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RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
WITH REPORTS.

1875.

IN CONVENTION

JANUARY 4, 1875.

This being the day fixed by law 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 two and a half o'clock, P. M.

The certificate of the election of HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1875, 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 elected being present, except Alderman John B. Anthony, in whose place Alderman George B. Earle holds over, the oath of office is administered to them by the Mayor.

ALDERMEN.

FIRST WARD,	-	-	-	ALFRED METCALF.
SECOND WARD,	-	-	-	ADDISON Q. FISHER.
THIRD WARD,	-	-	-	*GEORGE B. EARLE.
FOURTH WARD,	-	-	-	GEORGE T. SPICER.
FIFTH WARD,	-	-	-	ALBERT H. MANCHESTER.
SIXTH WARD,	-	-	-	NATHANIEL F. POTTER.
SEVENTH WARD,	-	-	-	ABNER H. ANGELL.
EIGHTH WARD,	-	-	-	J. LIPPITT SNOW.
NINTH WARD,	-	-	-	WILLIAM V. DABOLL.
TENTH WARD,	-	-	-	AMASA M. EATON.

*In place of John B. Anthony, absent from the United States.

COMMON COUNCIL.

FIRST WARD.

ELISHA C. MOWRY,
STILLMAN WHITE,

OREN WESTCOTT,
JOHN P. COONEY.

SECOND WARD.

HENRY L. PARSONS,
WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS,

JOHN C. PEGRAM,
DEXTER B. LEWIS.

THIRD WARD

CLINTON D. SELLEW,
STURGES P. CARPENTER,

EDWARD C. AMES,
THOMAS A. MILLETT.

FOURTH WARD.

ABNER J. BARNABY,
WILLIAM W. PAINE,

FRANCIS COLWELL,
CHARLES F. SAMPSON.

FIFTH WARD.

WILLIAM W. RICKARD,
WILLIAM SPENCER,

HENRY A. CORY,
JOHN W. BRIGGS

SIXTH WARD.

WILLIAM S. HAYWARD
ARCHIBALD B. RICE,

HENRY C. BRADFORD,
DANIEL E. DAY.

SEVENTH WARD.

JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY
WILLIAM D. HILTON,

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON.
GEORGE W. BABCOCK.

EIGHTH WARD.

EDWIN A. SMITH,
BENJAMIN HUNT, Jr.,

RUSSELL A. DENISON,
NICHOLAS A. FENNER.

NINTH WARD.

JAMES ARDERN,
GEORGE H. PETTIS,

HENRY R. BARKER,
WILLIAM Y. POTTER.

TENTH WARD.

HUGH HAMILL,
JAMES J. NOLAN,

JOHN MORRIS,
HIRAM A. SHORT.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Franklin Olds.
 Advising Committee on Bridges, Mayor and Aldermen,
 Overseers of the Hospital, Mayor and Aldermen.
 Overseer of the City Pumps, Oliver E. Greene.
 Viewer of Fences, Lyman Arnold.

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon, George H. Burnham.
 Persons to Superintend the building of Chimneys, and the
 placing of Stoves and Pipes :
 Samuel B. Bullock, Josiah Simmons,
 Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Coroners :

George W. Wightman, Roger W. Potter,
 William Knowles, William H. Palmer.

Undertakers :

Michael G. Barron,	Thomas McMurrrough,
Thomas E. Barron,	Merick Nichols,
James Boyce,	Everett R. Osgood,
Edward A. Briggs.	Thomas E. Payson,
William O. Briggs,	Patrick Quinn,
John L. Clarke,	Benjamin P. Swarts,
George W. Hopkins,	Gardner T. Swarts,
John G. Hopkins,	Orin Sweet,
Horace B. Knowles,	William Wallace,
Henry Lynch,	Joseph N. Whelden.
Thomas R. Mathews,	

Constables :

Lucian J. Arnold,	James McEnanly,
Charles Barrows,	John O'Brien,
James H. Barry,	Jabez C. Potter,
Charles Henry Brown,	Roger W. Potter,
John H. Cokely,	Charles H. Scott,
John H. Gould,	Samuel Whitney,
Joseph W. Laughlin,	Wanton A. Weaver,
	Randall B. Wilcox.

Packers of Fish :

Peleg S. Sherman, William A. Austin, Albert F. Fuller.

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Salæratas 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 Cordors of Wood :

Lyman Arnold,	Jabez C. Olney,
William W. Arnold,	Esek H. Pierce,
Charles H. Bartlett,	Lucian W. Palmer,
Stephen Brooks,	Robert E. Smith,
Samuel B. Bullock,	Thomas E. White,
Nelson Chace,	Christopher L. Holden,
James S. Hudson,	Eden Perrin,
Robert Manchester,	George L. Wood,
Darwin R. Mowry,	Franklin A. Steere,

Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

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

Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters', Masons' and

Painters' Work :

Jonathan S. Angell,	Isaac N. Hallett,
Stephen C. Arnold,	Clifton A. Hall,
Leonard Blodget,	Edson S. Jones,
John Buckley,	Robert Manchester,
George W. Cady,	Alfred Stone,
Russell Greene,	Niles B. Schubarth,
Charles F. Griffin,	John A. Townsend,
Henry A. Grimwood,	Thomas E. White,

Charles F. Wilcox.

 Measurers of Grain, Salt and Sea Coal :

Shubael B. Crowell, George W. S. Potter,
 Joseph Wesley.

Weigher for the Platform Scale at the Haymarket :

Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Gauger:

Edward G. Farmer.

Weighers of Cotton :

Charles S. Mathewson,	Samuel C. Davenport,
Samuel R. Simmons,	Charles G. Morgan,
Nathaniel W. Pierce,	Morris B. Deming,
Frank Brastow,	John S. Kellogg,
Stephen Tripp,	Joseph Hanlon,
Theodore B. Pierce,	William P. Morton,
Oliver A. Lockwood, Jr.	Henry K. Potter,
Frank L. Sheldon,	Frank M. Mathewson,
Charles Dyer,	Edward B. Hamlin,
Charles H. Cowell,	James G. Peck,
Frank H. Brown,	James Herbert Foster.

Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law :

Richard Ward Greene, Benjamin T. Eames,
 Benjamin F. Thurston.

No. 1. Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

[Elected by concurrent vote, January 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Daniel E. Day is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1875.

 No. 2. Highway Commissioners.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 4, 1875.

RESOLVED, That Lemuel S. Harris be hereby elected highway commissioner for the term of one year from the first Monday in January 1875, and that Samuel L. Blaisdell be hereby elected highway commissioner for the term of three years from said day.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 4, 1875.

RESOLVED, That Lemuel S. Harris is hereby elected highway commissioner for the term of one year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1875, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Gideon Bradford.

RESOLVED, that Samuel L. Blaisdell is hereby elected highway commissioner, for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1875.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

 No. 3. Justices of the Police Court.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 4, 1875.

RESOLVED, That from the justices assigned to keep the peace within the city of Providence, Elias M. Jenckes and Lorin M. Cook be and they are hereby selected to compose the police court during the year ensuing.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 4, 1875.

RESOLVED, That from the justices assigned to keep the peace within the city of Providence, Elias M. Jenckes and Lorin M. Cook be and they are hereby selected to compose the police court during the present municipal year.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

 No. 4. Joint Committee on Accounts.

[Elected January 4, 1875.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 4, 1875.

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Eaton and Metcalf, having been elected by ballot, members of the joint committee on accounts on the part of the board of aldermen, the same be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 4, 1875.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. William W. Paine, Edwin A. Smith, Henry A. Cory, Oren Westcott and George W. Babcock, having been elected by ballot, members of the joint committee on accounts on the part of the common council, the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 5. Joint Standing Committees.

[Appointed January 4, 1875]

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 4, 1875.

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.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk,

In BOARD OF ALDERMEN same day,
Read, and the following named aldermen added.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

Finance:

Messrs. Jerothmul B. Barnaby, Dexter B. Lewis,
Daniel E. Day, William Spencer.
Alderman Fisher.

Highways :

Messrs. Henry A. Cory, William W. Douglas,
Benjamin Hunt, jr., George W. Babcock,
Alderman Potter

Education :

Messrs. Henry R. Barker, John Morris,
John C. Pegram, Russell A. Denison,
Alderman Metcalf

Fire Department :

Messrs. William S. Hayward, Stillman White,
Clinton D. Sellew, John W. Briggs,
Alderman Spicer.

City Property :

Messrs. Henry L. Parsons, Sturges P. Carpenter,
James Arden, William D. Hilton,
Alderman Earle.

Police :

Messrs. Abner J. Barnaby, Edwin A. Smith,
Archibald B. Rice, Edward C. Ames,
Alderman Manchester.

Ordinances :

Messrs. William W. Douglas, Edward C. Ames,
John C. Pegram, William W. Rickard,
Alderman Eaton.

Claims :

Messrs. Elisha C. Mowry, Henry L. Parsons,
William W. Paine, William S. Johnson,
Alderman Angell.

Printing :

Messrs. Henry C. Bradford, Thomas A. Millett,
George H. Pettis, Oren Westcott.
Alderman Daboll.

Parks :

Messrs. William D. Hilton, William S. Hayward,
 George H. Pettis, Charles F. Sampson,
 Alderman Daboll.

North Burying Ground :

Messrs. Edward C. Ames, Nicholas A. Fenner,
 William Spencer, Alderman Eaton.

Harbor :

Messrs. William W. Rickard, Hiram A. Short,
 Dexter B. Lewis, Alderman Potter.

Railroads :

Messrs. John C. Pegram, John P. Cooney,
 Henry C. Bradford, Alderman Daboll.

Sewers :

Messrs. William W. Paine, Russell A. Denison,
 Clinton D. Sellew, Alderman Snow.

Lamps :

Messrs. Clinton D. Sellew, James J. Nolan,
 Edwin A. Smith, Alderman Spicer.

Water :

Messrs. William Y. Potter, Hugh Hamill,
 Daniel E. Day, Alderman Snow,
 Charles F. Sampson, Alderman Fisher,

City Debt :

Mr. Dexter B. Lewis.

City Engineer's Department.

Mr. Abner J. Barnaby.

No. 6. Resolution appointing Joint Committee on the Harbor.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rickard, Lewis and Short, of the common council, with alderman Potter, 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. 7. Resolution for printing the Mayor's Address and the City Manual.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bradford, Pettis, Millett and Westcott, 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 shall 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 for the use of the city council, under the general title of the "City Manual."

No. 8. Resolution to Contract for the City Printing.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bradford, Pettis, Millett and Westcott, 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. 9. Resolution to Contract for Stationery.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on printing, be and they are hereby authorized to contract for stationery for the use of the various city officers, for the present municipal year.

No. 10. Resolution referring subjects in the Mayor's Address to the Standing Committees.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

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. 11. Resolution for Printing certain Reports.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

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.

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. 12. Resolution limiting the number of City Documents.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

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.

No. 22. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the Reform School.

[Approved January 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the trustees of the Providence Reform school, this day presented, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council.

No. 25. Report of the Highway Commissioners.

[Presented January 11, 1875.]

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 5, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The highway commissioners respectfully report, that Messrs. Samuel L. Blaisdell and Lemuel S. Harris have been duly

engaged, and the commission re-organized by the election of Charles Anthony, president, and Lemuel S. Harris, secretary.

The commission have also appointed Mr. George E. Thompson clerk of the highway department.

CHARLES ANTHONY,	}	Commissioners.
S. L. BLAISDELL,		
LEMUEL S. HARRIS,		

No. 27. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved January 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 28. Resolution to purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck with self-supporting ladder.

[Approved January 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers of the fire department, acting under the advice and consent of the joint committee on the fire department, are hereby authorized to purchase for the use of the department, a hook and ladder truck in which is contained a self supporting hose elevator and fire escape, at a sum not exceeding twenty-seven hundred dollars: the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 29. Resolution to pay James and Anna J. McCabe, \$400.

[Approved January 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James and Anna J. McCabe, the sum of four hundred dollars, in full compensation for damages to their estate on Richardson street, resulting from excavations in said street; whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingences.

No. 30. Resolution abating tax of John P. Murphy.

[Approved January 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to John P. Murphy, the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 31. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, for the purpose of removing stumps, trimming trees, and cleaning up the Roger Williams park, the same to be paid from the appropriation for parks.

No. 32. Resolution fixing compensation of the Weigher at the Hay Market.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the compensation of the weigher for the platform scale at the haymarket, be hereby fixed at two thirds of the amount of all fees received by him, and that the other one-third of said amount shall be paid by him into the city treasury.

No. 33. Message from the Mayor in relation to hall in the school house on Point street.

[Presented January 25, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
January 25, 1875 }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Application has been made for the use of the hall in the Point street school house for public lectures and concerts. I see no objection to granting the hall for such purpose upon payment of a proper rent, and therefore bring the matter to your attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 34. Resolution relating to the Hall in the school house on Point street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to renting the hall in the school house on Point street, be referred to the joint committee on education to examine and report thereon.

No. 35. Message from the Mayor relating to the compensation of the Commissioners on the annexation of North Providence.

[Presented January 25, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
January 25, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In transmitting to the city council the report of the commissioners on the annexation of North Providence, I omitted to state the sum due to them for their services, which is to be paid by this city, and which is four hundred thirty-five dollars and five cents.

I recommend the passage of a resolution authorizing the payment of this sum.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 36. Resolution establishing certain schools in the Tenth Ward.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the following schools are hereby established, viz. :

A grammar school on Chalkstone avenue.

A grammar school at the corner of Atwell's avenue and Marion street,

A grammar school on Manton avenue.

An intermediate school on Chalkstone avenue.

An intermediate school at Fruit hill.

An intermediate school at the corner of Atwell's avenue and Marion street.

A primary school at the corner of Atwell's avenue and Marion street.

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- A primary school on Manton avenue.
 - A primary school on Orms street.
 - A primary school on Branch avenue.
 - A primary school on West River street.
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No. 37. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance.

[Presented January 25, 1875.]

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on finance to whom, on the fourth instant, was referred so much of the annual address of his honor the mayor, delivered on that day, as relates to the finances, make this report :

The committee have considered so much of the matter referred to them as relates to the floating debt and find that a portion of this debt has been created for the construction of sewers, and a portion for interest paid on the water loan. Of the amount paid for the construction of sewers, a portion will be re-paid to the treasury by assessments upon the estates benefited by the sewers, and the balance must be paid from the city treasury. The committee deem it proper that the amount to be paid from the treasury should be provided for by the issue of bonds, and they have therefore caused a bill to be drawn by the city solicitor, which they submit herewith, and recommend that application be made to the general assembly for its enactment.

The committee deem the sum of one million dollars large enough to cover the sewer outlay already made, and to be made, prior to the summer of 1876, and in their opinion, a period of twenty years is as long as the bonds should be issued for.

The amount of water loan already authorized has been issued by the city, and the committee deem it proper that the city should obtain authority to issue a further sum of one million dollars, and therefore submit the form of an act for

the purpose which they recommend be approved by the city council. This amount will not be wanted immediately, but the city should be in position to avail itself of a favorable condition of the money market by having the required authority.

