, ready for public use, on or before the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as aforesaid, then the said party of the first part shall forfeit to the use of the said party of the second part, fifty dollars for each and every day thereafter during which said drawbridge shall remain incomplete. The amount so forfeited to be deducted from the balance due the said party of the first part, on final settlement, provided that such delay is not due to circumstances over which said party, of the first part, could exercise no control, of which the said engineer shall be the sole judge.

In witness whereof the said party of the first part, has hereto subscribed his name, and the said party of the second part has caused these presents to be signed by William Binney, Chairman of the Joint Special Committee of the City Council upon the Point Street Bridge, this twenty-second day of February in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Executed in presence of

S. B. CUSHING.

Signed, { CHARLES MACDONALD,  
WILLIAM BINNEY, } L.S.  
Chairman of the Point St. Bridge Com.

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OFFICE OF WILLIAM SELLERS & Co., }  
PHILADELPHIA, March 4, 1872. }

CHARLES MACDONALD, Esq., No. 80 Broadway, New York:—

DEAR SIR.—Mr. T. G. Smith called to see us this morning, about your letter of 22d ultimo. We herewith send tracing of the last centre, as made for the Point Street Bridge, at Providence. This is intended to carry, with safety in

turning, 250 tons. It will not be safe with 500 tons, but we have never known of an instance of such a strain coming on a centre intended for 250 tons weight of bridge on centre turning, if the ends of the draw are supported when closed.

We would remark that the wheels on circular track were never intended to carry any of the weight of the draw; they are to steady it and prevent tipping the curb should be  $\frac{1}{4}$  "to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " clear of the wheels when bridge is level. We protested against the arrangement of draw when the centre was ordered; and were assured that the total weight would never exceed 100 tons, \* \* \*

Yours truly,

(Signed)

WILLIAM SELLERS & Co.

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TO WILLIAM BINNEY AND OTHERS, A COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
ON POINT STREET BRIDGE:—

GENTLEMEN.—I submit the annexed statement and proposition of Charles Macdonald, Esq., who is constructing the new drawbridge:

A careful and thorough investigation of the present turntable has convinced me of its inadequacy to bear the load of the new draw, and I recommend the adoption of the plans of Mr. Macdonald for re-modelling it.

With my present knowledge of the turn table, I should be unwilling to take the responsibility of placing the new drawbridge upon it or to trust it to support the present bridge when fully loaded.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. B. CUSHING.

Providence, March 22, 1872.

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S. B. CUSHING, Esq., C. E.:—

DEAR SIR.—After having exhausted every effort to utilize the present turntable of the Point Street Bridge, in the new structure, I am satisfied that it is entirely too weak to be of any service, with the exception of the nest of steel rollers and the live ring with cast segments and turning gear.

You will observe that the weight of the bridge unloaded is 450,000 lbs. and the maximum load which can come upon the centre point under the specified circumstances of live load will be 990,000 lbs. exclusive of the weight of the pivot itself. Assuming this to be 60,000 lbs. we should have 1,050,000 lbs. resting upon the pintle head, which has a section of 30 square inches of cast iron. This gives a strain per square inch of 35,000 lbs.

Again, the wrought iron arms, reaching from the centre of the draw, must transfer the maximum load of 990,000 lbs. to the centre. The lever arm, at

which this works, is 13½ feet and the height of girder is 3 feet 9 inches. The strain upon girder will be  $990,000 \times \frac{13.50}{3.75} = 3,570,000$  lbs. or for each cross section,  $\frac{3,570,000}{4} = 892,500$  lbs.

The effective cross section, as shown on the drawing of these girders, is 27 square inches, thus giving a strain of 33,000 lbs. per square inch.

For the dead load alone this strain will be about 15,000 lbs. per square inch.

From these figures you will, I trust, be able to weigh the conclusions I have arrived at, and, in order that no time may be lost in getting a new table under way, I herewith propose to construct a table, according to the general plan herewith submitted—with the privilege of using the nest of steel rollers and live ring—for the sum of \$6,500. This to cover a working structure and to be ready for use by the 25th of June, 1872. The city to remove the present arrangement, with the two exceptions named, as soon as the old bridge is sufficiently removed to permit it. Or I will remove the present draw to the main land for the sum of \$200.

In referring to the present table, I feel that it is due to Mr. Sellers to say that if he had been advised of the weight which this pivot was expected to carry, he would have made a very much stronger structure, as you will note by referring to his letter to me of March 4th.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed)

CHARLES MACDONALD.

G

This agreement made and entered into this twenty second day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy two by and between Charles Macdonald, of the City and state of New York, party of the first part, and the City of Providence a municipal corporation of the state of Rhode Island, party of the second part, witnesseth,

That the said party of the first part in consideration of the sum of sixty five hundred (\$6500) dollars, to be paid under the conditions and stipulations, hereinafter set forth by the said party of the second part, hereby agrees to furnish all the materials and labor, and to construct in a thorough and workmanlike manner in accordance with the general plan annexed, and in accordance with the detailed drawings to be approved by the engineer appointed by the said party of the second part, a turn table to take the place of the present turn table under the Point street Bridge in the City of Providence, and to complete the same in all respects ready for public use, on or before the twenty fifth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy two. The whole to be done to the approval and acceptance of said engineer and to be subject to such test or tests not inconsistent with the requirements of said specifications, as said engineer may direct. It being understood that the said party of the first part may retain for use in the construction of the new turn table, the Sellers steel nest of rollers, the live ring, and cast ring segments with turning gear, without charge, also that if the said party of the first part finds it necessary to remove the old turn table in order to erect the new one, he shall be paid the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for such performance.

And the said party of the second part in consideration of the foregoing, agrees

to pay the said party of the first part the sum of sixty five hundred (\$6500) dollars in manner and form as specified in the contract between the same parties for the construction of the new draw bridge at Point street Providence, except in so far as it relates to a forfeit of fifty (\$50) dollars per day. It being understood that if the draw bridge is not finished by reason of the failure to complete the turn table within the specified time, the forfeiture of fifty (\$50) dollars shall apply to the draw bridge contract.

In witness whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto subscribed his name, and the said party of the second part has caused these presents to be signed by William Binney chairman of the joint special committee of the city council, this twenty second day of March in the year eighteen hundred and seventy two.