The committee also present herewith the draft of an act making changes in the time of collecting sewer assessments, so that persons assessed may pay the amounts assessed upon them in equal payments for three years, if they so desire, interest being added at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. The committee recommend that the act be approved by the city council, and that an application for its passage be made to the general assembly at its present session.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee on finance,

J. B. BARNABY, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, January 25, 1875.

No. 38. First Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented January 25, 1875.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, January 12, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The undersigned city hall commissioners, elected October 8, 1874, and in conformity to the ordinance prescribing the duties of said commissioners, respectfully present their first quarterly report.

Their first meeting was holden October 12, 1874, at which meeting James Y. Smith was chosen chairman of the commission.

Charles F. Eddy has been elected secretary of the commission at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

Room C. Westminster block, No. 56 Westminster street, is occupied for the office of the commissioners without expense to the city.

The services of Samuel J. F. Thayer, of Boston, Mass., have been engaged as architect and superintendent, for the sum of twenty-six thousand one hundred forty eight dollars, which is to cover all his services and expenses to the completion of the building.

Sumner P. Brown has been employed as overseer of work at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum.

The contract for excavation was awarded to Benjamin F. Gladding, at twenty-two cents per cubic yard, and has been completed at a cost of one thousand two hundred nine dollars and twenty-four cents.

A contract has been made with Boynton Bros. for the piling and granite foundation walls for the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars. The piling has been completed and a part of the foundation is already laid.

The contract for cut granite work was awarded to James C. Batterson, (Rhode Island Granite Works, Westerly, R. I.) for the sum of two hundred nine thousand six hundred seven dollars. The granite used to be from Westerly, R. I., and Fox Island, Maine.

A contract has been made with Hopkins & Pomroy for the following materials :

500,000 pressed bricks at \$11.50 per thousand,

2,900,000 best Haverstraw bricks at \$9.90 per thousand.

5,600 casks, best Rosendale cement at \$1.40 per cask.

1,400 casks, Dexter lime at \$2.35 per cask, less 25 cents for all empty casks returned : all of the foregoing to be delivered at the site of the building.

A contract for the setting of all the cut granite and the laying of all the bricks has been made with Harrison G. Macomber for the sum of forty-three thousand two hundred fifty dollars.

The following are the disbursements to date :

Benjamin F. Gladding, excavation, -	-	\$1,209 24
Boynton Bros., piling and foundation,	-	7,200 00
Advertising, - - - - -	-	391 15
Prov. Pile Driving Co., testing lot, -	-	69 23

Charles F. Eddy, salary, -	-	250 00
Bugbee & Hall, books and stationary, -	-	48 17
Hammond, Angell & Co., printing, -	-	26 26
		\$9,194 05

The amount of expenditures during the last quarter is, -	-	\$9,194 05
The total amount of expenditures is, -	-	9,194 05
The total amount of appropriation is, -	-	110,000 00
The unexpended balance is, -	-	100,805 95

JAMES Y. SMITH,	}	City Hall
GEORGE H. CORLISS,		Commissioners.
WM. G. R. MOWRY,		

No. 42. Resolution relating to Police and Fire Station on Wickenden street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the plans and report of the joint special committee appointed to procure plans and estimates for a building to be located on Wickenden street and to be occupied by the police and fire departments, presented January 11, 1875, is hereby referred to a joint special committee, consisting of the standing committees on the fire and police departments, to examine and report thereon.

No. 43. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for authority to bond the City Hall Debt.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to apply to the general assembly at its present session, for the passage of an act authorizing the city to issue bonds for the city hall debt, and of the tenor of the act reported by the committee on finance, provided the interest on

said bonds shall not exceed seven per cent per annum, and that said bonds shall be payable in gold or in currency, as may be directed by the city council.

No. 44. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for authority to bond the Sewer Debt.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to apply to the general assembly, at the present session, for the passage of an act in reference to the bonding of the sewer debt, and of the tenor submitted by the committee on finance.

No. 45. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for authority to further bond the Water Debt.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to apply to the general assembly, at its present session, for the passage of an act to authorize the city to further bond the water debt, and of the tenor of the act submitted by the committee on finance.

No. 46. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to the Board of Public Works Act.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to apply to the general assembly at its present session, for the passage of the act in amendment of chapter 313, reported by the committee on finance.

No. 47. Resolution appointing Special Committee to inquire into the management of the Public Schools.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Potter, Douglas and A. J. Barnaby of the common council and aldermen Snow and Eaton, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to examine into the management of the public schools of the city in all its details, to ascertain how they are managed, arranged and organized, what defects if any, there are therein, and what changes are required to make the schools more effective, and in general, to give a thorough examination into all matters connected with our system of public education.

No. 48. Resolution appointing Special Committee on a House of Correction.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Hilton, Carpenter and Potter with aldermen Manchester and Spicer, be and they are hereby appointed a joint special committee to examine and report a location, plan, and estimate for a house of correction, to be situated in Providence: also to consider and report upon that portion of the last annual message of his honor the mayor, which relates to committals for drunkenness.

No. 49. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to allow the pay roll of police officers who have been

appointed but not confirmed, for duty performed by them in December, 1874, as follows :

George C. Hawkins,	-	-	\$46 75
Horace D. Sherman,	-	-	93 00
Jared Potter, jr.,	-	-	85 25

No. 50. Resolution relating to Engine House on Smith and Orms streets.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the joint committee on city property, is hereby directed to heat and furnish the engine and ladder station at the junction of Smith and Orms streets, at an expense not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars: the payment therefor to be charged to the appropriation for the erection of the house.

No. 51. Resolution to pay Narragansett Hotel Company for land for Eddy street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Narragansett Hotel Company the sum of ten thousand dollars, with interest thereon from May 1, 1874, whenever said corporation shall deliver to him a deed of the land called for by the agreement between the city and said company in reference to widening Eddy street, from Broad to Pine street, satisfactory to the city solicitor; and that the city treasurer, acting under the directions of the joint standing committee on finance, be authorized to hire the same.

No. 52. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Constitution street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Constitution street, from Lester street to Wilson street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 53. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Wayland avenue.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Wayland avenue from Angell street to Humboldt avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 54. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Lloyd street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Lloyd street, from Hope street to Thayer street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 55. Resolution abating tax of Richard Greene.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Richard Greene, the sum of two hundred seventy-two dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 56. Resolution directing survey of the valley of the Moshassuck river.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a survey to be made of that portion of the city embraced in the valley of the Moshassuck river, with a view of a permanent system of conducting the sewage of that district to tide water.

No. 57. Resolution for a sewer in Carpenter and Battey streets.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Carpenter and Battey streets, from Ringgold street to Fountain street.

No 58. Resolution for a sewer in Courtland street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Courtland street, from Carpenter street to Broadway.

No. 59. Resolution for a sewer in High street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in High street, from Battey street to Knight street.

No. 60. Resolution for a sewer in High, Knight, Washington and Battey streets.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in High, Knight, Washington and Battey streets, from Courtland street to Fountain street.

No. 61. Resolution for a sewer in High, Courtland, Carpenter and Fountain streets.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in High, Courtland, Carpenter and Fountain streets, from Almy street to Jackson street.

No. 62. Resolution for a sewer in Lemon street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Lemon street, from Carpenter street to Fountain street.

No. 63. Resolution for a sewer in Newton street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Newton street, from summit between Atwell's avenue and Federal street to Atwell's avenue.

No. 64. Resolution for a sewer in Chapel and Snow streets.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Chapel and Snow streets, from Burrill street to Westminster street.

No. 65. Resolution for a sewer in Middle street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Middle street, from Eddy street to Dorrance street.

No. 66. Resolution for a sewer in Custom House street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Custom House street, from Weybosset street to Dyer street.

No. 67. Resolution for a sewer in Dyer street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Dyer street, from Market square to Orange street.

No. 68. Resolution for a sewer in Pine street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pine street, from summit near Seekel street to Pearl street.

No. 69. Resolution for a sewer in Richmond street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Richmond street, from Elm street to Point street.

No. 70 Resolution for a sewer in South street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause main drains or common sewers to be constructed in South street, from Plane to Chestnut street, and from Chestnut to Richmond street.

No. 71. Resolution for a sewer in Hospital street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Hospital street, from Crary street to Borden street.

No. 72. Resolution for a sewer in Keene street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Keene street, from Prospect street to Thayer street.

No. 73. Resolution for a sewer in South Water street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in South Water street, from College street to the river at foot of Crawford street.

No. 74. Resolution for a sewer in Transit street.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Transit street, from Mohawk alley to Benefit street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved January 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 75. James Hill.
- 76. John Kelley.
- 77. James Sherry.

IN CONVENTION,

JANUARY 25, 1875.

The following city officers are elected, viz:

Constables.

George Allen,	George Lawless,
Silas J. Allen,	Samuel Merry jr.
William Batcheller,	John Edward Taylor,
John A Creighton,	George E. Thompson,
Thomas W. Hayward,	Herbert E. Dodge,
Lucian M. Stayner,	William H. Pullen,
Cornelius A. White,	Frank O. Ballou.

Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

Edwin M. Snow,	Amasa R. Tourtellot,
William J. King,	J. Lewis Diman,
Charles Anthony,	Amos D. Lockwood.
Overseer of Public Bridges,	Nelson Tallman.
Pound keeper at the Tenth Ward,	Daniel K. Angell.
Surveyor and Corder of Wood,	John Medley,

The gauger makes report that he has appointed as deputy gaugers, Messrs. Amos Potter and Robert Sherman; whereupon it is resolved, that said appointments be approved.

No. 78. Resolution to pay the Commissioners on the annexation of North Providence.

[Approved February 8, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the commissioners appointed by the general assembly, to report upon the division of the indebtedness and property of the town of North Providence between said town and the town of Pawtucket and city of Providence, the

sum of four hundred thirty-five dollars and five cents, for their services: the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 79. Resolution referring the claim of the city against the Union Railroad Co., in the case of John H. Watson.

[Approved February 8, 1875]

RESOLVED, That the petition of the Union Railroad Company in relation to the claim against them for the amount of the judgment against the city in the case of John H. Watson, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of aldermen Potter and Eaton with Messrs. Mowry, Douglas, Sampson, Rickard and Smith of the common council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 80. Resolution relative to assessments on Henry L. Parsons and Young & Lyon for College street.

[Approved February 8, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to settle the appeals of Henry L. Parsons, lessee, and Young & Lyon, lessees, from the assessments of commissioners laying out and extending College street, from South Main street to the harbor line, upon the payment by said Parsons of one hundred dollars, and by said Young & Lyon of one hundred dollars, to the city treasurer.

No. 81. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed police.

[Approved February 8, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in

January 1875, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed as follows:

Jared J. Potter,	-	-	-	\$85 25
Frank D. Seward,	-	-	-	85 25
Horace D. Sherman,	-	-	-	93 00

No. 91. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for Bridge across Providence river.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a bridge across Providence river, from Weybosset bridge to Crawford street; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No 92. Resolution relating to the School Teachers in the Tenth Ward.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to those teachers who taught in the public schools of the tenth ward from September 1, 1874, to January 1, 1875, and prior to September last had taught in the schools located in the district embraced in said ward more than three years, at and after the same rates as teachers of the same grades who taught in the public schools of the city during the same time.

No. 93. Resolution to pay Lucy Trask.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Lucy Trask the sum of fifty dollars, in full payment for her services in teaching sewing in the public schools during the

month of December 1874: to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 94. Resolution to pay Georgiana D. Read.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Georgiana D. Read the sum of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents, being the amount allowed her per schedule of teachers' salaries under resolution No. 737, passed June 15, and 18, 1874.

No. 95. Resolution to pay Emily E. Ince.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Emily E. Ince, formerly Emily E. Waite, the sum of ninety-five dollars and eighty-four cents, being the amount allowed her per schedule of teachers' salaries, under resolution No. 737, passed June 15 and 18, 1874.

No. 96. Resolution to pay Fannie E. Boyd.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Fannie E. Boyd, formerly Fannie E. Wood, the sum of one hundred dollars, being the amount allowed her per schedule of teachers' salaries under resolution No. 737, passed June 15 and 18, 1874.

No. 97. Resolution in relation to laying out a street from Public street to the river.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on sewers is hereby directed to inquire into the expediency and ascertain the expense of opening a street from the low point on Public street, between Broad street and Prairie avenue, and following that valley to the tide water near Field's point, and report thereon.

No. 98. Resolution to lay a sewer in Knight street.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Knight street, from the summit between Cranstons and High streets, to High street.

No. 99. Resolution to lay a sewer in Peace street.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Peace street, from Broad street, to Prairie avenue.

No. 100. Resolution to lay a sewer in Prairie avenue.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Prairie avenue, from Public street to Pearl street.

No. 101. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Raphael Danesi to raise a certain building located at No. 15 Tefft street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

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

No. 102. John Duffy,

103. Dennis Whalen.

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. 104. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved February 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Daniel W. Lyman to move a certain wooden building pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to telegraph wires and other public property 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, and that the building shall be kept moving night and day while on the rail road track.

No. 106. Resolution to pay \$900 to John C. Harris jr., agent, for Reservoir Avenue.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay John C. Harris jr. agent, for the land owners on Reservoir avenue, the sum of nine hundred dollars, being the balance of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars appropriated by resolution of February 12, 1874, for widening said avenue. and putting the same in condition for use; provided receipts satisfactory to the city solicitor be first given.

No. 107. Resolution to repair and furnish the school house on Potter's avenue.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby directed to repair and re-furnish Potter's avenue school house, at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars: to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 108. Resolution to pay Mary F. Simester.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary F. Simester, formerly Mary F. Peck, the sum of eighty seven dollars and fifty cents, being the amount allowed her, per schedule of teachers' salaries under resolution No. 737, passed June 15 and 18, 1874.

No. 109. Resolution to pay Stone & Carpenter for plans of Industrial School.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Alfred Stone and Charles E. Carpenter, architects, the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars, in full compensation for sketch plans and designs for an Industrial school for girls, whenever they shall present a certificate from the superintendent of public buildings, that they have deposited with him as the property of the city, said sketch plans and designs, or a duplicate copy thereof: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 110. Resolution to pay J. P. Millard.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer pay to J. P. Millard five hundred and five dollars and ten cents, balance of account for services rendered and material furnished per order of the Brook street commissioners, and in accordance with the bill certified by said commissioners, and that he charge the same to the account of the Brook street district.

No. 111. Resolution to pay Carpenter & Childs.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer pay to Carpenter & Childs two thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars and eighty five cents, balance of account for services rendered and materials furnished per order of the Brook street commissioners and in accordance with the bill certified by said commissioners; and that he charge the same to the account of the Brook street district.

No. 112. Resolution abating tax of Mary B. Burgess.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid, to refund to Mary B. Burgess, the sum of five dollars and eighty cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against her for the year 1874.

No. 113. Resolution abating tax of Spicer S. Fish.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid, to refund to Spicer S. Fish, the sum of one hundred and ten dollars and twenty cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 114. Resolution to lay a sewer in Bridgham, Central and Pearl streets.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Bridgham, Central and Pearl streets, from the summit on Bridgham street east of Central street, to Broad street.