In presence of

S. B. CUSHING,  
WALTER J. CUSHING

Signed, { CHARLES MACDONALD,  
WILLIAM BINNEY,  
Chairman of Committee of City  
Council on Point street Bridge.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I. March 25, 1872. }

S. B. CUSHING, Esq.

DEAR SIR, I will furnish materials and place the proposed piers under the centers of the fixed spans of Point street Bridge, for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.)

I am Sir,  
Very respectfully yours  
J. ALBERT MONROE.

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PROVIDENCE, March 25, 1872.

WILLIAM BINNEY, ESQ. AND OTHERS SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE POINT STREET BRIDGE.

GENTLEMEN.—I have received from Col. J. A. Monroe the enclosed proposal for constructing and placing a cylinder pier under the middle of each fixed span, and recommend its acceptance.

To brace the side walk railing, provide new wheel fenders. and ballast with chip stone around all of the piers and abutments will require, according to my previous estimates, (which I see no reason to change) about twenty seven hundred dollars more.

Respectfully yours,  
S. B. CUSHING.

No. 451. Resolution appropriating \$5000 for the Point street Bridge.

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(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for the completion of the Point street Bridge, and to be charged to the loan account.

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No. 452. Resolution relating to the Point street Bridge.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on the Point street Bridge be and they hereby are authorized to construct piers under the fixed spans of the Point street Bridge, as recommended by S. B. Cushing Esq. and referred to in their report of March 25, and to contract for the same.

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No. 453. Resolution to pay Ann Andrew.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Ann Andrew the sum of sixty dollars, being in full compensation for all damages sustained by her by reason of the overflow of the Pearl street sewer in June A. D. 1870; to be paid from the appropriation for contingences whenever she shall give a receipt for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

## No. 454. Resolution to pay William E. Lord.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay William E. Lord, the sum of sixty dollars, being in full compensation for all damages sustained by him, by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Pearl street, in June, A. D. 1870 : to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, whenever he shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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## No. 455. Resolution to pay the expense of moving a building from Hospital street.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Peleg Johnson's wife's heirs' estate the sum of two hundred dollars, being for the amount agreed to be paid to said estate by the Surveyor of Highways, under the advice of the Board of Aldermen, for setting back a dwelling house on Hospital street : to be paid from the appropriation for highways, whenever the legal representatives of said estate shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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## No. 456. Resolution to pay R. I. Concrete Company for Sidewalk on Knight street.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the R. I. Concrete Company sixty-four dollars and ninety-four cents ; the same being in full for their bill for laying a concrete sidewalk in front of the police station on Knight street ; to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

No. 457. Resolution relating to the Sewer at the corner of North Main and Star streets.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Sewers are hereby requested to cause an examination to be had of the sewer at the corner of North Main and Star streets, and, as soon as may be, take such action as will prevent the recurrence of damage to property in that vicinity by reason of any defect existing therein.

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No. 458. Resolutions to widen and extend Thayer street from Power street to Pike street.

(Approved March 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen and extend Thayer street, from Power street to Pike street, of a uniform width of fifty feet, beginning for the easterly line of said extension, at the intersection of the present easterly line of Thayer street with the northerly line of Power street; thence southerly in a direct line to an angle at a point on the southerly line of John street, about ten feet easterly from the northwesterly corner of Wheeler M. Blanding's house; thence southerly in a direct line to Wickenden street, passing through a point fifty feet easterly from the northeast corner of Benjamin D. Bailey's house, on the west side of Thayer street, and touching also, the northwest corner of Benjamin Smith's house, so called, on the southerly side of Sheldon street; thence beginning on the southerly side of Wickenden street at the easterly line of Traverse street, and extending southerly in said easterly line about sixty-eight feet, to the range of the easterly side of Traverse street, as laid out south of Pike street; thence in said range southerly to the northerly line of Pike street.

AND, WHEREAS, certain real estate will be required for that purpose ;

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled " An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application, the City Solicitor shall make application, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three quarters of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

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No. 459. Resolution to pay William H. Barker.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay William H. Barker, the sum of fifty dollars, being in full compensation for all damage sustained by him, by reason of the overflow of the Pearl street sewer, in June, A. D. 1870 : to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, whenever he shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 460. Resolution to pay A. G. Kendall.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to A. G. Kendall the sum of eighty five dollars, being full compensation for all damage sustained by him by reason of the

overflow of the Pearl street sewer in June A. D. 1870 ; to be paid from the appropriation for contingences whenever he shall give a receipt for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 461. Resolution to pay Thomas T. Stebbins.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Thomas T. Stebbins, the sum of eighty two dollars and fifty cents, being in full compensation for all damages sustained by him, by reason of the overflow of the Pearl street, sewer in June, A. D. 1870. To be paid from the appropriation for contingences, whenever he shall give a receipt for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz. :—

No. 462. Cyrus F. Andrews, No. 11 Portland street.

No. 463. Sullivan Dorr, No. 88 Bowen street.

No. 464. Patrick Kenney, Ashburton street.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of

wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

- No. 465. Charles E. Boon
- No. 466. Sullivan Dorr,
- No. 467. James Heap,
- No. 468. Lucius Weaver.

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No. 469. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick McKenna, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 470. Resolution to pay Thomas L. Angell and Charles H. Emerson.

(Approved April 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas L. Angell and Charles H. Emerson the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them by reason of the flooding of their boat during the water celebration on Thanksgiving day, November 30, A. D., 1871. To be paid from the appropriation for contingencies whenever they shall give a receipt for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 471. Resolution relating to land of the City on  
the east side of Seekonk river near Washington  
Bridge.

(Approved April 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to appear before the courts of this state and the General Assembly to prevent the condemnation for railroad purposes, of the water front on the east bank of the Seekonk river owned by the City of Providence.

No. 472. Resolutions to pay Ward Clerks.

[Approved April 8, 1872,]

RESOLVED, That the ward clerks of the several wards, be paid the sum of one hundred dollars each, in full compensation for all services now performed and to be by them performed during their present term of office as clerks of boards of canvassers.

RESOLVED, That the sum of nine hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for elections.

No. 473. Report of Special Committee upon purchasing Slaughter House Estates.

(Presented April 8, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee of the City Council, appointed January 8, 1872, to whom was referred the subject of purchasing the slaughter house estates of J. F. & A. Comstock, Moore & Perkins, H. K. Clark and William A. Wood, respectfully make report, that in the opinion of a majority of the committee, it would not be advisable, nor for the interests of the City of Providence, to make such purchase.

L. BRAYTON, Chairman.

Providence, March 14, 1872.

No. 474. Resolution relating to Wardens and Ward Clerks.

(Approved April 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be instructed to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act fixing the term of office of wardens and ward clerks, from the first Monday in June, annually.

No. 475. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved April 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay, from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in March, 1872, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:—

James Braslin,	-	-	\$85 25
Timothy D. Morse,	-	-	85 25
Edward B. Soule,	-	-	85 25
Eben C. Tyler,	-	-	85 25
Joseph Gardiner,	-	-	85 25
Munroe Goodwin,	-	-	85 25
Albert J. Whipple,	-	-	82 50

No. 476. Resolution relating to Cross Walks.

(Approved April 8, 1872)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to lay a crosswalk across Jackson street, at the south side of Garden street, and a crosswalk across Green street at the north side of Garden street.

No. 477. Resolution relating to claim of George L. Clarke.

(Passed April 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Alderman Snow and Brayton with Messrs. Hunt, J. R. Brown and Persons of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee with full power, in their discretion, to settle the claim of Hon. George L. Clarke for damages sustained by him in the extension and opening of Thayer streets, now pending in the Supreme Court. And the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the order of said committee such sum as may be agreed upon.

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No. 478. Resolution abolishing the offices of the Surveyor of Highways and Superintendent of Streets.

(Passed April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the offices of Surveyor of Highways and Superintendent of Streets be and the same are hereby abolished.

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No. 482. Report of Joint Special Committee to investigate the Annual Report of the Surveyor of Highways.

(Presented April 8, 1872.)

The Joint Special Committee appointed under a resolution approved March 25th, 1872, to examine the Annual Report of the Surveyor of Highways and his records and accounts, the property in his hands and the inventory of the same, with power to summon witnesses to testify and to administer oaths, and on completing the examination, to report the same to the City Council, respectfully report:

That having devoted no inconsiderable amount of time and labor to the hearing of testimony and the examination of the records of the department, they present the following as the result of their investigations.

They find that by an amendment of an ordinance approved August 9, 1869, among other duties therein specified, it was made the duty of the Surveyor of Highways to keep a proper record of all the proceedings of his department and a set of books, in which it should be entered an account of all the receipts and expenditures &c., &c. And soon after the passage of said amendment, a clerk was elected for the purpose of assisting in performing the duties created under the same.

The committee in the prosecution of their duties, have confined their investigations to the period of time embraced in the interval between the passage of said amendment and the date of the Surveyor's report.

They find that during a space of twenty-one months after the passage of said amendment, its provisions were utterly disregarded in almost every particular, the business of the department was continued to be conducted as it had previously been, in the loosest possible manner, no amount of materials on hand had been entered upon the books, and with the single exception of the curbing account, there could be found no reliable data upon which to base a proper examination of the condition of the department.

Since June 1st, 1871, a marked improvement has been made in the manner of keeping the records and accounts. But not having been based, as it should have been, upon an inventory or account of materials then on hand, for the purposes of ascertaining anything at all reliable in regard to the correctness of the surveyor's report, it is of quite as little avail as if the former practice had been continued.

As already intimated, the curbing account is an exception to this general rule. Commencing as it does from September 1st, 1869, with no material on hand, we have been enabled, to examine its several items down to the date of the Surveyor's report. The result has been the finding of an apparent deficiency of from 2,300 to 3,000 feet. A portion of this deficiency may very properly be placed to the account of unavoidable waste, and whether or not the remainder is to be accounted for by the general loose manner in which the department has been con-

ducted, or is the consequence of other irregularities, it has been impossible to determine from any testimony that the committee have been able to command.

In the absence, therefore, of any evidence to the contrary, the committee deem it proper to accept the more charitable conclusion and to believe that no intentional wrong has been done to the city.

In closing their report, the committee deem it due to the clerk of the department, to state that they exonerate him entirely from all responsibility for the irregularities therein existing; abundant testimony having been presented showing that from the time of his appointment, he has labored earnestly and persistently to obtain such information as was necessary to the proper prosecution of his clerical duties, and always without success.

Having thus to the best of their ability, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, completed the duty assigned them, the committee respectfully ask that this their report may be received, and the committee discharged.

For the Committee, HENRY A. CORY, *Chairman.*

No. 485. Message of the Mayor relating to the School House Land on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented April 8, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE. }

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 8, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am informed that the parties from whom some of the land at the corner of Point and Plane streets was taken by the City Council for school purposes, are willing to sell to the city the fee of the land so taken.

I suggest, therefore, that a committee of the City Council should be empowered to confer with such parties and make the purchase of the fee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 486. Resolution relating to School House Land on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs Van Slyck, Beckwith and Paine, with Aldermen Brayton and Spencer, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the owners whose land has been taken for school purposes on the corner of Point and Plane streets, for the purpose of ascertaining for what price said owners will convey the fee thereof to the city.

No. 487. Petition of Executive Committee of School Committee, and a Resolution authorizing them to obtain plans for a School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 8, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The plans for new school houses have heretofore been prepared under the direction of the School Committee, and when approved by them, presented to the City Council for action thereon. In accordance with this usage, the School Committee directed their executive committee to obtain plans for a new grammar school house to be built upon the premises recently secured by the City Council at the corner of Point and Plane streets. The executive committee are, however, advised by the City Solicitor that the amendment to the school ordinance, approved Jan. 12th, 1870, took from the School Committee the power they had possessed since the organization of the present school system, to procure plans for school buildings.

I am therefore directed by the executive committee, to request your honorable body to authorize them to obtain the

plans they were directed to get by the School Committee, for which purpose I present herewith a resolution, which I respectfully ask may be adopted by your honorable body.