No. 115. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Humboldt avenue.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Humboldt avenue, from Way-

land avenue to Elmgrove avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 116. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Elmgrove avenue.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Elmgrove avenue, from Angell street to Humboldt avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 117. Message from the Mayor relating to Mayor's Clerk.

[Presented February 23, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 23, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

On the first Monday of January, ultimo, I appointed Henry V. A. Joslin to the office of mayor's clerk.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 118. Message from the Mayor relating to School house on Messer street.

[Presented February 23, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 23, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The new school house on Messer street is so far completed as to be occupied for school purposes, and the old building should be removed from the estate as soon as practicable.

There are two or three localities in the western portion of the city where primary school accommodations are required. The want in one of these can be met by the removal thereto of the old building, which is in good order and well suited for a primary school, and I therefore recommend that the matter receive prompt attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 119. Resolution referring the foregoing
Message.

[Approved February 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated February 23, 1875, in relation to the school house on Messer street, and the old building standing on the same lot, be referred to the joint committee on education to examine and report thereon.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 23, 1875.

The following city officers are elected viz :

Surveyor of Lumber,	Esek A. Jillson.
Port Wardens,	
Shubael H. Cady,	Philander Crosby,
William Franceville.	

No. 120. Report of Special Committee on Engine
House and Police Station on Wickenden street.

[Presented February 23, 1875.]

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

The joint special committee to whom was referred the report and plans submitted by the joint special committee on

plans for the engine house and police station on Wickenden street, make this report.

The committee believed that the necessity for better accommodations for the police and fire departments was so generally admitted, that inquiry in this direction would be superfluous.

A careful examination of the plans which had been presented to the council, was made, and while they were thought to be perfect in detail, yet the committee believed, that many modifications might be made in the finish of the building, which would greatly reduce the cost of the structure, and at the same time, preserve nearly everything of any substantial value. To carry out this view of the committee, a sub-committee, consisting of alderman Manchester and councilmen Rice, Briggs and Sellew, was appointed, to consider and report such modifications in the plans as they might deem advisable. The report of the sub-committee, which is attached to and made a part of this report, shows in detail, the changes and modifications in the plans which are recommended to the city council.

The cost of the structure as now recommended, is estimated at thirty three thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars, but it is believed by those best competent to judge, that competition will reduce the actual cost below these figures. The plans as modified, are recommended by the committee, as is also the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

PROVIDENCE, February 23, 1875.

ABNER J. BARNABY, ESQ. Chairman, &c.

Dear Sir:—The sub-committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining and reporting upon the plans and report of the joint special committee appointed to procure plans and estimates for a building to be located on Wickenden street and to be occupied by the police and fire departments, presented

to the city council January 11, 1875, respectfully report, that they recommend the following changes in the plans and specifications reported by said committee, viz :

Leaving the cellar unfinished at present, except so far as is necessary to accommodate the heating apparatus and to provide suitable room for fuel.

The omission of partitions in the third story of the police department.

The omission of plastering of walls in hose and ladder rooms.

The omission of wood lining to walls in the first story.

The omission of bath room in second story of police department.

The substitution of Croton bricks for Danvers, on the north side of the building.

The substitution of spruce timber for pine generally.

The substitution of pine interior finish for ash.

The substitution of French glass throughout, for English.

The substitution of wooden partitions for brick, enclosing stairs in second story.

The substitution of wooden heel posts and troughs for iron, in stable.

The substitution of dado, in stairs, for balusters.

The committee have caused the plans to be measured by a sworn measurer, and procured new estimates upon the measurements thus obtained, which estimates amount to thirty three thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars. These figures can probably be reduced by competitive bids.

For the sub-committee,

CLINTON D. SELLEW.

No. 121. Resolutions to build Engine House and Police Station on Wickenden street.

[Approved February 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That Messrs. Sellew, Rice and Parsons, with aldermen Spicer and Manchester, be and they are hereby ap-

pointed a committee to cause to be erected, upon the lot owned by the city on the corner of Traverse and Wickenden streets, a building to be occupied by the police and fire departments, in accordance with the plans and elevations submitted to the council January 11, 1875, and the report of the joint special committee presented February 23, 1875; provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of thirty three thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars.

RESOLVED. That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and consent of the standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS.

[Presented February 23, 1875.]

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, February 22, 1875.

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

The undersigned commissioners to build a city hall, beg leave to submit that the estimates which we have received from responsible contractors, justify us in assuring you that the entire edifice may be made fire proof at a cost of forty thousand dollars beyond that of a partially fire proof structure, as already provided for. We are clearly of the opinion that the interest of the city will be best promoted by adopting the fire proof plan throughout, and ask the concurrence of your honorable body in such action as will secure the same.

Very respectfully,

JAMES Y. SMITH, } City Hall
GEO. H. CORLISS, } Commissioners.
WM. G. R. MOWRY.

No. 122. Resolution relating to the City Hall.

[Approved February 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to construct the city hall, now in process of erection, fire proof, in accordance with the plans of the joint committee on city hall plans, presented September 21, 1874, and the communication of the commissioners dated February 22, 1875.

No. 123. Message from the Mayor relating to Invitation of Irish-American Societies.

[Presented February 26, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
February 26, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the chief marshal of the Irish and Irish-American societies, an invitation for the city council to review the procession on St. Patrick's day, March 17, next ensuing, with a request, that I will communicate the same to the city council with his earnest desire that the same may be accepted

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 124. Resolution accepting invitation of Irish American Societies.

[Approved March 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation of the chief marshal of the Irish and Irish American societies to review the procession on St. Patrick's day, March 17, proximo, be hereby accepted.

No. 125. Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for Contingencies.

[Approved March 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, be and is hereby added to the appropriation for contingencies, and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 126. Resolution adding \$265 to appropriation for land on Orms, Candace, and Goddard streets.

[Approved March 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred and sixty-five dollars, be and is hereby added to the appropriation passed by the city council and approved December 21, 1874, for the purchase of land on Orms, Candace and Goddard streets, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to carry the above into effect.

No. 127. Resolution relating to laying sewer in Wickenden street.

[Approved March 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to construct the sewer ordered in Wickenden street, by resolution No. 840, approved July 16, 1874, from Ann street to Brook street, instead of from Hope street to Brook street, as directed in said resolution.

No. 128. Resolution for a full report on the Water Works.

[Approved March 8, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby requested, to cause to be prepared a full report of all matters relating to the introduction of a supply of pure water into this city and the construction of the water works, with details of the various departments of piping and laying the same, erection of buildings, construction of engines and reservoirs, with the cost of each; and to accompany their report with all necessary maps and drawings, and present the same in print to the city council, upon the completion of the water works.

No.129 . Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved March 8, 1875.]

RESOLVED, that the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in February, 1875, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Thomas S. Austin,	\$77 00
Michael Madden,	77 00
Edward O'Neil,	77 00
Jared J Potter,	77 00
Frank D. Seward,	74 25
Horace D. Sherman,	78 00
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	\$460 25

No. 130. Message from the Mayor relating to the City Hall Foundations, with accompanying papers.

[Presented March 8, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, March 8, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Clause 4, of section 9 of the city charter provides that the city council shall have power to appoint from time to time, all such officers "as may be needful or proper to carry into execution the powers or laws of said city, unless the appointment of such officers be prohibited by law."

Clause 1, of section 7 of the city charter, declares that "the mayor of said city shall be the chief executive officer thereof," and clause 4 of the same section is in these words: "he [the mayor] shall inspect the conduct of subordinate officers, and cause all negligence, carelessness and violation of duty to be duly prosecuted and punished."

Chapter 965, of the statutes, passed January, 1872, in amendment of the city charter, provides that the city council shall have power to appoint "commissioners to superintend the

construction of any public building, or public works, or the paving, grading, curbing and repairing of streets, and the building, altering and repairing of sidewalks, and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation."

Section 4, of chapter 19 of the ordinances, is in the words following: "No money shall be paid out of the city treasury, except in the cases provided in this chapter, unless the expenditure or the terms of the contract, shall be vouched by the head of the department and the chairman of the committee or commission, under whose authority the same has been authorized and made, nor unless the same shall have been examined by the city auditor, approved by the committee on accounts and drawn for by the mayor; provided, that in all cases when it is necessary for money to be paid in advance for contracts made, or for work begun, but not completed, the mayor may, upon being satisfied of such necessity, draw upon the city treasurer for the amount thus required to be advanced, which draft shall be paid by the city treasurer, provided the same shall be countersigned by the city auditor, and the city auditor shall countersign all such drafts to an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars in any one case, but the city auditor shall not countersign any such draft for any sum exceeding three hundred dollars, without the direction of the committee on accounts."

Section 40, chapter 36, of the ordinances, provides that the superintendent of public buildings "shall supervise the construction of all buildings erected by the city, whether by contract or otherwise."

The ordinance prescribing the duties of the city hall commissioners, passed October 8, 1874, provides in section 2, that "said commissioners shall have authority to make contracts for labor and materials for the construction of said city hall, which shall be valid and binding upon the city. All contracts for such labor and material shall be in writing and executed in triplicate, one of which triplicates shall be kept by the commissioners, one of which shall be delivered to the city auditor, and one to the contractor;" and in section 4, it is provided

that "said commissioners shall keep regular books of account, and all claims against the city on account of the construction of the said city hall shall be presented to said commissioners, and when approved by them shall be presented to the city auditor, and be proceeded with and paid as other claims against the city are proceeded with and paid."

I have called your attention to these various extracts from the city charter and ordinances, on account of a recent occurrence which is, I think of sufficient importance to demand your careful and serious consideration.

On Monday, the first instant, in an interview with the superintendent of public buildings, the mayor was asked by that officer "if any change in relation to the character of the work had been made in the contract for the foundations of the city hall." To the reply that no such change had been made, the superintendent said "that the work was different from the contract and specifications; that instead of the stone being laid in courses, the work is what is known as "Scotch rubble," and so inferior to the specifications, that the city auditor ought not to allow payments therefor."

On the day following, the city auditor presented to the mayor for his signature, a draft drawn upon the city treasurer, in favor of the contractors for the work in question, when the auditor was informed of the statement made by the superintendent, in regard to which the mayor had written to the city hall commissioners, and that until their reply was received, the draft must remain unsigned.

My letter to the commissioners was in the words following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, March 2, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN:—Will you be kind enough to inform me what changes have been made by you in reference to the foundations of the city hall building, since the original specifications were prepared and submitted for bids.

I am informed that the contract required the work to be laid in courses, and such work should be in accordance with the specifications referred to, but that the work being done is not in courses, but is what is known as "Scotch rubble," a cheaper and far inferior style to the other.

Awaiting your reply, I am yours very truly.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

The City Hall Commissioners.

To the above I received, on the day succeeding, a reply in the words following :

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
 No. 56 Westminster street,
 Providence, R. I., March 3, 1875. }

Hon. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor :

DEAR SIR ;—Your communication of the 2d inst. is received, and in reply, we would state, that the foundation walls of the city hall building are being constructed to our satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of the architect.

Very respectfully,

JAMES Y. SMITH, }
 GEORGE H. CORLISS, } City Hall
 WM. G. R. MOWRY, } Commissioners.

This reply of the commissioners, was a surprise, because it is the first time; within my knowledge, that a request of the mayor made to any officer of the city or person superintending work for the city, for information as to his department, or to the work under his charge, has not been promptly, courteously and fully replied to ; and I was the more surprised thereat from the high character of the gentlemen composing the commissioners, and the agreeable personal relations that have existed for many years between them and the present executive.

The principle involved in this reply of the commissioners is of too great importance in its relation to the financial interests of the city, to be overlooked, for if it means anything, it declares that whether the work being done upon the city hall is or is not according to the contract therefor, so long as the commissioners and their architect are satisfied therewith, the mayor must draw from the city treasury such sums as the commissioners direct him to, and he is not at liberty to inquire whether the money is being properly or improperly expended.

This may be the true construction to be placed upon the above extracts, but if so, such a construction has never before been given to them.

If the requirement that the mayor's signature shall be affixed to all drafts drawn upon the treasury, is not intended to mean that he shall know whether or not the money is properly drawn for, and the city is receiving an equivalent

therefor, then it would be as well to relieve the executive of all responsibility in such matters, and permit the auditor to draw directly upon the treasury.

In this connection, it is well to note particularly that all claims against the city on account of the construction of the city hall are to "be proceeded with and paid as other claims against the city are proceeded with and paid," and also that the ordinance in relation to the drafts drawn upon the treasury, does not require that they shall be signed by the mayor, but that no money shall be paid out of the treasury unless drawn for by the mayor; and that in cases like the one under consideration, where money is wanted on account of an uncompleted contract, the mayor may draw for the amount "upon being satisfied of the necessity therefor."

This language would certainly imply that the mayor had a right to ask for such information as would satisfy him of the necessity for the draft he was expected to sign, and a right to receive a courteous answer thereto.

Furthermore, I desire to say, that while I wish to be distinctly understood as not intending to charge the commissioners, and not believing that they have been guilty of wrong in any of the matters connected with their contracts, still, if the construction given by them to the powers of the mayor is correct, and is supported by the city council, it will be in the power of any future commission for the construction of a public work, to advertise for bids according to certain plans and specifications, while they may have a private understanding with some particular bidder that his bid can be made low enough to secure the job, and to permit an inferior or different style of work, which will be acceptable "to the commissioners and their architect." This work, the mayor will then be compelled to draw his drafts for, when ordered so to do by such commissioners.

Transactions similar to this have taken place in at least one of the large cities of the country; and it has been heretofore understood that every precaution had been taken, in the charter and ordinances of this city, to prevent similar transactions in this community.

In all matters connected with the administration of municipal finances, there should be certain checks to be invariably interposed between a claimant and the treasury; and these should not be set aside at the pleasure of any one, no matter how high his character or position may be,—and it is generally understood that the latter class of citizens will the more cheerfully conform to regulations which are intended to secure an honest expenditure of the public money.

I recommend such action on your part, in relation to the subject I have been considering, as its importance demands

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS.

[Presented March 8, 1875.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
 No. 56 Westminster street, }
 Providence, R. I., March, 1875. }

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

The undersigned commissioners to build a city hall, beg leave to submit the following statement: On February 9, 1875, we gave to Messrs. Boynton Bros. our draft on the city treasurer for \$4,436, (copy of which is herewith annexed,) on account of contract for piling and foundation walls, which was presented to the city auditor, and after being in his possession a few days, we were informed that the architect's certificate of the amount of work done should accompany the draft, and we accordingly had the same prepared and left with him. We were then informed that the contract with Messrs. Boynton Bros. (a copy of which is herewith annexed,) was not in accordance with section 2 of the ordinance in relation to claims against the city under chapter 166 of the general statutes, and we immediately had a new contract drawn, (a copy of which

is also annexed,) which was signed by all parties and left with the auditor. Upon Messrs. Boynton Bros. applying for the auditor's draft, they were informed that his draft was made on the city treasurer, but that the mayor would not sign it. We would call your attention to copies of letters (herewith annexed,) of the auditor, mayor and Messrs. Boynton, and we would ask your honorable body to appoint a committee to inquire into the facts and take such action as will provide a remedy for the delays which must inevitably recur if the drafts of the commissioners are not honored by the city, in accordance with the specifications of the several contracts which we have entered into for the construction of the city hall.