In behalf of the executive committee of the School Committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

RESOLVED, That the executive committee of the school committee, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to procure plans and estimates for a grammar school building, to be erected upon the land recently taken by the city for school purposes, at the corner of Point and Plane streets, and to report the same to the school committee for their action thereon.

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No. 488. Resolution to build Urinals upon  
Weybosset Bridge.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on City Property are hereby instructed to cause suitable urinals to be erected upon the southerly side of Weybosset bridge, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars ; the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 489. Resolution abating tax of Arthur F. Dexter.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to cancel the tax amounting to twenty-nine dollars and seventy cents assessed against Arthur F. Dexter upon the estate on Williams street held by him in trust for the benefit of the William Street Nursery, a charitable institution ; said estate not being a proper subject of taxation.

No. 490. Resolution abating tax of Eugene D. Cummings.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay Eugene D. Cummings, the sum of seven dollars, the same being for amount of tax with interest added, erroneously assessed against and paid by him for the year, 1871; he having been at the time of such assessment, a resident of the town of North Providence, and not liable to taxation in the city of Providence, on personal property.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved April 10, 1872)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz :—

- No. 491. Sarah L. Aldrich, No. 7 Byron street.
  - 492. Lewis C. Allen, No. 241 Wickenden street.
  - 493. George Henry, Cowell street.
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No. 494. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Beneficent Congregational Society to move a certain wooden building pursuant to their petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

## Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to

- No. 495. Amos M. Hawkins,  
 496. A. A. Kimball, and  
 497. Nathan W. Parker,

to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

## No. 498. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 10, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Duffey to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

## No. 500. Resolution relating to the Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners, for the quarter ending April 1, 1872, be referred to Aldermen Coggeshall and Sprague, with Messrs. Fisher, J. B. Barnaby and W. Y. Potter of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

## No. 501. Report of the Central Bridge Commissioners.

(Presented April 10, 1872.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :—

The Central Bridge Commissioners respectfully report, that they have proceeded to build a bridge over Seekonk river, in accordance with the act by which they were appointed, and as proposed in their former reports. They have now completed it, and it is ready for use by the public, and they herewith submit a statement of their expenditures thereon :

*EXPENDITURES.*

ENGINEERING.	
Samuel B. Cushing, Engineer in charge,	\$2,500 00
PRINTING.	
Daily Herald,	\$20 25
Daily Journal,	20 25
Evening Press,	20 25
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Francis Armington, Piling for Foundation of Masonry,	3,804 96
George H. Read, Masonry,	16,267 72
A. D. Briggs & Co., Iron Bridge, complete,	29,500 00
Thomas Hill, Dredging,	\$2,250 00
Harvey Kent, "	1,272 08
Walter Coleman, "	25 50
	<hr/> 3,547 53
G. H. Read, Ballasting,	\$1,521 91
Harvey Kent, "	1,031 51
K. Barry, "	1,374 80
	<hr/> \$3,928 22
DOLPHINS AND FENDERS.	
John Armstrong, Blaeksmithing,	\$625 57
Samuel Stone, Piles,	854 70
Samuel Chaffee, Piles,	619 60
S. A. Hammond, Piles,	2,284 64
Jackson & Cutler, Freight of Piles,	640 00
Esek Jillson, Survey of Piles,	16 43
A. D. Briggs & Co., Driving and Caping,	4,550 00
James A. Potter, Lumber,	2,726 65
G. R. Mowry, "	165 85
Francis Armington, Piles and Driving,	1,587 99
	<hr/> 14,071 43

## RESOLUTIONS.

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J. A. Munroe, Superintendence and Traveling Expenses, - - 429 48

## SUNDRY BILLS.

Thomas Philips, Lead Pipes, - - - -	3 25
Belcher Brothers, Hardware, - - - -	15 48
R. H. Purinton, Rope, - - - -	13 97
W. E. Barrett, Shovels and Barrows, - - - -	30 00
S. Grant & Co., Divers, - - - -	15 00
J. Balch & Sons, Pitch, - - - -	8 48
H. Staples, Paper and Tar, - - - -	20 85
Marine Railway, Trenails, - - - -	8 00
Worcester Railroad, Freight of Piles, - - - -	30 00
C. H. Read, Fitting Bearings, - - - -	35 00
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	\$74,290 12

## RECEIPTS.

State of Rhode Island, - - - -	\$20,000 00
City of Providence, - - - -	36,675 00
Town of East Providence, - - - -	15,000 00
Interest, - - - -	1,729 40
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	\$73,404 40

JAMES C. BUCKLIN, }  
 C. B. FARNSWORTH, } *Commissioners.*  
 JAMES Y. SMITH, }

PROVIDENCE, April 1, 1872.

No. 502. Resolution to pay Benjamin Appleton.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay Benjamin Appleton the sum of twenty dollars, being in full for his bill for the use of a boat furnished to the Committee on the Point Street Bridge, from September 8, 1870, to November 10, 1871; the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Point Street Bridge.

## No. 503. Resolution relating to Fees of Fence Viewers.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an act empowering the City Council to fix the fees of Fence Viewers in the City of Providence.

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 No. 504. Resolution relating to Public Sewers through private land.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council to lay out and maintain public sewers through private lands, upon making due compensation for all damage sustained by the owners of such lands.

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 No. 505. Message from the Mayor relating to Pond, Cargill and Pearl streets.

(Presented April 11, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 11, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In making the plans for the sewerage of the city, it occasionally happens that an important line is interrupted by the abrupt termination of a street which should be used for the location of a main sewer. Three of these cases are of sufficient importance to be brought to your attention. They are Pond, Cargill and Pearl streets. The first requires to be opened into

Winslow Place, the second to be extended into Fountain street, and Pearl street should be continued to the junction of Plane and Dudley streets. I suggest the appointment of a committee to examine the subject, in order that full information in regard to the extension of these streets may be placed before the City Council at an early day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 506. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Message from His Honor the Mayor presented this day in relation to the extension of Pond, Cargill and Pearl streets, be received and the same is hereby referred to the joint committee on the engineer's department.

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No. 507. Petition of School Committee relating to desks in the Grammar School on Greenwich street and a Resolution referring the same.