Very respectfully,

JAMES Y. SMITH,
GEO. H. CORLISS,
WM. G. R. MOWRY, } City Hall
Commissioners.

[COPY.]

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS,
No. 56 Westminster street
Providence, R. I., February 9, 1875. }

The city treasurer of the city of Providence, will please pay to order of Boynton Bros. four thousand four hundred and thirty-six dollars on account of contract for piling and foundation walls.

\$4,436.

JAMES Y. SMITH, } City Hall
GEORGE H. CORLISS, } Commissioners.

[COPY.]

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
Providence, March 2, 1875. }

MESSRS. BOYNTON BROS. :

GENTLEMEN :—His Honor the Mayor declines to sign my draft upon the city treasurer for the amount of the City Hall Commissioner's order, in your favor, as he has been officially informed that the work is not being done according to the specifications.

Very respectfully,

J. M. CROSS, City Auditor.

[COPY.]

PROVIDENCE, March 3, 1875.

HON. JAMES Y. SMITH, CHAIRMAN CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS :

Dear Sir : All honorable means having been employed for the recognition of our rights under the contract with your board for the foundations for City Hall, and failing therein, we hereby notify your commissioners that said contract has no further binding effect on us.

We shall, however, proceed with the work, carrying it forward to completion, charging up the same to the account of the city, and will, to the best of our ability, protect ourselves in any and all damages, whether libelous or otherwise.

Very respectfully yours,

BOYNTON BROS.

No. 131. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor relating to foundations for City Hall.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated March 8, 1875, and the communication of the city hall commissioners relative to construction of foundation walls of the city hall, etc., be hereby referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, White, Parsons, Cory, Bradford, Fenner and Hamill, of the common council, with aldermen Manchester, Metcalf and Eaton, to examine and report thereon; and that said committee be authorized to employ such assistance as they may see fit.

No. 138. Resolution relating to the City Engineer.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances are hereby instructed to prepare an amendment to the ordinance providing for the appointment of a city engineer, whereby it shall be made the duty of said officer, in addition to the duties already required of him, to prepare a record book and cause to be indicated therein the locality of all stone or other bounds which have already been, or hereafter may be set for the purpose of defining the lines of any street or avenue of the city; and report the same forthwith to the council.

 No. 139. Resolution relating to the City Engineer.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances are hereby instructed to prepare an amendment to the ordinance providing for the appointment of a city engineer, whereby it shall be made the duty of said officer, in addition to the duties already required of him, to prepare a record book, and cause to be alphabetically arranged therein, the names of all such streets and avenues in the city as have already been, or hereafter may be declared public highways; and report the same forthwith to the council.

No. 140. Report of the Commissioners on the annexation of a portion of the Town of Johnston.

[Presented March 8, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The undersigned commissioners duly elected in accordance with a joint resolution of the city council approved November 2, A. D. 1874, for the purpose:—

First, of procuring a map of the territory proposed to be annexed to the city from the town of Johnston.

Second, of making a correct estimate of the value of the real estate contained therein, and of the amount of taxable property of the inhabitants thereof.

Third, of the amount of the public property belonging to said town or any school district in said portion, and all public property in the portion not set off.

Fourth, of the amount of indebtedness of the town justly belonging to the portion of the town or any school district to be annexed, and how much of said debt should be assumed by the city.

Fifth, of examining and reporting upon all matters bearing upon such proposed annexation, which in the judgment of said commissioners may seem of importance; respectfully report,—

That the entire area of territory embraced in the original proposition for annexation is about three and three-quarters square miles, containing about twelve miles of streets and highways, about three thousand inhabitants, nearly three millions of taxable property, about fifteen thousand dollars net value of school property, with a seating capacity adapted to accommodate about five hundred and eighty-three pupils, three bridges, and three manufacturing establishments, valued at about four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Of the inhabitants more than three quarters are contained in a territory embraced within a radius of one half of a mile from the present city line, thus leaving a very large area of rural territory sparsely populated, and in the opinion of the commissioners much better adapted to a town than to a municipal government.

For this and for other reasons which they deem it unnecessary to specify, the commissioners felt called upon to intimate to the committee of the honorable general assembly, that in their opinion, it would not be for the interest of the city of Providence to accept such portion of the town of Johnston as was proposed to be annexed, and their firm belief that the city would reject the proposition.

The committee acting upon this suggestion of the commissioners, finally reported a material change of lines which was adopted by the general assembly, submitted to the people of the town of Johnston for approval or rejection, and by a recent vote of the town, it was determined to adhere for the present at least, to their old boundaries.

All of which respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. CORY,	}	Commissioners.
H. E. DODGE,		
ABNER H. ANGELL,		

No. 141. Resolution to pay Commissioners on annexation of a portion of the Town of Johnston.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the commissioners elected under a joint resolution of the city council approved November 2, A. D. 1874, for the purpose of performing certain specific duties in the matter of the annexation to the city of a portion of the town of Johnston, their bill for services, amounting to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 142. Resolutions to purchase land for a School House on Aldrich and Plane streets.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby authorized and directed to purchase of Francis M. Andrews, at a price not exceeding five thousand three hundred and twenty dollars, a tract of land on south west corner of Plane and Aldrich streets, containing about thirteen thousand three hundred square feet of land, provided a title thereto satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand three hundred and twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for school house and lots

No. 143. Resolutions to provide additional school accommodations in the Ninth Ward.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized to hire for temporary use for a primary school, the

hall in the building on the south west corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue, provided the same can be hired at a rate not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, the amount paid for said hall to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby authorized and directed to have an additional room in the Greenwich street school building, fitted for grammar school purposes: the cost of the same, which shall not exceed three hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 144. Resolution to erect a building for the
Highway Department.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on highways, are hereby directed to cause to be erected upon the Sessions lot, so called, at a cost not exceeding the sum of twelve hundred dollars, a building for the use of the highway department: and for the purpose aforementioned, the sum of twelve hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 145. Resolution to pay \$60 to James Sherry for
flooding his premises.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Sherry the sum of sixty dollars, in full settlement for damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of his premises at the corner of Potter's avenue and Maiden lane, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 146. Resolution abating curbing assessment of
Teresa Carr and others.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Teresa, Ellen and Sarah Carr, nine dollars and ninety-four cents of the tax assessed against their estate on Ives street, in 1874, for curbing.

No. 147. Resolution abating \$11.60 from tax of
Francis Gallagher.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Francis Gallagher, the sum of eleven dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of a personal property tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 148. Resolution abating certain taxes.

[Approved March 11, 1875.]

RESOLVED That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund the following taxes, erroneously assessed for the year 1874, viz. :—

William H. Ballou,	-	-	-	\$217 50
John Bannon,	-	-	-	7 25
James Bolan,	-	-	-	8 70
Richard W. Bush, trustee,	-	-	-	23 20
Mary W. Chapin, wife of George W.,	-	-	-	437 90
Edward Curtis,	-	-	-	14 50
Thomas Dixon,	-	-	-	29 00

Jacob Dubbs, - - -	2 90
John J. Finneran, - - -	5 80
Patrick Finneran, - - -	11 60
Nicholas Godfrey and others, - - -	29 00
Charles Hamill, - - -	10 15
James Hanley, - - -	7 25
Robert Houston, - - -	11 60
George Howe, - - -	5 80
George Johnson, - - -	7 25
John Kane, - - -	4 35
Robert Magill, - - -	10 15
Michael McElroy (Bellevue plat), - - -	20 30
Hugh McCarthy, - - -	21 75
Michael McElroy (McKenna street), - - -	8 70
Robert McGaughey, - - -	8 70
Andrew McQueeney, - - -	5 80
George Medgeley, - - -	13 05
Francis Meegan, - - -	4 35
Michael Montague, - - -	15 95
Thomas Nolan, - - -	7 25
Gardner Pettis, - - -	13 50
William A. Potter, - - -	4 35
John T. Reilley, - - -	17 40
Joseph Rice, - - -	52 20
Reuben Rouse & Co., - - -	201 55
John Ryan (Eagle Park), - - -	7 25
Joanna Weeden, - - -	14 50
Thomas Corden, - - -	21 75

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings

[Approved March 1, 1875.]

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

No. 149. John H. Rhodes, No. 932 High street,

150. William B. Spencer, No. 38 Hudson street.

No. 151. Resolution authorizing a reference in the matter of Providence Washington Bridge, or C. F. Herreshoff, et. al.

[Approved March 22, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to make reference or arbitration of all matters in dispute between the city of Providence and the proprietors of the Providence Washington bridge, or C. F. Herreshoff *et al*; so that all dispute in reference to the right of the city in and to said bridge and the land claimed by the city, as belonging to said city, by virtue of the deed from the proprietors of said bridge to the said city, may be speedily settled.

No. 152. Report of the Special Committee on the petition of the Union Railroad Company, in the case of John H. Watson.

[Presented March 11 1875.]

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

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of the Union Railroad Company in relation to the city's claim against them in the case of John H. Watson, beg leave to report, that they have given the matter a thorough consideration, and find the following state of facts, to wit:

That on the twenty-eighth day of November, 1871, at about seven o'clock in the evening, Mr. Watson was driving along Ocean street, and when at the junction of Thurber avenue, was violently thrown from his wagon and seriously injured.

On that and preceding days, the Union Railroad company and the city of Providence had been at work on Thurber avenue, near the point of accident, the former laying a new

track to connect with one already laid, and the latter, grading the street, setting curbstone, and paving gutters. By the evidence, it appears, that the city's men had picked up their tools, and removed them to the east end of Thurber avenue, about one hour earlier than the railroad men left off work, on the day of the accident. It is not claimed by the city that they had entirely completed their work at that point, but that they could complete it to better advantage after the railroad work was entirely finished, and it appears that the city's work was completed by the railroad company the day after the accident, through an equitable arrangement between the railroad company and the city.

The claim of Mr. Watson sets forth that the place was not properly lighted, but your committee are constrained to believe from all the evidence and the facts surrounding the case, that the Union Railroad company was not negligent of its duty in that respect, and that they did properly light the place. It further appears, in evidence, that Mr. Watson was seen and recognized by a reputable witness, within a short distance of the point of collision, and that he was driving at a very rapid rate.

Your committee think that Mr. Watson was himself largely responsible for the accident. The position taken by the Union Railroad company in this matter, is a perfectly fair and honorable one, but the committee feel that while the Union Railroad company have incurred a liability to pay an erroneous judgment, they can not see that the city is legally or equitably bound to share their misfortune, and therefore, recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

For the committee,

N. F. POTTER, Chairman.

No. 153. Resolution for letting the Hall in the Point Street School House.

[Approved March 22, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education be hereby authorized to permit the hall of the school building, at the corner of Point and Plane streets, to be used from time to time, for such educational purposes, and on such terms as said committee may prescribe.

No. 154. Message from the Mayor in relation to the Aldrich Farm.

[Presented March 22, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 22, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Aldrich farm, so called, situated in Cranston, and containing about ninety-six acres, was condemned for the purposes of the water works, and the value thereof as decided by a jury trial, has been paid by the city.

The heirs of the former owners have been applied to by parties to fix a price at which they will sell their reversionary right in said farm, but they prefer that the city should have the first opportunity to purchase such right, if the city council deem it proper. I have, therefore, at the request of their representative, brought the matter to your attention, and suggest its reference to a committee to examine and report thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 155. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor
to a Special Committee.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor, the mayor, dated March 22, 1875, in relation to the purchase of the reversionary right of the heirs of the Aldrich farm, so called, be hereby referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Sellev, Briggs, and Denison, of the common council, with aldermen Spicer and Potter, to examine and report thereon.

No. 156. Message from the Mayor in relation to
Weybosset Bridge.

[Presented March 22, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 22, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In constructing the new bridge south of Weybosset bridge, it will be necessary to connect the two structures, and this will require some alteration of the present bridge, and a material change in the foot-way on the southerly side thereof.

It is very evident that this alteration can be better done by the men employed upon the new work, and it is necessary that the order therefor should be promptly given, as the work of building the new bridge has already commenced.

I therefore, recommend the immediate passage of a resolution authorizing and requesting the commissioners, under whose direction the work upon the new bridge is being done, to take charge of the necessary alterations of Weybosset bridge, and to make such repairs thereon as may be necessary to properly connect the old and new work.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 157. Resolution authorizing the Bridge Commissioners to repair and alter Weybosset Bridge.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed under an ordinance entitled "an ordinance providing for the erection of a bridge across Providence river," approved April 24, 1874, be, and they are hereby authorized and requested to make such repairs and alteration in Weybosset bridge as may be necessary to properly connect said bridge with the bridge ordered in said ordinance; the expense of said repairs and alterations to be included in the appropriation for the Crawford street bridge.

No. 162. Resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for sewers.

(Approved March 25, 1875.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewers, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

N. 163. Resolution relating to the issue of City Hall Bonds.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the city debt be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue the city hall bonds, in pursuance to the authority given by the act of the general assembly, passed at its present January session.

No. 164. Resolution to pay R. H. Ives for notes lost.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, be, and is hereby directed to pay to R. H. Ives the sum of four thousand dollars, and interest due thereon, for amount of two city of Providence notes, numbered 864 and 865, dated January 5, 1874, and payable July 5, 1874, for two thousand dollars each, which have been lost or mislaid; upon said Ives depositing a bond with sureties, with the city treasurer, that will be satisfactory to the city solicitor, and to hold the city harmless in said matter.

No. 165. Resolution to pay the Salary of Gideon Bradford, deceased.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the widow of the late Gideon Bradford, such sum of money as would have become due and payable to said Bradford, as salary, had he lived and remained in the office of highway commissioner, from the sixth day of November, 1874, to the end of the then current quarter.

No. 166. Resolution appropriating \$200 for French in the High School.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized and empowered to expend the further sum of two hundred dollars for teaching French in the high school, in addition to the sum appropriated by ordinance; the same to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 167. Resolution fixing upon a location for a school house on Julian and Capron streets.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city council of the city of Providence, fix upon the following described real estate, to wit: six certain lots of land in the village of Olneyville, and formerly in the town of North Providence, but now in the tenth ward of the city of Providence, being lots numbered one, two, three, sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen, on a plat of lots in said Olneyville, being part of the Angell & Sampson plat, re-arranged April 2, 1874, by Cushing and DeWitt, and recorded in the land records of said town of North Providence, reference being had thereto, as a location for a school house, and the same is hereby fixed upon for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education, is hereby authorized to negotiate with the owner or owners of the above described land, and to obtain the terms upon which said owner or owners will convey the same to the city.

No. 168. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Bucklin street.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Bucklin street, from Daboll street to Potter's avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 169. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Oakland street.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Oakland street, from Potter's

avenue to Greenwich street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 170. Resolution for curbing Jewett street.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set, and gutters paved, on Jewett street, from Park street to Holden street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

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

- No. 171. Martin Lanigan, No. 846 Eddy street,
 - 172. Patrick Leonard, No. 61 Chaffee street.
 - 173. Julia A. Potter, corner of Lime and Carpenter streets.
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No. 174. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to H. F. Beckwith 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.

No. 175. Resolutions granting permission to move
a building.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Joseph J. Carroll 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.

No. 176. Resolutions granting permission to move
a building.

[Approved March 25, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Alexander B. Springer 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. 177. Resolution granting permission to move a
building.

[Approved April 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Simeon M. Pike, 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.

No. 178. Report of the Committee on the Providence
Washington Bridge.

[Presented April 1, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL

The committee heretofore appointed by the city council to examine the Providence Washington bridge, with a view to repair or rebuild the same, respectfully report :

That they have examined the said bridge, and that they cannot advise that it be repaired, for the reason that such is its age and slender construction, any repairs would be only of a temporary value, requiring constant expenditures to make it suitable for travel ; that the building of a new bridge would be more economical and more satisfactory to the public interests ; that it has been suggested that a new site for the bridge further up the river, extending from Front street in the city of Providence, to Warren avenue in East Providence, would better accommodate the residents in both these places than the present location, and satisfactory arrangements might probably be made for a change of site. Frequent interviews have been had with parties interested in the bridge and land in the vicinity and with the owners of land near the new proposed site, and your committee believe that if certain legal obstacles were removed, some arrangements could be made to change the location of the bridge. But they find that the city of Providence received the bridge from the state upon condition that it should be kept open and maintained as a public bridge in its present location, and therefore your committee must repair or rebuild the bridge upon its present site, according to the terms of their appointment. In view of the several demands for a change of location of the bridge and of the probability that some arrangements can be made whereby such change may be effected, notwithstanding the condition of acceptance thereof by the city, they report the matter to the council for such action as it shall deem fit to take in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

STURGIS P. CARPENTER,

Providence, February 18, 1875.

For Committee.

No. 180. Resolution to remove building from lot belonging to the city, on Wickenden street.

[Approved April 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby directed to cause the dwelling house now standing on the lot of land belonging to the city, on the northeast corner of Traverse and Wickenden streets, to be removed to, and properly placed upon the lot of land belonging to the city, situate on the south side of Wickenden street, and next east of the lot whereon the third police station is now located: the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 186. Second Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented April 12, 1875.]

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, R. I., April 12, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The undersigned, city hall commissioners, elected October 8, 1874, and in conformity to the ordinance prescribing the duties of said commissioners, respectfully present their second quarterly report:

The contract for the wrought and cast iron work and the roof complete, has been awarded to Messrs. C. H. Parker and Company, of Boston, for the sum of one hundred twenty thousand seven hundred dollars (\$120,700.) In this contract is included iron beams for all the floors, as approved by the city council under resolution No. 122.

In the contract for cut granite work, we have made the following change in the basement story.

The surfaces that were provided to be with a "rift face" or natural split, we have ordered to be cut with fine pointed work, at an additional cost of \$2,500.

The following are the disbursements to date :

Samuel J. F. Thayer, architect,	-	-	\$ 5,148 00
Sumner P. Brown, overseer,	-	-	500 00
Boynton Brothers, piling and foundation,	-	-	4,436 00
Providence Press Company, advertising,	-	-	77 78
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, advertising,	-	-	6 65
C. J. Wheeler, advertising,	-	-	184 55
J. G. Batterson, cut granite,	-	-	9,429 05
Samuel J. F. Thayer, architect,	-	-	1,750 00
Charles F. Eddy, secretary,	-	-	250 00
			\$ 21,782 03

The amount of expenditures during the last quarter, is	-	-	-	\$ 21,782 03
The total amount of expenditures is	-	-	-	30,976 08
The total amount of appropriation is	-	-	-	110,000 00
The unexpended balance is	-	-	-	79,023 92

JAMES Y. SMITH,	} City Hall Commissioners.
GEORGE H. CORLISS,	
WM. G. R. MOWRY,	

No. 187. Report of the Joint Committee on the North Burying Ground.

[Presented April 12, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The standing committee on the North Burial ground, to whose attention the matters connected with the management of the North Burial ground were brought by the tenth inaugural address of his honor the mayor, respectfully present the following as a preliminary report. Your committee have held several prolonged meetings at which the commissioners

of the North Burial ground were present and presented statements, that your committee, after examining the grounds for the statements made by the commissioners, have arrived at the following conclusions unanimously.

First. That between the years 1851 and 1871 the receipts from the North Burial ground, derived from the sales of lots, from rents and from fees amounted to about \$3,127.66 more than the expenditures.

Second. That since the passage in 1871, of the ordinance requiring the commissioners of the North Burial ground, to pay into the city treasury, twenty-five per cent. of the gross receipts from the grounds, it has been not only impossible to make improvements, but impossible even to keep the avenues and grounds in good repair and condition.

Third. That to-day, the commissioners are in debt to the city treasurer, \$323.45 and have no means wherewith to grade and put into marketable condition the large tracts of land in their possession which may be made available for burial purposes, and are consequently unable to meet the demands of persons constantly applying to them for burial lots; that the receiving tomb contains upwards of three hundred bodies which must be removed and buried during the month of May, the greater part of which must be removed and buried at the expense of the grounds, unless some provision for such removal and burial is made by the city, and that the cost of such removal and burial will amount to one thousand dollars.

Fourth. That about eight acres of the newly purchased land lately added to the North Burial ground, is swamp land, and in its present condition, is entirely unfitted for burial purposes; that to be rendered available, it must first be filled in; that the highway department have a sand hill near the grounds useless to them, the sand from which would materially aid in filling in certain portions of this swamp land; that your committee are informed by his honor the mayor that the highway department will give the commissioners this sand for the purpose of filling in their grounds, but your committee represent that the commissioners have not the means to remove

the sand to their grounds; that the highway department have also several thousand loads of loam which they offer to the commissioners if they will remove the same, and although the loam is absolutely necessary for the grounds, and must soon be obtained elsewhere at the rate of from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per load, yet from lack of means to remove the same to their grounds, the commissioners are unable to avail themselves of so advantageous an opportunity to benefit the grounds unless this honorable body sees fit to come to their assistance.

Fifth. That although the commissioners have about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of lots, which when graded, could be sold in the course of time, and although applications are daily being made for lots by persons desirous to purchase, yet from lack of means to grade and improve these lots for market, not a sale can be made. All work has stopped, and the principal source of income to the grounds has ceased to be longer fruitful.

Sixth. That the commissioners who have labored gratuitously for the benefit of the city for the past twenty years, will find it impossible to carry on the grounds under the provision of the ordinance of 1871, requiring them to pay over to the city twenty-five per cent. of the gross receipts from the grounds; that their services in the future will be worse than useless, and that an abandonment of the grounds and of all hope of any reimbursement for what the city has already expended on the grounds, must be contemplated as a certain result, unless some appropriation for the immediate use of the commissioners is made, and an amendment to the ordinance of 1871, soon be brought to the attention of this honorable body by your committee, is favorably considered.

Therefore your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

EDWARD C. AMES, Chairman.

No. 188. Resolution transferring \$3000, to the appropriation for the North Burying Ground.

[Approved April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the North Burial Ground improvement fund.

No. 189. Approval of Appointments of Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

[Approved, April 15, 1875.]

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

The undersigned, surveyor of lumber, presents the following named persons for the approval of the city council, as deputy surveyors of lumber, viz :

Nathaniel C. Bushee,	John B. Winship,
Joseph K. Robinson,	Robert Carlisle,
Charles C. Lee,	Frank S. Roberts,
Frank B. Chedel,	William G. Burtis.

Charles A. Manchester,

Charles C. Lee, for mahogany and ornamental lumber.

Robert Manchester, for oak and hard wood used in ship building.

ESEK A. JILLSON.

Providence, March 11, 1875.

No. 190. Resolution accepting gift of Mary Jane Sheldon, to North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Mary Jane Sheldon, of four shares of stock in the Providence & Worcester Railroad Com-

pany, to the commissioners of the north burying ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367, of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the lot standing in the name of William Sheldon, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the William Sheldon fund.

No. 191. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Dawson, Brighton and Knight streets.

[Approved, April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Dawson, Brighton and Knight streets, from Marshall street to Carpenter street.

No. 192. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arnold street.

[Approved, April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Arnold street, from Benefit street easterly to summit between Benefit street and Thayer street.

No. 193. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Wickenden street.

[Approved, April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and straighten Wickenden street, fifty and fifteen one hundredths feet wide, from Traverse street easterly, by the following lines; the northerly line of said lay-out beginning at the present northeasterly corner of Traverse and Wickenden

streets, thence in a direct line easterly to the southeasterly corner of the estate belonging to the city of Providence, about one hundred and fifty-six feet; the southerly line to be parallel with and fifty and fifteen one hundredths feet southerly therefrom.

No. 194. Resolution to pay George W. Whipple and James C. H. Baxter.

[Approved, April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George W. Whipple and James C. H. Baxter, the sum of thirty-five dollars, in full compensation for damages resulting from the sinking of their boat by employes of the highway department, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 15, 1875.]

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

- No. 195. George E. Chace, No. 12 Wood street,
- 196. Charles C. Lee, No. 88 John street,
- 197. George W. Dickenson, No. 53 Gallup street.

No. 198. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas E. Studley 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.

No. 199. Resolution granting permission to move
building.

[Approved April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John D. Cranston 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.

No. 200. Resolution granting permission to move
a building.

[Approved April 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Burdett & Greene, to remove a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

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. 201. Resolutions granting permission to move
a building.

[Passed April 22, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William Vickery 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, and the building to be kept moving night and day while on any railroad track.

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. 202. Resolutions relating to Decoration Day.

[Passed April 22, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Barker, Douglas and Pettis, with alderman Snow, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make arrangements for a suitable observance of decoration day.

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that day: to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No 203. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Diamond street.

[Approved April 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Diamond street, from Cranston street to Superior street.

No. 204. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property, on the purchase of land of Francis M. Andrews.

[Presented April 15, 1875.]

TO THE ONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on city property, to whom was referred resolution No. 142 of your honorable body, directing the committee to purchase of Francis M. Andrews, a tract of land situated on Plane and Aldrich streets, for a sum not exceeding five thousand three hundred and twenty dollars, beg leave to report that they have bought the land as directed, of Francis M. Andrews, and a deed satisfactory to the city solicitor has been obtained.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 205. Resolutions for a celebration of the Fourth of July.

[Approved April 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That alderman Eaton, with Messrs. Ames, Hilton and Denison, of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American independence.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five 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.

No. 206. Report of the Highway Commissioners.

[Presented April 17, 1875.]

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 17, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL.

The highway commissioners respectfully submit the following explanation of their quarterly report for the quarter ending March 31, 1875.

The total amount expended and actually drawn from the city treasury for highway expenses during the past quarter, as shown by the report is \$34,027.66 of which amount \$24,171.13 was expended on streets as stated, the balance \$9,856.53 is made up of the amount of stock on hand, purchased in excess of the requirements of the department for the quarter, and consists of paving blocks, crosswalk stone, hay, straw, salaries &c., which cannot be charged at present to any particular street.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. HARRIS, Secretary.

No. 208. Communication from Committee to build a School House on Doyle avenue, with a Resolution appropriating \$2,500 for the same.

[Approved April 26, 1875.]

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

The committee appointed to build a school house on Doyle avenue, respectfully ask your honorable body to make an appropriation of twenty five hundred dollars, in addition to the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars already made, for the purpose of building said school house.

The committee have contracted with parties, whom they believe to be abundantly responsible, for building the school

house, at a price which will bring the cost of the building, including furniture, heating apparatus and fencing, within the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars. To do this, your committee were obliged to have the doors throughout the building of pine, and the wainscoting and all the interior finish of hard pine, and the arched top of all the windows of part brick and part stone.

Your committee understand it to be a very general opinion, that the building would be very much improved in appearance and durability, if the doors and wainscoting and all the interior finish were of ash, and if the window capping was entirely of stone.

These alterations your committee think it very desirable to make. The additional expense has been carefully estimated by competent parties, and will not, in our opinion, exceed twenty five hundred dollars, and your committee respectfully ask that an appropriation of that amount may be made for the above purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. CLARKE,	} Committee.
C. A. NICHOLS,	
ALLEN GREENE,	

Providence, April 17, 1875.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building a grammar school house on Doyle avenue: said sum to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 209. Report of Commissioners to build a bridge across Providence River.

[Presented April 22, 1875.]

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

In response to the resolution of your board, calling on us for designs for railings for the new bridge, and also for one or more crosswalks, we beg to say that under the ordinance or-

ganizing this board and defining its duties, we supposed that we were authorized only to place a rail or fence, across the south end of the structure. For this we now present plans for a fence about three and one-half feet high, very similar to that around the Cove basin.

Under the ordinance, the large opening in the centre of the bridge is left as a site for a public market. This opening is 433 feet long and 70 feet broad. As no market is yet ordered, and this opening is surrounded by highways bordering upon it, it should be enclosed. We think that the north end of this opening, which forms the south line of the new foot-path across the south end of Weybosset bridge, and the south end thereof, which forms the north line of the north foot-path across the new bridge, from Custom House and Pine streets to Crawford street; should be enclosed by a fence, such as we recommend above for the south end of the new bridge at Crawford street.

The Crawford street bridge will be nearly as wide as Weybosset bridge, and may become nearly as important an avenue. Both are deserving of a handsome and substantial enclosure. For the rest of this large opening, we recommend a cheaper fence.—say like that enclosing the openings above Weybosset bridge.

We also present plans for a foot-path across the centre of this long opening from Dyer to South Water street, and also for sidewalks about seven feet wide, next the opening along said Dyer and South Water streets. These walks should be elevated five or six inches, supported on the outside by curbstone resting on the plank covering of the bridge, and, together with the foot-path, covered with concrete.

These sidewalks will be a convenience before the market is built, and a necessity after that time. No better stand for country market wagons could be arranged in the centre of the city than could be found along the border of these walks, and, if devoted for a few hours in the morning of each day to that use, experience may decide that a free, open market like this, is all the public market we need, at least in this locality.

The footpath recommended across the centre of the opening will, doubtless, prove a great convenience, and will be comparatively inexpensive. The shore sections of the bridge, which this footpath will unite, are each 433 feet long, and each have a width of 25 feet at the north end and 50 feet at the south end. As they stand on piles from 25 to 40 feet in length, they must be anchored to the shore, or by some other means, be secured from swaying or being thrust from the shore.

The foot-path, built on the plan recommended, with a few intermediate spur piles, will give a cheap, and we think, a sure protection to these shore sections.

The adoption of these recommendations by the council, especially in respect to sidewalks and foot crossing, will necessitate changes in our plans and contracts. Whatever action is had should, therefore, be taken at once. The curbstone for sidewalks recommended herein, may properly be left to the highway department; but if they are to be used, the construction of the bridge must be changed from what is called for by present contracts to adapt it to their use.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BARSTOW,	}	Bridge Commissioners.
STURGES P. CARPENTER,		
ABNER H. ANGELL.		

No. 210. Message from the Mayor in relation to a Harbor Wall for land belonging to the City.

[Presented April 26, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,	}
City of Providence, April 26, 1875.	

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

By a resolution of the city council approved August 12, 1872, the committee on city property were directed to cause a retaining wall to be built upon the easterly boundary of the

land owned by the city, south of the land of the American Screw Company.