(Approved April 11, 1872)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 11, 1872.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE :

In accordance with a vote of the School Committee, I respectfully request your honorable body to cause single desks to be placed in two of the rooms of the Greenwich street grammar school building, in place of the double desks now in the rooms.

In behalf of the School Committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, President.

RESOLVED, That the request of the School Committee to place single desks in two of the rooms of the Greenwich street grammar school, be referred to the Joint Committee on Education, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 508. Resolution to procure single desks for the Grammar School on Greenwich street.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice of and by the direction of the Committee of City Property, be and he is hereby directed to place suitable single desks in two of the grammar rooms of the Greenwich street school building, during the next vacation: the cost of the work not to exceed six hundred dollars, and to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 509. Resolution to purchase materials for sewers.

(Approved April 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the City Engineer's Department be hereby authorized to contract for the purchase of such sewerage materials as they may deem necessary for the use of the sewerage department for the coming season.

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IN CONVENTION,

APRIL 11, 1872.

The following officers are elected :

Police Constables without power to serve civil process,

Richmond J. Stone,

Lothrop Lewis,

Jeremiah H. Bates,

Barak Evans,

John Short,

## No. 511. Resolution relating to Harbor Line.

(Approved April 15, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council to establish a harbor line, between Sassafraz Point and Field's Point.

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## No. 512. Resolution in relation to the driving of Cattle and Swine.

(Approved April 15, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby instructed to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act prohibiting the driving of cattle or swine, loose or unfastened, in any of the streets of this city.

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## No. 513. Resolution relating to injuries from constructing the Sewer in Point street.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Sewers be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the injuries done to the water pipes leading from the Manchester fountain, by the construction of the Point street sewer.

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## No. 514. Resolution for enlarging the office of the City Auditor.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the direction of the Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to enlarge the office of the City

Auditor by adding thereto a portion of the office of the Municipal Court, in accordance with plan herewith submitted, and to furnish said offices with such furniture as may be found necessary by the alteration, at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings; and the said Committee on City Property are hereby empowered to have the work done without advertising for proposals and without contract.

No. 515. Resolution relating to claim of Yearly Meeting of Friends for Thayer street.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Hunt, J. R. Brown, and Persons of the Common Council, and Aldermen Snow and Brayton, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with a committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends relative to their suit for damages by reason of the extension and opening of Thayer street, now pending in the Supreme Court; and to report to the City Council on what terms the same can be settled.

No. 516. Resolution relating to Camp street.

(Passed April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. A. J. Brown, Beckwith and Cory, with Aldermen Snow and Brayton, are hereby appointed a committee with authority to settle the claims of all parties dissatisfied with the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Camp street, provided, that such settlement can be made for a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose named in the foregoing resolution; to be paid out of the appropriation for opening streets.

No. 517. Resolution for completing work on Hemlock street.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to proceed forthwith, and complete the highway work made necessary by the extension of Hemlock street.

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No 518. Resolution to purchase a Horse for the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the direction of the Committee on City Property, be authorized to purchase one horse for the use of the department of public buildings, at a cost not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ; to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 519. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Bernard O'Donnell, to raise a certain building, located at No. 120 Plane street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 520. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Hackett, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 521. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James S. Williams to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 17, 1872.

George Benford is elected Police Constable without power to serve civil process.

No. 523. Resolution for repairing pipes at Manchester Fountain.

(Approved April 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to cause the injuries done to the water pipes leading from Manchester fountain, in constructing the sewer in Manchester and Point streets, to be properly repaired; and that the expense thereof be paid from the appropriation for sewers.

No. 524. Report of Special Committee upon Claims against the Union Railroad Co.

(Presented April 23, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

Your joint special committee, to whom on the first day of March, 1872, was referred the matter of the claims of the city against the Union Railroad Company, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and are of the opinion, that in regard to the claim for cleaning sand traps, the city has a perfect claim against said company. In regard to the claim for repaving Cranston street with granite blocks, your committee have obtained from the City Solicitor an opinion to the effect, that under the facts in this case, the city has no legal claim against the company; the track having been originally constructed under a grant from the town of Cranston, which did not require the company to re-pave. All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

ERVIN T. CASE, *Chairman.*

## No. 525. Resolutions for observing Decoration Day.

(Approved April 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Case, Keep and Sellew, with Alderman Angell, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make arrangements for a suitable observance of Decoration Day.

RESOLVED, That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that day; to be paid by the City Treasurer, upon the order of said committee, from the appropriation for contingencies.

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## No. 526. Resolution relating to Battey street.

(Approved April 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby instructed to cause the repairs on Battey street to be completed forthwith.

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## No. 527. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Colin C. Baker to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner. Said building to be kept moving night and day.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 528. Resolutions granting permission to move a  
building.

(Approved April 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Kenna to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner. Said building to be moved at such time as not to obstruct the street cars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to  
No. 529. Solomon Taylor, and  
530. Lorenzo Vaughan

to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

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IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 23, 1872.

The following officers are elected Police Constables without power to serve civil process:

Fitz James Rice,

William H. Wickes.

No. 533. Resolution to purchase land for highway, at Dudley and West Clifford streets.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be hereby authorized to purchase for the city, for highway purposes, a certain piece of land at the intersection of Dudley, Myrtle and West Clifford streets, provided, the same shall not cost more than three hundred dollars, and that a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor be obtained. The said sum to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

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No. 534. Resolution for paving at Central Bridge.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners are hereby directed to set the curb-stones in front of the city land at the westerly end of Red Bridge; also, to pave the approaches to the bridge with paving blocks, not exceeding in area three hundred and thirty square yards; the whole to be paid out of the appropriation for highways.

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No. 535. Resolution for curbing Gilmore street.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Gilmore street, from Cranston street to Wilson street.

No. 536. Resolution relative to loaning the credit of the City to the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Charles Hart and Benjamin F. Thurston are hereby selected to act with the City Solicitor as the legal advisers of the city in relation to all matters pertaining to the proposed loan of the credit of the city to the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.