The committee having finished the piling for the proposed wall, decided to delay further work until the report of the officers of the United States coast survey was received. That report having been made, and certain piers and docks suggested therein, I recommend that the committee be authorized and directed to report a plan for the proper construction of the wall proposed in the resolution referred to, and in accordance with the report of the coast survey.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 211. Resolution to procure plans for a Dock and Pier.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby instructed to report plans for a proper dock and pier, to be built by the city south of the land of the American Screw Company.

No. 212. Fifth Quarterly report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented April 26, 1875.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their fifth quarterly report.

The amount of funds in the control of the board December 31, 1874, was,

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$147,679	23
“ “ 1885,	-	-	-	378,531	75
“ “ 1893,	-	-	-	137,541	71

Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$663,752	69
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The amount on hand March 31, 1875, was,			
Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	\$151,931 36
“ “ 1885,	-	-	399,161 31
“ “ 1893,	-	-	146,050 58
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Whole amount,	-	-	\$697,143 25

The increase of the several funds was,			
In the fund of 1876,	-	-	\$4,252 13
“ “ 1885,	-	-	20,629 56
“ “ 1893,	-	-	8,508 87
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Whole increase,	-	-	\$33,390 56

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence April 26, 1875.

No. 213. Resolution authorizing expenditure of \$400 to lay the corner stone of the City Hall.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to incur an expenditure of four hundred dollars for the laying of the corner stone of the new city hall, without making a contract in writing, and that such sum be paid upon the certificate or voucher of said commissioners.

No. 214. Report of the Joint Committee on Education upon certain schools in the Ninth Ward.

[Presented April 26, 1875.]

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

The committee on education, to whom was referred the applications of the school committee,

First, That a brick grammar school house be built on Square street.

Second, That a primary and intermediate school house be built in the vicinity of Cass street, or that the Square street primary and intermediate school house be moved to a location near Cass street.

Third, That a lot be purchased and a primary and intermediate school house erected thereon, in the vicinity of Peace and Taylor streets.

Fourth, That halls in the vicinity of Square street be hired for the temporary accommodation of the scholars, if the Square street building is moved.

Fifth, That after the above changes are made, the Eddy street school house be abandoned and the lot sold: respectfully report,—

That the above requests all refer to the schools in the eastern district of the ninth ward, and affect the arrangements of the schools in the entire district.

In regard to a new grammar school house, no portion of the city more urgently needs a new grammar school building than this section, there being no building of this class in the district. Thurber avenue building, when erected, was intended for a primary and intermediate school house, and now the great increase in the number of scholars of those grades, coupled with the entire insufficiency of the school accommodations, demand that it should as soon as possible, be devoted to the purpose for which it was originally intended.

There are registered this term, 307 grammar scholars; the graduating class numbers but 20, while the entering class will number about 60; making an allowance for those who will leave at the end of the year without graduating, a fair estimate of the number of grammar scholars, is 340. The Thurber avenue building is divided into six rooms, and it is plain to see that the number of scholars at the beginning of the next school year will be greater than can be accommodated in this building. The committee are of the opinion that a new grammar school house is immediately needed.

In relation to the request for a new primary and intermediate school house in the vicinity of Cass street.

This is in the southerly part of the district, below the old track of the Stonington railroad company. The nearest school for the children of this section is Square street, distant a mile and a quarter from the southerly line of the city. The great distance and the condition of the highways, render it next to impossible for the children to attend school at certain seasons of the year. It was reported to the committee that there were south of the railroad, from seventy-five to one hundred children between the ages of five and ten years. Some of them go to the Square street, and some to the Elmville school in Cranston. Many do not attend school, and it was said that many of the children ten years of age, never have attended school. The city is now in possession of a lot on Plane and Aldrich streets, and a building upon this lot would not only accommodate all below the railroad, but for a considerable distance to the north of it.

By reference to the estimate of the superintendent of public buildings, accompanying this report, it will be seen that greater economy will be shown by moving the Square street building to this lot, than by the erection of a new similar building. According to his estimate, a new building would cost \$6,449.54; while the total expense of moving the Square street building and putting it in thorough order, would be \$3,881, leaving a balance in favor of moving the Square street building, of \$2,568.54. The committee are in favor of the more economical plan, and recommend the removal of the Square street building. If the recommendation of the committee is adopted, the lot from which the building is moved could be taken for the grammar school house lot, and it seems to us to be properly located for this purpose.

In relation to a new primary and intermediate school house in the vicinity of Peace and Taylor streets, we give the number of scholars reported to the committee attending the primary and intermediate schools of this district at the last fall term, and the seating capacity of each building.

<i>School.</i>	<i>Scholars.</i>	<i>Seats.</i>
Square street primary,	150	
“ “ intermediate,	113—263	228
Eddy street primary,	136	
“ “ intermediate,	120—256	202
Public street primary,	155	
“ “ intermediate,	115—270	240
In hall on Ocean street,	76	
Total, - - -	865	670

This shows that there are one hundred and ninety-five more registered scholars than seats in said school buildings. Add to this an estimate of the number below the railroad, say forty, and the number will be increased to two hundred and thirty-five. Should the Eddy street building be retained with the other changes contemplated, this number of scholars could be accommodated without the new school house; but the Eddy street building is unfit for occupancy and is not properly located. The property, being on a main street, would bring a good price if sold, which would more than purchase as large a lot elsewhere. The arrangement, as requested by the school committee, would be a much greater convenience to the scholars, as the schools would be on nearly a direct north and south line, and nearly equi-distant from the easterly and westerly lines of the district. Now many of the scholars have a long distance to walk, the Eddy and Square street buildings being near each other, while if the change is made, none of the scholars would have more than half a mile, and the most of them less than a quarter of a mile to go to attend school. It would therefore seem advisable to build a new four room primary and intermediate school house in the north part of the district, viz.: in the vicinity of Peace street.

If the recommendations of the committee are adopted, the school districts of the primary and intermediate grades would be arranged somewhat as follows:

	<i>Scholars.</i>
Aldrich street building, embracing all south of the railroad and as far north as Richardson street. -	200

Thurber avenue, from Richardson street half way to Public street. - - - - -	300
Public street building, all south of Public street to line of Thurber avenue district. - - - - -	240
The new building, all north of Public street. - - - - -	200
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Total, - - - - -	940

The committee are of the opinion that this will give sufficient accomodation for this portion of the city for some time to come, although no portion seems to be increasing so rapidly in population as this.

During the removal of the Square street building and the erection of the grammar school house; it will be necessary to hire halls in the vicinity for the scholars now attending school in the building to be moved.

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 215. Resolution to move the School House from Square street to Aldrich street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education be hereby authorized and directed to cause the school house on Square street to be removed to the lot on the southeast corner of Plane and Aldrich streets, to be repaired and placed in thorough condition for occupancy, providing that the cost of the same shall not exceed three thousand dollars, which sum or so much thereof as may be required to carry this resolution into effect, is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 216. Resolution to procure plans for a School House near Peace street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to procure and present to the city council, plans and estimates for a primary and intermediate school building to be built in the vicinity of Peace street.

No. 217. Resolution to procure plans for a Grammar School House on Square street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to procure and present to the city council, plans and estimates for a grammar school building to be located on Square street.

No. 218. Resolution relating to the Hall at the corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education be hereby authorized to permit the hall in the building at the corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue, to be used from time to time for such purposes and on such terms as said committee may prescribe.

No. 219. Resolutions to purchase land for a School House on Manning and Gano streets.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are authorized to purchase a lot of land on the northeast corner of Manning and Gano streets, containing ten thousand square feet, provided

the same can be bought for a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars and a title satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the sum of six thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 220. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Wesleyan avenue.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Wesleyan avenue, from Broad street to Taylor street

No. 222. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the matter of South Main street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to discontinue all proceedings in reference to the widening of South Main street, under the resolution approved April 20, 1874.

No. 223. Resolutions for laying out South Main street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen South Main street, from College street to Transit street, of a uniform width of sixty feet, as follows, viz. : beginning for the easterly line of said widening at the south-westly corner of the building

now standing at the south easterly corner of College street and South Main street; thence running in a direct line to the centre of Hopkins street, touching the outermost corner of the building now standing at the north east corner of said Hopkins and South Main streets; thence in a direct line, touching the outermost corner of the Isaac Brown house, opposite Crawford street, to an angle in said South Main street, thence in a direct range with the present easterly line of said South Main street, between Planet street and Harding's alley, and in continuation of said line to Transit street. The westerly line of said South Main street to be parallel with and sixty feet from said easterly line, and to extend to Market square, 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.

No. 224. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the matter of Brook street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to discontinue all proceedings in reference to the laying out of Brook street, from Angell street to Hope street, under the resolution approved April 23, 1874.

No. 225. Resolutions for laying out Brook street, from Angell street to Hope street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and extend Brook street fifty feet wide, from Angell street to Hope street, by the following metes and bounds, viz. :

Beginning for the westerly line, at the termination of the present westerly line of Brook street in the southerly line of Angell street; thence in a direct line to the westerly line of Hope street, passing through a point sixty-four and eighty-two one hundredths feet westerly from the north-west corner of a brick barn belonging to Anna T. Aldrich, at the south east corner of Cushing and Brook 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.

No. 226. Resolution to lay a sewer in Beacon street.

[Approved, April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Beacon street, from Pine street to Broad street.

No. 227. Resolution to lay a sewer in College street.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in College street, from Benefit street to Prospect street.

No. 228. Resolution to lay a sewer in George street.

[Approved, April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in George street, from Cooke street to Brook street.

No. 229. Resolution abating curbing assessment
of Teresa Carr, et al.

[Approved, April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Teresa, Ellen and Sarah Carr, the sum of six dollars and three cents, being the amount of an assessment erroneously made for curbing.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

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

No. 230. Elisha O. Angell, Manton and Fruit Hill avenues.

“ 231. Michael Brophy, No. 5 Lime street.

“ 232. George E. Chace, No. 12 Wood street.

“ 233. John B. Strater, French street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 234. Hugh O'Brien.
- “ 235. Francis M. Smith.
- “ 236. Sheldon P. Sprague.
- “ 237. Lewis Thayer.
- “ 238. Mason W. Tillinghast.

No. 239. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 29, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John R. Kiernan 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.

No. 240. Report of the Joint Special Committee relative to construction of foundation walls of the City Hall.

[Presented April 12, 1875.]

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

The joint committee appointed under resolution No. 131, to whom were referred the message of the mayor, and the com-

munication of the city hall commissioners, relative to the construction of the foundation walls of the city hall, respectfully report that they have given an attentive hearing to all the parties interested, and made a careful examination of the premises.

Your committee are of the opinion that the mere clerical work of approving bills by the committee on accounts, and the city auditor, and the signing of drafts by the mayor, might as well be omitted, unless these officers perform their duties in this particular with a sense of responsibility, which responsibility can only attach to them by having the means of information within their power: and such information as these officers may require to enable them to perform their duties understandingly should be furnished by all the city officers.

Your committee find that the work on the foundation walls of the city hall, though not done strictly according to the letter of the contract and specifications, as illustrated by the accompanying plan submitted to them, are yet of the opinion that the work so far received and accepted by the commissioners, has been done in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and is ample for all the purposes of strength and durability, to sustain any structure that may be erected thereon.

With respect to the duty of the superintendent of public buildings, your committee find that if he has any duty to perform in the premises, upon which point your committee are not fully agreed, it cannot be that of active superintendence, but must be the more general duty of seeing that the public are not endangered by the kind of structure being erected, and in such case, or in that of known or suspected fraud, to bring the matter to the attention of the commissioners, and failing thus to effect the desired result, to bring it directly to the knowledge of the city council, that they may apply a remedy.

Your committee close this report by expressing their fullest confidence that the commissioners will carry out the important work entrusted to them, to the complete satisfaction of the city.

For the committee,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

No. 241. Resolution approving contract for foundations for City Hall, and requesting the Mayor to sign drafts thereunder.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, May 4, 1875. Ayes, 7; noes, 1.]

[Passed in Common Council, May 6, 1875. Ayes, 21; noes, 11.]

RESOLVED, That the contract made with Messrs. Boynton Bros. for the piling and foundation walls for the city hall, with the specifications thereto belonging, a copy whereof has been deposited with the city auditor, is hereby approved; and the mayor be and he is hereby requested to draw his drafts for payments thereunder, in the same manner as if said specifications had been originally filed with said auditor.

No. 243. Resolution to build a bridge over Woonasquatucket river at Atwell's avenue, and appropriating \$8,000 therefor.

[Approved May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges is hereby requested to cause a bridge to be constructed over the Woonasquatucket river at Atwell's avenue, and the sum of eight thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose, is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 244. Resolutions to lay out Pearl street from West Clifford street to Plane street.

[Approved May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Pearl street, of a width of not less than forty feet from West Clifford street to Plane

street, at the intersection of Dudley 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 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. 245. Annual Report of the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Presented May 6, 1875.]

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

The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground make this, their annual report of the trust funds, for the year ending April 30, 1875:

Funds.	Invested in	Amount.
Zachariah Allen,	Providence Institution for Savings,	\$43 66
Phebe Whipple,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Joseph Veazle,	10 shares in Bost. & Prov. Railroad, par,	1,000 00
Rebecca M. Gladding,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
John Barstow,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Ferdinand Balcom,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Stephen Randall,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Alexander Duncan,	Providence Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Elizabeth Coville,	8 shares Blackstone Canal Nat. Bank, par,	200 00

Jabez Gorham,	Providence Institution for Savings,	600 00
Almon D. Hodges,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
James Wheaton,	Providence Institution for Savings,	80 00
George Earle,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Anna Whipple,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Rosanna Carpenter,	Providence Institution for Savings,	300 00
John Crain,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Abby T. & W. G. Dearth,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Heirs of J. Tillinghast,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Mary Jane Sheldon,	4 shares Prov. & Worcester Railroad, par,	400 00
Total,	- - - - -	\$5,023 66

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Funds.	Amount of Funds.	Income on hand April 30, 1874.	Income Received.	Amount Expended.	Income on hand April 30, 1875.
Zachariah Allen,	\$43 66	\$23 01	\$3 07	\$ 00	\$26 08
Phebe Whipple,	100 00	22 12	7 10	7 00	22 22
Joseph Veazie,	1000 00	9 01	100 00	19 00	90 01
Rebecca M. Gladding,	100 00	8 47	7 10	7 00	8 57
John Barstow,	100 00	18 86	7 10	9 00	16 96
Ferdinand Balcom,	100 00	20 11	7 10	9 00	18 21
Stephen Randall,	100 00	28 78	7 10	7 00	28 88
Alexander Duncan,	1000 00	286 24	71 22	38 00	319 46
Elizabeth Coville,	200 00	86 50	16 00	7 00	95 50
Jabez Gorham,	600 00	153 96	42 73	19 00	177 69
Almon D. Hodges,	100 00	29 20	7 10	7 00	29 30
James Wheaton,	80 00	3 09	5 67	7 00	1 76
George Earle,	100 00	19 45	7 10	00	26 55
Anna Whipple,	200 00	33 98	14 24	7 00	41 22
Rosanna Carpenter,	300 00	19 85	21 35	3 00	38 20
John Crain,	200 00	7 00	14 24	5 00	16 24
Abby T. & W. G. Dearth,	200 00	7 00	14 24	5 00	16 24
Heirs of J. Tillinghast,	100 00	00	7 10	00	7 10
Mary J. Sheldon,	400 00	00	00	00	00
Total,	5,023 66	776 63	339 56	156 00	980 19

Surplus funds appropriated for repairs on fences, ornamental trees and avenues.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM EARLE,

For the Commissioners.