No. 537. Report and Resolution relating to plans for Sewerage.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

THE Committee on the City Engineer's Department, to whom on the 12th of February last, was referred by the honorable Common Council, a resolution reported by the joint committee on sewers, appointing the Water Commissioners a committee to cause plans to be made for the sewerage of such portions of the city as have not been ordered, make this report:

The committee, upon an examination of the subject, ascertained that the Water Commissioners had heretofore been requested to cause plans to be made for the sewerage of nearly the entire territory embraced within the city limits; and in pursuance of these requests, made at different times, both by the Board of Aldermen and the City Council, such plans are being made as have not been already completed.

The several votes referred to are as follows: March 20, 1871, by the Board of Aldermen, for the North Main street district: June 14, 1871, by the Board of Aldermen, for the Point street district, and March 13, 1872, by the Board of Aldermen, for

the Thayer and Brook street district: September 4th, 1871, resolution No. 144, of the City Council, for the Fountain street district: September 25, 1871, resolution No. 171, for the Dorrance street district and the ninth ward,—and January 10th, 1872, resolution No. 330, for the second and third wards.

The only portions of the city, for which plans have not been ordered, are the Pearl street district, a portion of the first ward, and the Woonasquatucket district.

In view of these facts, the committee deem it expedient that the same skill which has been employed in considering and preparing sewerage plans for nearly the entire city, should complete the work.

They, therefore, concur with the Joint Committee on Sewers, in recommending the adoption of the resolution under consideration.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, April 29, 1872.

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be hereby appointed a committee to cause a plan or plans to be prepared for the sewerage and drainage of the several sections of the city, plans for which have not already been ordered.

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No. 538. Resolution for grading and curbing South Angell street.

(Approved April 29, 1872)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they hereby are directed to bring to grade that portion of South Angell street, lying between its junction with Wayland avenue and the easterly end of the estate of J. Herbert Shedd, and to set the curbstones and pave the gutters thereon.

## No. 539. Resolution to pay Charles O. Barnes.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles O. Barnes the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; being in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the sewer at the junction of North Main and Star streets, on the tenth day of March, 1872; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies whenever he shall give a receipt for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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## Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 29, 1872]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz.:—

- No. 540. William M. Bowen, No. 279 Pine street.
  - 541. Horace B. Knowles, No. 13 Arnold street.
  - 542. Manchester & Chace, No. 75 Ocean street.
  - 543. Benjamin W. Persons, No. 14 Arnold street.
  - 544. Silas Sweet, corner of Burnside street and Potter's avenue.
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## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz.:—

- No. 545. Peter Gookin.
- 546. Charles O. Hall.
- 547. Samuel L. Spencer.

## Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 29, 1872.)

**RESOLVED**, That permission be granted to

No. 548. Michael Cullen, and

549. Benjamin R. Thurston,

to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

**RESOLVED**, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

## No. 551. Resolution to discontinue the widening of Hope street.

(Approved May 9, 1872.)

**RESOLVED**, That the City Solicitor is hereby instructed to discontinue all future proceedings in relation to the widening and straightening of Hope street, from John street to Thayer street, under the resolution of the City Council, approved October 9, 1871.

## No. 552. Resolution to widen and straighten Hope street.

(Approved May 9, 1872.)

**RESOLVED**, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen and straighten Hope street, in said city, as follows: beginning for the easterly line at the northwesterly corner of the house belonging to Philip H. Durfee, in the easterly line of said Hope street, at a point one hundred and five and sixty one hundredths feet northerly from the northerly line of John street; thence in a direct line northerly to an angle

at a point in the northerly line of Power street nine and fifty-five hundredths feet easterly from the present easterly line of said Hope street ; thence in a direct line to an angle at the present southerly line of Young Orchard avenue, so called, ninety-four hundredths feet easterly from the present easterly line of Hope street ; thence in the present easterly line of Hope street to the centre line of Benevolent street ; thence in a direct line to an angle at the centre line of George street and at the present easterly line of Hope street ; thence in the present easterly line of Hope street to the southerly line of Angell street ; thence across Angell street to a point in the northerly line thereof, four and sixth-tenths feet easterly of the present easterly line of Hope street ; thence in a direct line to an angle at the range of the southerly line of Bowen street, passing through a point four and fifty-eight hundredths feet easterly of the southwesterly corner on Hope street of the Dexter Asylum estate ; thence in a direct line to the easterly line of Thayer street, as recently established, passing through a point fifty feet easterly of the angle in the present easterly line of Hope street, opposite the house of Patrick O'Connor. And for the westerly line of said Hope street, a line fifty feet westerly from and parallel with the above described proposed easterly line : and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application the City Solicitor shall make application that said commisssoners shall apportion and assess three-quarters of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 553. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to George Jepherson, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

RESOLVED, that the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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IN CONVENTION.

MAY 9, 1872.

Theodore B. Pierce is elected Weigher of Cotton.

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No. 554. Message from the Mayor relating to the death of Moses B. Lockwood.

(Presented May 13, 1872)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, May 13, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have to announce to you with deep pain the death of our esteemed fellow citizen Moses B. Lockwood, who departed this life at his residence, this morning, after a brief and painful illness.

In making this announcement, I can but express my sincere regret at the loss to this community of so estimable a public servant.

Mr. Lockwood has been identified with the interests of the city as president of the board of Water Commissioners since its organization, and theretofore as a member of the Common Council and of the School Committee. In these capacities he

has exhibited marked skill and ability, and in the great public work in which he was engaged when seized with his last illness, he has left a fitting monument of fidelity which will preserve to future generations the name of an honored citizen.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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No. 555. Resolutions relating to the death of  
Moses B. Lockwood.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Council have heard with deep regret of the decease of Moses B. Lockwood, Esq., president of the board of Water Commissioners.

RESOLVED, That the City Council desire to express their sensibility of the great loss which this community has sustained in the death of Mr. Lockwood, whose daily life, both in public and private, was distinguished by integrity and faithful devotion to duty.

RESOLVED, That, as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased, the City Council will attend the funeral,

RESOLVED, As a further token of respect to the memory of the deceased, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family, and that the same be entered upon the records of the City Council.

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No. 560 Resolution relating to land adjoining the  
Engine House on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council of Providence, it is desirable for the interests of the city, that the lot of land on Doyle avenue, directly in the rear of and adjoining the engine house at the corner of North Main street and Doyle

avenue, be sold or exchanged for other land contiguous to said engine house; and that Messrs Root, Fisher, Perkins and Anthony of the Common Council, and Alderman Earle, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to act in accordance with the terms of this resolution and report to the City Council upon what terms such sale or exchange can be made.