No. 246. Election of City Solicitor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 6, 1875.

RESOLVED, That the Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck be elected on the part of the board of alderman, city solicitor.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 6, 1875.

RESOLVED. That the Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck be elected on the part of the common council, city solicitor.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 247. Resolution accepting invitation of the Trustees of the Reform School.

[Approved May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation of the trustees of the Providence Reform School for the city council to visit the school on Tuesday afternoon, May 18, be and the same is hereby accepted.

No. 248. Resolution appropriating \$15,000 for bridge south of Weybosset bridge.

[Approved, May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a bridge across Providence river, south of Weybosset bridge; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 249. Resolution to lay a sewer in Crary street.

[Approved May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Crary street, from Plane street to Mary street.

No. 250. Resolution to lay a sewer in Langley street.

[Approved May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Langley street, from Plane street to Hospital street.

No. 251. Resolution to lay a sewer in Knight street.

[Approved May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Knight street, from Carpenter street to Washington street.

No. 252. Resolution to lay a sewer in Sutton street.

[Approved, May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Sutton street, from the summit between Asia street and Lee street, to Broadway.

No. 255. Resolution to purchase additional land, for the High School on Summer Street.

[Approved May 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to purchase of Jesse P. Elly, his estate on

Summer street, adjoining the land designated as a site for a high school on said street, and extending through to Spring street, and containing about 11,000 square feet; provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of twenty four thousand five hundred dollars, and that a title satisfactory to the city solicitor be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars, is hereby appropriated to make such purchase, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby directed to hire said sum.

No. 256. Resolution relating to Public Weighers.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to apply to the general assembly for the passage of an act in amendment of section 18, chapter 130, of the general statutes, "of weighers and measurers," of the tenor of the bill hereto annexed.

No. 257. Resolution to lay a sewer in Borden street.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Borden street, from Plane street to Hospital street.

No. 258. Resolution transferring \$1,000 to the appropriation for Engine House on Smith and Orms streets.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for the construction of the

Pond and Central street hose station to the appropriation for the construction of the steamer and ladder station, corner of Smith and Orms streets.

No. 259. Report of the Joint Committee on Education on plans for a High School.

[Presented May 6, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL.

August thirteenth 1874, the city council by resolution No 877, authorized the committee on education to procure plans for a new high school building on Summer street, and to pay premiums for same, not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

The committee, in conformity with the authority vested in them, duly advertised to pay premiums for the best three designs. January fourth 1875, the committee selected the designs in their opinion, the most meritorious; the premiums have been paid and they are now the property of the city.

Your committee do not recommend the adoption of either of the three plans for a new high school.

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 260. Committee on the Fourth of July.

[Passed in Common Council, May 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Mr. Douglas be appointed a member of the joint special committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the Fourth of July, and in place of Mr. Hilton, excused from further service thereon.

No. 261. Message from the Mayor in relation to the burning of the Fourth Police Station on Knight street.

[Presented May 10, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, May 10, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The main building of the fourth district police station on Knight street, was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. The fire was undoubtedly caused by lightning, but the officers therein experienced no shock, and the building was not shattered so far as to afford any evidence as to the place where the lightning entered. Three officers had just come into the station to procure their rubber clothing, when it was found to be on fire, and so rapid was the progress of the flames, that the men asleep in the second story, had no time to dress, and several of them were forced to escape from the windows.

The loss to the men in clothing is very heavy, which they are illy able to bear, and I recommend that some action be taken by the city council to relieve them of at least, a large proportion of their loss.

No ordinary fire could have spread with such rapidity as to prevent the men from saving their personal effects, but this fire seemed to envelope the entire building in flame at one and the same time, and the destruction is almost as complete as though it had been filled with combustible material. Under these circumstances, it is only just that the city should relieve the officers by bearing a part of their loss.

The portion of the station destroyed was erected for an engine house, and has for a long time been too limited in its accommodations for the large number of men assigned to this important district.

The superintendent of public buildings, at my request, has caused plans to be prepared for an enlargement of the build-

ing, which I submit herewith, and recommend their approval by the city council.

The plans contemplate using the present cell room and the rooms over it, which are but slightly damaged by fire, and the erection of a main building, three stories in height, affording the proper offices for the business of the station, separate sleeping rooms, and a large drill-room in the third story: the whole to cost not more than thirteen thousand dollars.

I recommend that the joint committees on police and city property be authorized to erect the building, and perfect the plans, at an expenditure not exceeding the sum named.

I have engaged Lester's hall, at the corner of Knight and Cranston streets, for the district until the station is ready for use, and possession of the premises was taken yesterday by my order.

The cell room of the old station will be used, and an officer will be in charge of it during the work of rebuilding.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 262. Resolution referring portion of the foregoing Message to the joint standing committee on police.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the message of his honor the mayor, dated May 10, 1875, as relates to compensation to officers of the fourth police district for losses of personal effects caused by the fire in the Knight street station, on the ninth instant, be referred to the joint committee on police, to examine and report thereon.

No. 263. Resolution to rebuild and enlarge the Fourth Police Station on Knight street.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committees on police and city property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to

cause the main building of the fourth district police station to be rebuilt and enlarged, and made three stories in height, in general accordance with plans submitted this day, prepared under the direction of the superintendent of public buildings, provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be and he is authorized to hire said sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the purpose aforesaid.

No. 268. Report of the Joint Special Committee in relation to the Aldridge farm.

[Presented May 10, 1875.]

PROVIDENCE, May 10th, 1875.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee, to whom, on the 25th day of March, 1875, was referred the message of his honor the mayor, in relation to the purchase of the reversionary right in the Aldridge farm, so called, situated in Cranston, respectfully report: that they waited upon the water commissioners and obtained from them the following information.

This farm was condemned for water works purposes, by the water commissioners, in May, 1870, under the authority conferred by chapter 640 of the statutes, and is the same farm whereon is located the pumping station.

In relation to the taking of this farm, the water commissioners in their report to the city council, dated July 1, 1870, say:—

“By authority of law, the farm at Pettaconset, late the property of Lorey Stafford, deceased, spoken of in his will as the Aldridge farm, has been taken for the use of the water works, and the parties in interest have been duly notified. The devisees being minors, are not at present qualified to con-

vey the property, (a guardian, however, has just been appointed,) and there are contingent interests under the will, which do not seem to be clearly defined."

Subsequently, Nov. 22, 1870, the water commissioners passed a resolution instructing their secretary to inform Zuriel Potter, guardian, that the commissioners were ready to pay the sum of nine thousand (9,000) dollars for the Aldridge farm, so called, "whenever a deed or deeds can be given which, in the opinion of the city solicitor, shall convey to the city of Providence a good and sufficient title in fee simple: said sum being the same amount as that at which the said farm was appraised on the tenth day of June last by the appraisers appointed by the court of probate of the town of Cranston, to inventory the estates of the said minors."

On the 28th day of November, 1870, the commissioners received a letter from Mr. Potter, of which the following is a copy :

"PROVIDENCE, November 25, 1870.

DEAR SIRS : -I am in receipt of your letter of 23d inst., and in reply would say, that as guardian of the estates of Charles Stafford and Edwin F. Stafford, I am willing to accept of \$9,000 for their interests in the Aldridge farm, and if desired, to obtain the usual decree for leave to sell their interests from the court of probate of Cranston, and under it give the usual guardian's deed. And am also ready at the expense of the city, to institute or join in any other proceedings proper for me as guardian, that the commissioners may request, for confirming to the city the title of the farm.

The widow, Mrs. Lorey Stafford, also tells me that she will accept \$1,000 for her dower in the estate.

Respectfully yours,

ZURIEL POTTER."

The offer of the commissioners of \$9,000 was for the fee simple, while by the letter of Mr. Potter, he agrees to accept that sum for the interests of his two wards, leaving the widow's dower and other contingent interests to be arranged for.

On the 19th day of December 1870, the commissioners accepted the offer of the widow of Lorey Stafford to release her dower in this estate, and on the 21st day of the same month, paid her for the same the sum of one thousand dollars.

The commissioners and Mr. Potter failing to agree as to the terms of settlement, Mr. Potter applied to the supreme court, for the appointment of appraisers' as provided by law.

The following is a copy of the appraisers' report :

" STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, Sc.

SUPREME COURT.

In Case CHARLES STAFFORD, et. al. vs. CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

JANUARY 8th, 1872.

The appraisers in said cause commissioned at the October term of this Honorable Court, do now report :

That by the terms of said commission we are directed

To appraise and determine the entire value of the Aldridge farm taken by the water commissioners. and to appraise the entire damage sustained by all parties to said petition, and cited in by previous order therein, according to the statute,

We, therefore, do appraise and determine the entire value of said Aldridge farm on the fifth day of May, 1870, to be the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.)

It was in proof before us that at the time said petition was filed, the city of Providence was the owner by purchase of the dower of Abby Ann Stafford in said Aldridge farm; with this exception, it is understood by us, that all the parties representing the entire estate in and fee simple, of said farm are before us as parties petitioners under the proceedings in court, and the provisions of chapter 897 of the statutes.

We have taken into consideration the possibility of the right of possession to the farm, reverting to the owners of the fee as said farm has been taken and is now held by the water commissioners under the powers, and for the purposes only, named in chapter 640 of the statutes, and the acts in addition and amendment thereof.

And we do now appraise the entire damage sustained by all parties to said petition and cited in by order thereon and according to the statutes, at the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

EDWARD D. PEARCE, }
ROBERT WILSON, } Appraisers.
RODNEY F. DYER, }

From this decision each party entered an appeal. Two trials of the case were had, the first of which resulted in the disagreement of the jury, and the second in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$23,053.32, which includes \$3,079.32 for interest. A new trial was asked for in behalf of the city, and the motion denied.

Having obtained this information, the committee held a meeting, at which Zuriel Potter, as the representative of the parties claiming to own a reversionary right in said farm, was present. Mr. Potter stated to the committee that said parties were willing to sell their interest in said farm to the city for the sum of twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars, (\$21,300,) and that this was the lowest sum they would take.

It will be noticed that the appraisers appointed by the court, valued the interest of these parties at the sum of five hundred dollars, (\$500.)

In view of the fact that the city has already paid a much larger sum for this property for the uses of the water works than was named by the appraisers as covering both damages and reversionary rights, and as there is no probability that for generations to come, if ever, the city will abandon the use of the same for the purposes for which it was taken, your committee consider that the demand of the parties claiming to have an interest in the said estate, is exorbitant.

The committee recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

For the committee,

CLINTON D. SELLEW, Chairman.

No. 269. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the Brook Street District.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 270. Resolution relating to Assessments for widening Potter street.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That whereas, under resolution No. 332 of the city council, approved November 26, 1873, it was "resolved, that the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit the interest upon the several assessments made upon parties benefited by

the extension and widening of Potter street, in this city, from Broad street to Pine street, provided said assessments shall be paid to him on or before December 10, 1874 ;”

And whereas said extension and widening was not commenced to be made, until the latter part of April, A. D. 1875.

Therefore the city treasurer is hereby directed to collect interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, from Nov. 20, 1873, from such parties so assessed, and from such only, as shall not have paid their assessments on or before the 10th day of July, 1875.

No. 271. Resolution to pay Alma Rhodes, \$100.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Alma Rhodes, first assistant teacher in the Greenwich street grammar school, the sum of one hundred dollars, the same being the amount due her for the years 1871, and 1872.

No. 272. Resolution to pay Henry C. Gladding \$100.
for flooding his premises.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Henry C. Gladding the sum of one hundred dollars, in full compensation for all damage sustained by him by reason of overflow of his premises on the southeast corner of Dorrance and Friendship streets, during the building of the new Dorrance street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 273. Resolution to pay Robert A. Lynch \$150.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Robert A. Lynch, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in full compensation for injuries received by reason of defect in highway, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 274. Resolution abating \$14.50 from tax of David Taylor.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to David Taylor of Rehoboth, Mass., the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 275. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in in the matter of Lippitt street.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to discontinue all proceedings in reference to the laying out of Lippitt street, from Camp street to North Main street, under the resolution approved October 5, 1874.

No. 276. Resolution to lay out Lippitt street, from Camp street to North Main street.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Lippitt street, forty-five feet wide, from Camp street to North Main street, by the following described lines, viz :

Beginning for the northerly line in the westerly line of Camp street at the southeasterly corner of the land of Charles H. Snow and wife, thence westerly about one thousand and sixty-three and seventy-eight one-hundredths feet in the line of said Lippitt street to a stone bound ; thence in a direct line passing through the corner board at the southeast corner of the most southerly dwelling-house on the estate of Sarah Dexter's heirs three hundred and forty-one and eighty-two one-hundredths feet to the easterly line of North Main street: the southerly line to be parallel with said northerly line and forty-five feet therefrom, 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.

No. 277. Resolution to lay a sewer in Olney street.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Olney street, from Mallett street to North Main street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

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

- No. 278. To Stephen C. Arnold, Dexter avenue.
 - 279. John Clarke, No. 58 Sheldon street.
 - 280. Thomas Cosgrove, rear of No. 108 Richmond street.
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No. 281. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John R. Cory 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.

No. 282. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Jeremiah H. Cranston 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.

No. 283. Resolution to employ a Tillerman for Hook and Ladder Truck No. 1.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers are hereby authorized to employ a permanent man to act as tillerman of hook and ladder truck, No. 1, at a salary not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum, to be paid out of the appropriation for the fire department, provided that the number of men in the department shall not be increased thereby.

No. 284. Resolution to remove building of Michael McHale et al., at the corner of Bourn and Aborn streets.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby instructed to cause to be removed from its present location on the corner of Bourn and Aborn streets, the dwelling house claimed to be owned by Michael McHale and others, and to place the same upon such rear portion of the same lot as may be fixed upon by the owners. Such removal to be made whenever the owners shall have executed a bond or guarantee, satisfactory to the city solicitor, that they will hold the city exempt from all claims for repairs or damages to said building which may be consequent upon such removal, and also from all expense necessary to put the same in condition after it shall have been removed.

No. 285. Message from the Mayor in relation to the foundations and piling for the City Hall.

[Presented May 21, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, May 21, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On the eighth day of March last, I transmitted to the city council a message giving my reason for refusing to draw upon

the city treasurer for payments to be made to Messrs. Boynton Brothers on account of a contract made by them with the city hall commissioners for the foundations of the city hall building. The reason given was the fact that the superintendent of public buildings had stated to me that the work which had been done was not in accordance with the specifications filed with the contract in the office of the city auditor.

This message, together with certain papers relating to the same subject received from the city hall commissioners by the city council, were referred to a joint special committee to examine and report thereon.

In the course of the examination made by the committee, it appeared that the specifications filed in the office of the city auditor above referred to, were not the real specifications which had been agreed upon between the commissioners and the contractors, and that the contract itself was not made in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance prescribing the duties of the city hall commissioners.