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No. 561. Resolution for curbing Rhodes street.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Rhodes street, between Eddy and Plane streets, provided the expense of the same does not exceed the sum of fourteen hundred dollars.

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No. 562. Resolution ordering work on Pitman and South Angell streets.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause that portion of Pitman and South Angell streets terminating at the west approach to Central bridge, to be graded and put in such condition as may be, in their judgment, deemed advisable.

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No. 563. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Wood street.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Alderman be and they are hereby requested to receive Wood street, from Parade street to Messer street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 564. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive and declare Ring street.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Ring street, from Knight street to Almy street, and declare the same a public highway ; said street having been peaceably traveled and actually used for more than twenty years.

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No. 565. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Passed May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Joseph Martin, to raise a certain building, located on Clemence street ; pursuant to his petition.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows ; pursuant to their several petitions, viz.:—

- No. 566. Patrick Kenny, Martin street,
- 567. Frank Molten. No. 32 Stewart street.
- 568. Albert D. Read, No. 36 Stewart street.
- 569. Eliza G. Richardson, No. 90 Courtland street.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners, viz. :

- No. 570. Henry J. Angell.  
 571. William Porter.  
 572. Richard Walsh.

## Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

- No. 573. Charles A. Brown.  
 574. Michael J. Butler.  
 575. John Cassidy.  
 576. James Healey.  
 577. Harley Luther, and  
 578. William H. Young,

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 13, 1872.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires

thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners. Said buildings to be kept in motion while upon the railroad track, viz.:

No. 579. Thomas A. Kennedy and

• 580. Solomon W. Thornton,

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 581. Resolution for building a Bridge at Eagle street.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council it is desirable that a bridge be built across the Woonasquatucket river, between the city of Providence and the town of North Providence, at the foot of Eagle street, and that a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for this purpose, to be expended by the overseer of bridges, acting under the advice and direction of the advising committee on bridges.

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No. 582. Resolution relating to the Rone Estate.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to apply to the Supreme Court, by petition in equity, and to pray said court for leave to sell the estate held by the city on Broad street, and known as the Rone estate ; pursuant to Chapter 727 of the public laws.

No. 583. Report of Special Committee on purchasing land on Plane and Point streets for School House.

(Presented May 13, 1872.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee appointed to confer with the owners whose land has been taken for school purposes on the corner of Point and Plane streets, for the purpose of ascertaining for what price said owners will convey the fee thereof to the city, report: that the City Solicitor has been in communication with said owners at the request of your committee, and has thus been the medium of communication between said owners and your committee. From information derived from him your committee are enabled to give the following as the terms upon which the fee may be purchased, to wit:

Henry C. Mathewson will sell to the city all land taken belonging to him, at one dollar per square foot, including land that is in dispute between him and Lawrence Murray, containing about 19,650 feet, 2,650 feet of which is in dispute. As to that in dispute, he offers a warranty deed as also a satisfactory bond to protect the city against all claims that may be made against it.

Lawrence Murray offers to sell the fee of all land belonging to him taken for school purposes, including the 2650 feet claimed by Henry C. Mathewson for \$18,000: without the 2,650 feet in dispute for the sum of \$15,000. Upon his land there are three very fair houses.

So far as land taken belonging to Bridget O'Donnell is concerned, there has no price been given that she is willing to take, within any reasonable figure.

The commissioners' estimates for the land taken was at the rate of fifty cents per square foot, but all the parties have appealed from the awards, and unless a purchase is made, the price must be determined by a jury.

N. VAN SLYCK, Chairman.

No. 584. Resolution for purchasing land on Plane and Point streets for School House.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Brayton and Spencer and Messrs. Van Slyck, Beckwith and Paine of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to purchase the fee of the land taken for school purposes on the corner of Point and Plane streets, the fee of which is in Henry C. Mathewson and Lawrence Murray, at an expense not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose; the same to be charged to the loan account.

No. 585. Resolution relating to Williams street Nursery and Williams street.

(Approved May 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to assist the Williams street Nursery in putting said street in a passable condition, and to provide for the disposal of the water upon said street; said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 587. Invitation to join in Convention.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, MAY 20, 1872.

RESOLVED, That the Common Council be invited to join the Board of Aldermen in Convention, on Thursday evening May 23, at nine o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Water Commissioner, in place of Moses B. Lockwood, deceased.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, *Clerk.*

In COMMON COUNCIL same day.

Read: whereupon it is resolved that the same be accepted.

J. M. ADDEMAN, *Clerk.*

No. 588. Resolution relating to Portrait of Hon. Samuel W. Bridgham.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the original portrait of Hon. Samuel W, Bridgham, formerly hanging in the Common Council chamber, be deposited in the gallery of portraits at Brown University, during the pleasure of the City Council.

No. 589. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the City Registrar.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the seventeenth annual report of the City Registrar for the year ending Dec. 31, 1871 be received, and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

No. 590. Report of the Special Committee to Establish bounds along the line of the Town of Cranston.

(Presented May 20, 1872.)

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The special committee appointed on the 21st of June last, to cause suitable bounds to be placed on the boundary line between this city and the town of Cranston, beg leave to report, that on the 31st day of August the town council of the town of Cranston appointed a committee to act in connection with your committee, and that the two committees have given the subject proper attention and have caused seven large and twelve small granite bounds to be placed on said boundary line, as follows, viz: one large stone on the corner of Cranston street and Fenner avenue, one on the corner of Reservoir and Fenner avenues, one on Pontiac street, one on the avenue west

of the Stonington railroad, one near the east line of Roger Williams Park, one on Broad street and one at the harbor line; one small stone on the Stonington railroad line, one on the north side of Cranston street, nine at angles in Fenner avenue and one near Betsy Williams' farm house.

The cost of the seven large bounds is one hundred dollars, and of the twelve small bounds is eighty-four dollars. The cartage, placing and City Engineer's assistants' time will not exceed one hundred dollars, making a total of two hundred and eighty-four dollars, one half of which is to be paid by the City of Providence and the other half by the town of Cranston.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee.

WM. W. PAINE, *Chairman.*

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No. 591. Report of Special Committee to settle with  
George L. Clarke.

(Presented May 20, 1872.)

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint special committee of the City of Council, appointed on the 8th ultimo., with full power to settle the claim of Hon. George L. Clarke, against the city for damages sustained by him in the extension and opening of Thayer street, beg leave to report, that after a conference with Mr. Clarke and after giving the subject a full consideration in all its bearings, your committee proposed and Mr. Clarke accepted a payment of seven thousand five hundred dollars, in full for the aforesaid claim, for which the City Auditor now holds a proper receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS W. SNOW, *for the Committee.*

No. 592. Report of Special Committee to confer with the Yearly Meeting of Friends in relation to Thayer Street.

(Presented May 20, 1872.)

The special committee appointed by the City Council on the 17th ultimo., to confer with a committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends relative to their suit for damages by reason of the extension of Thayer street, now pending in the Supreme Court, and to report to the City Council on what terms the same can be settled, beg leave to report, that they have conferred with a committee of the Society of Friends, who were fully authorized to make a settlement of their claim against the city, but being without power to make a settlement, your committee could obtain from the committee of the Society of Friends no satisfactory proposal. They would therefore respectfully ask that they may be fully empowered to make a settlement with said society, or be discharged from further action in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS W. SNOW,

*Chairman pro tem. of the Committee.*

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No. 593. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 to the Providence Water Works.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works; to be paid from the money in the treasury received from the sale of water bonds.

No. 594. Resolutions for purchasing land for the  
School House on Thurber Avenue.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council it is desirable and expedient to enlarge the school estate on Thurber avenue, by adding to the said estate on the northerly side thereof, a lot of land fronting forty feet on Plane street and extending easterly 100.30 feet holding the width of forty feet and containing four thousand and twelve feet more or less ; and it is further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby, directed to purchase said land at an expense not exceeding two thousand and fifty dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated for this purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots : provided, a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor be obtained.

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No. 595. Resolution for curbing Waterman Street  
near Central Bridge.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set on Waterman street, from the termination of the present curbing one hundred feet west of Central Bridge, to East River street, a distance of about one hundred feet.

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No. 596. Resolution to pay S. C. Kinsley and others  
for damages from the overflow of the Sewer in Exchange Place.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to S. C. Kinsley, Son & Co., the sum of eight hundred and

seventy-one dollars and ninety-seven cents ; to Henry Staples & Co., three hundred and thirteen dollars and ninety-five cents ; to Dewing & Monsell, two hundred forty-seven dollars and fifteen cents ; to D. H. Braman, two hundred forty-four dollars and fifteen cents ; to John Mathews & Co., one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ten cents ; to McCrillis, Harris & Co., one hundred fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents, and to C. C. T. Wheaton and Henry Anthony, one hundred twenty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents ; being in full compensation for all damages sustained by them or either of them by reason of the overflow of water from the sewer at the corner of Exchange street and Exchange place, on or about the 17th day of June, A. D., 1870. To be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, whenever the several named parties shall give receipt for their several specified amounts satisfactory to the City Solicitor

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No. 597. Resolution to pay Thomas A. Hart.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas A. Hart, twenty-five dollars, being in full compensation for all damage sustained by him by reason of the sinking of two boats belonging to him, during the celebration of the introduction of water, on Thanksgiving Day, 1871 ; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, upon his giving a receipt for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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No. 598. Resolution abating tax of Susan Cooke.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed upon real estate for the year 1871 against Susan Cooke, wife of Isaac, the sum of twenty dollars and twenty-five cents ; the same having been erroneously assessed against and paid by said Isaac Cooke on personal property in the said year 1871.

No. 599. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, that permission be granted to Albert Weaver, to raise a certain building, located at No. 458 Benefit street, pursuant to his petition.

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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, that permission be granted to the following persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz :

No. 600, Benjamin G. Chace.

No. 601, Alvin Copeland.

No. 602, C. F. & J. M. Hull.

No. 603, Fergus McGolrick.

No. 604, Frederick Miller.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 605. Resolution relating to proposed annexation of a portion of North Providence.

(Approved May 23, 1872.)

WHEREAS, a petition is now pending before the General Assembly, for the annexation of a portion of the town of North Providence to the city of Providence, and

WHEREAS, before action be had thereon by the General Assembly, it is desirable that said town and this city shall fully consider the matter, it is therefore—

RESOLVED, That three commissioners, who shall be tax-payers and citizens of the city, shall be appointed for the purpose:

First, Of preparing a map of the territory proposed to be annexed to the city.

Second, Of making a correct estimate of the value of the real estate contained therein, and of the amount of the taxable property of the inhabitants thereof.

Third, Of the amount of public property belonging to said town or any school district in said portion, and all public property belonging to the town in the portion not set off.

Fourth, Of the amount of indebtedness of the town justly belonging to the portion of said town or any school district to be annexed, and how much of said debt should be assumed by this city.

Fifth, Of examining and reporting upon all matters bearing upon said proposed annexation, which, in the judgment of said commissioners, may seem of importance.

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No. 606. Resolution relative to the mode of electing certain officers.

(Approved May 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be instructed to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to chapter 598 of the statutes, providing that the City Treasurer, City Solicitor, Superintendent of Health, Overseer of the Poor and Harbor Master shall hereafter be elected by the City Council.

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No. 607. Resolution relating to the term of office of the Water Commissioners..

(Approved May 28, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to chapter

640 of the statutes, permitting the City Council to extend the term of office of the Water Commissioners for such time as said City Council shall deem advisable.

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No. 608. Resolution to lay out and extend Seekel street.

(Approved May 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Seekel street, from its present southerly termination southerly to Pine street, of a uniform width of thirty-three feet; beginning at the termination of the easterly line of said street, as formerly laid out, then in direct continuance of said line southerly about thirty-five feet to an angle at a point in the westerly line of Joseph C. Fanning estate, then southerly in said westerly line, to Pine street; and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose;—

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the City Council hereby direct, that in said application the City Solicitor shall make application that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-quarters of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application, as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the City Solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