During the progress of the examination, certain papers were filed by the commissioners with the city auditor, giving their own and their architect's explanations of the changes made in the original specifications, in conformity with which it was understood the work was being done.

Taking it for granted, therefore, that this understanding was correct, I stated to the chairman of the joint special committee that I should require the contract, which had been irregularly made, to be approved by both branches of the city council before further payments could properly be made under it, and at his request, drafted the resolution which the committee adopted, and which on the fourth instant was passed by the board of aldermen, and concurred in by the common council on the sixth instant, by an affirmative vote of but just a majority of the members elected thereto.

It will be observed that this resolution simply approves the modified contract and specifications, and directs the mayor to draw his drafts "in the same manner as if the specifications had been originally filed with the auditor." No reference

whatever is made to the work done under the contract, and the debate thereon in both branches of the city council, showed that the resolution was so understood by the members, and that they intended by its adoption to leave the responsibility for the approval of the work with the superintendent of public buildings and the mayor, where it had already been placed by the city ordinances.

Being fully advised of this responsibility, on the eighth instant, the second day after the vote of concurrence of the common council, I requested the superintendent of public buildings to inform me if the work done by the Messrs. Boynton Brothers conformed to the specifications which had been approved by the city council. A copy of my letter marked A, is transmitted herewith.

On the seventeenth instant I received from the superintendent of public buildings an answer to my inquiry, in which it will be observed that while he pronounced the foundation walls to be substantially up to the contract as modified, he does not give his approval to the piling, which had been done by the same contractors. A copy of his letter, marked B, is transmitted herewith.

As soon as this reply was received, and on the same day, I wrote to the superintendent, asking his opinion as to whether he considered the piling to be sufficiently strong to support the intended superstructure. A copy of this letter is forwarded herewith, marked C.

The reply of the superintendent to this inquiry was received this afternoon, and a copy thereof, marked D, is transmitted herewith.

It will be observed that he is not able to answer directly the question proposed to him, and that the only decisive information given in reference to the piling is that the piles are very much smaller than the specifications required, and that a greater number was driven than the plans called for, which extra number are to be paid for as extra; or, in other words, while the contractors have been permitted to substitute smaller and inferior piles for those required by their contract, yet they

are to be paid for any extra number of piles they may have driven.

This method of dealing with contractors for city work does not commend itself as one that should be followed generally by committees or commissioners.

On the fifteenth instant, two days before the first reply of the superintendent was received, a newspaper of this city contained an advertisement of that date, signed by the commissioners, calling for proposals to be received for completing the work upon the foundations of the city hall, which proposals were to be opened at noon on the 19th instant, and the same newspaper has announced the fact that a new contract has been made with the Messrs. Boynton Brothers by the city hall commissioners, for the completion of the work, which they had already contracted and given bond to perform.

If such a contract has been made, it is worthy of note that it is in conformity with a threat made by a member of the contracting firm to the city auditor, on the day he was informed that the mayor had declined to sign the draft for the work done by his firm.

Of the reasons for this new contract with the Messrs. Boynton Brothers, I am not advised, as since the passage of the resolution by the city council approving the former contract, neither the commissioners nor their architect have held any communication with the executive department in relation to the matter at issue.

I have deemed it to be my duty to place these facts before the city council, because an effort is being made to create the impression that the mayor has needlessly interfered with the operations of the commissioners, and from a personal hostility to the erection of the building, is imposing heavy costs upon the city by his action in reference to the contract for the piling and foundations, although he has promptly drawn for all other contracts made by the commissioners, including large sums for the stone already finished for the walls of the building.

To draw drafts upon the city treasurer for the cost of the

finest and most expensive building ever erected in the state, may be a simple matter, and the executive, in endeavoring to ascertain before drawing such drafts that the work is properly done, may be exceeding his powers, but under the oath of office which I have taken, I have considered it my duty to follow the course I have adopted, especially as even the high character of the commissioners cannot be an excuse for any neglect of a duty imposed upon the mayor by the charter and ordinances of the city.

The character of the piling under the city hall has been condemned by men of long experience in the erection of buildings in this city, by citizens whose reputation is beyond question, and who are not only the friends of the commissioners, but friendly to the erection of the city hall. An executive who should hear these opinions and receive also the condemnation of the work by the officer appointed to examine it, and then continue to draw upon the public treasury for payment for such work, would deserve a prompt removal from his office.

Our citizens have had a recent opportunity to observe a case of defective piling, fortunately discovered in time to prevent any serious consequences resulting therefrom and there is no such pressing demand for a city hall, that I should overlook the important fact that this building, intended to be an ornament to the city for generations, is to be constructed by the commissioners upon piling, far inferior to that which the architect considered to be requisite when he framed his specifications.

It is asserted that great gain will result to the city by the rapid erection of the city hall. This is contrary to the opinion which has heretofore generally obtained, that in the construction of structures of this character, strength and durability were to be considered, rather than the space of time within which the building can be forced to its completion. It is far better that one or two years longer should be occupied in the work of building, than that a defective foundation shall be hastily concealed. Complications must necessarily arise from

the peculiar course pursued by the commissioners with the Messrs. Boynton Brothers, and I therefore recommend that immediate action be taken by the city council, in reference to the matter at issue ; that the decision of experts be secured as to the character of the work already done by the firm, and that the opinion of the city solicitor be taken as to how far a new contract made with these gentlemen is to change the rights of the city to require the proper fulfilment of the former contract so recently approved by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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[COPY.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE. }
City of Providence, May 8, 1875. }

OBADIAH SLADE, ESQ., SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS :

Dear Sir :—The contract made by the city hall commissioners with Messrs. Boynton Brothers has been approved by both branches of the city council, and the contractors are desirous of receiving their pay for the work already done by them. Will you be kind enough to inform me if their work conforms to the specifications now on file in the office of the city auditor, and approved as I have already stated.

An early reply will oblige,

Yours truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

B.

[COPY.]

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, }
2 College street, Providence, May 17, 1875. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR ;

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter dated May 8th, asking for information as to whether the work of the Boynton Bros. upon the foundations of the city hall, conforms to the contract now on file in the office of the city auditor, I beg leave to submit the following statement and answer. The questions are substantially the same as those put to me verbally by you last February, and to which I then gave a verbal answer, that in my opinion the work did not come up in quality and cost (though good of the kind) to that shown in section as drawn or as modified in the printed specifications.

I then made but two points : First that the piles were very much smaller than those specified, and second, that the masonry was of a cheaper kind than that drawn or described. I then and now believe that that answer was correct in both particulars.

I have now carefully reviewed the whole matter, and have also reëxamined the papers relating thereto, on file in the office of the city auditor, and I find filed with the contract sundry papers bearing date subsequent to the date of my former examination.

These papers consist, first, of a letter from the architect, addressed to the commissioners, in which the original papers are qualified and explained in three or four important particulars, together with a section showing the masonry substantially as built.

Secondly, I find a paper signed by two of the commissioners, concurring with the architect in his qualifications and explanations, and declaring that upon this basis, verbally given to the bidders, the original contract was made.

Assuming that these papers are all legally a part of the contract, (and upon this point I give no opinion,) I have no hesitation in saying that the foundation walls of the city hall building as constructed by the Boynton Bros., are substantially up to the contract as modified ; that they are sufficient to carry the superstructure, and in my judgment, it cost the contractor nearly all he gets for that branch of the work.

As nothing is said in the new file of papers relative to the piling, I cannot modify the opinion I then gave concerning the same.

Very respectfully,

OBADIAH SLADE,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

C.

[COPY.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, MAY 17, 1875. }

O. SLADE, ESQ., SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Dear Sir—Referring to your letter of this date in relation to the work upon the foundations of the city hall, I desire to be informed as to whether you consider the piling sufficiently strong to support the intended superstructure.

An early reply will oblige,

Yours truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

D.

[COPY.]

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, }
PROVIDENCE, MAY 21, 1875. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

Dear Sir—Your letter of May 17th, relating to the foundations of the city hall is at hand, in which you ask to be informed whether I consider the piling sufficiently strong to support the intended superstructure. I reply, that I am in the possession of no evidence that would warrant me in giving an unqualified affirmative answer to the question you propound.

I can only say in behalf of the piling, that every interest of the architect of this building, the high character of the commissioners, the reputation of the inspector in his subordinate sphere, are all so many pledges, that the plans of the piling were well considered, and the work of driving the same aithfully carried out.

Then there is one other question which may be raised to favor or vindicate the character of the work; the whole matter has been investigated and passed upon by a committee of the city council, consisting of ten gentlemen, selected, as I must suppose, with special reference to their fitness for the duty assigned them; they were so well satisfied with this part of the work, that they did not, in their report, deem it necessary to make any special allusion to it.

I am not unmindful of the fact that a foundation of piling is among the most substantial and permanent forms of construction, and that a building resting upon such foundations rarely cracks from settling.

But after all, Mr. Mayor, this is presumptive evidence in favor of the work as it is done upon the city hall lot, and I submit it is not of such a character as would warrant or justify me in giving you a complete testimonial in favor of the quality of the same, nor is it an answer to your question.

The information you seek, to be of any value to yourself or the public, must be founded upon thorough and exact knowledge of the whole subject, such as the weight of the building, the number of piles supporting the same, the weight and fall of the hammer, with the depression of the pile with the last blow. All this doubtless has been calculated by the architect, but I have not seen nor sought the information at his office.

In order to satisfy, so far as possible, the demand of your letter for information, I have, with such facts and data as I could command, made an estimate of the weight of the building, and have also apportioned the weight of the same to each pile driven.

I find in the original plan of the foundations the number of piles set down at 1,906, of an average size of 12 inches at the butt.

As I said in a former communication, the average diameter of the piles was considerably reduced; there is still timber enough left, if properly driven, to support the building.

The chairman of the commissioners has informed me that the number of piles driven is considerably in excess of the number described in the plans; he also informed me that these piles were not driven to cover any deficiency in the sizes of those driven pursuant to contract, but to cover a contingency that might arise from a desire to slightly change the plans, and that they were to be paid for as extra to the contract.

For the purpose of an estimate of the weight of load to each pile, I have called the whole number of piles 2,200.

I have carefully estimated the weight of the structure, and I find the same to be 33,000 tons, which gives to each supporting pile 30,000 pounds, or 15 tons to carry.

The weight of the hammer with which they were driven I understand to be 1,800 pounds. Assuming the fall thereof to have been 20 feet at the last blow which was about the distance, the pile should not have a depression therefrom greater than two inches, in order to carry safely the load of 15 tons. I am aware in these matters relating to the carrying capacity of piles, authorities differ; yet reflection will teach that the line of safety in this matter is the line of duty.

In conclusion, I beg to say that in the early part of the work upon the city hall foundations, I did not suppose it was understood by the city council that I should exercise any supervision of the city hall building. I did not, therefore give any time, or but very little, during the driving of the piles. It must be apparent, then, that the superintendent of public buildings is hardly a competent witness in this case.

Desiring, if possible, to avoid all appearance of evasion to every question properly put, I must say that I have no information that would warrant me in approving or condemning the work of driving the piles for the foundation walls of the city hall building.

Very respectfully,

OBADIAH SLADE,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

IN CONVENTION.

MAY 21, 1875.

The following officers are elected :

Constables,

Charles J. Sweet,

Albert C. Johnson.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 21, 1875.

Mr. John B. Anthony, aldermen elect from the third ward, in place of Mr. Earle, removed from the ward, appears, and the oath of office is administered to him by the Mayor.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 288. Joint Standing Committee on City Property.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 21, 1875.

Alderman Anthony having been appointed a member of the joint committee on city property, in place of Mr. Earle,

RESOLVED, That said appointment be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 289. Resolution to purchase land for Police Station for the Second District, and to hire \$10,000 therefor.

[Approved, May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committees on city property and police, are hereby authorized to purchase a suitable lot of

land for a police station for the second police district and the northerly portion of the city; said lot to contain not over ten thousand square feet: provided a title satisfactory to the city solicitor be obtained, and that the cost of said land shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum of ten thousand dollars.

No. 290. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, for the improvement of the Roger Williams park: the same to be paid from the appropriation for public parks.

No. 291. Resolution to abate claim against Mary Kiernan for moving a building.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby authorized to abate one-half of the charge made against Mrs. Mary Kiernan, for the occupancy of the public streets in moving a building from the city hall lot, under resolution No. 912, approved September 1, 1874.

No. 292. Resolution for curbing Elmgrove avenue

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on

Elmgrove avenue, between Angell street and Humboldt avenue.

No. 293. Resolution for curbing Humboldt avenue.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Humboldt avenue, between Elmgrove avenue and Wayland avenue.

No. 294. Resolution for curbing Wayland avenue.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Wayland avenue, between Angell street and Humboldt avenue.

No. 295. Resolution for curbing Sherburne street.

[Approved, May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Sherburne street, from Eddy street to Plane street.

No. 296. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works; and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of

the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 297. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Olive Street.

[Approved May 21, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Olive street, from Prospect to Thayer street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 298. Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to correct Sewer Assessments.

[Approved, May 21, 1875,]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to reduce or abate the amount of any assessment for the payment of the cost of the construction of sewers already built or which may be hereafter built, which has been erroneously made; and the city treasurer, upon receiving a certificate from said board that such reduction or abatement has been made by them, is hereby authorized and directed to deduct and collect the balance only remaining of such sewer assessment, in full thereof.

No. 299. Resolution relating to Bridge across Providence River.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to build a bridge south of Weybosset bridge, are hereby directed to cause the sidewalk on the west side of South Water street, and on the east side of Dyer street, adjoining the bridge, to be not less

than ten feet wide; to cause one cross-walk bridge to be constructed, and to place such railings on all sides of the bridge adjoining the water, as the said bridge commissioners shall deem proper.

No. 300. Report of Joint Committee on Ordinances approving appointment of Assistant City Solicitor.

[Presented May 21, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on ordinances respectfully report, that they have received notice from the city solicitor that he has appointed Stephen A. Cooke, jr., assistant city solicitor for the ensuing year, and the committee have approved said appointment.

For the committee,

WM. W. DOUGLAS, Chairman

No. 301. Resolution to procure plans for school houses on Meeting street, Admiral street and Julian street.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education be hereby authorized to procure plans for three frame primary and intermediate school houses, one to be located on Manning street, second ward, one on Admiral street, and one on Julian street, tenth ward.

No. 302. Resolution to procure plans for a grammar school house on Orms street.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education be hereby

authorized and directed to procure and present to the city council, plans and estimates for a brick grammar school building, to be located on Orms street.

No. 303. Resolution relating to the police station on Knight street.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed May 13, 1875, to rebuild and enlarge the police station on Knight street, are hereby authorized in their discretion, to reject any or all bids for the proposed work, and to cause the same to be done under the supervision of the committee, by the superintendent of public buildings.

No. 304. Resolution directing the use of granite blocks on North Main street.

[Approved May 27, 1875]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, when making future repairs on North Main street, such as will render necessary the removal of any portion of the paving, are hereby directed to replace the same with granite blocks.

No. 305. Resolution to set the curbing on Pleasant street.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Pleasant street between Camp street and Ivy street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 306. Elizabeth F. Clifford.

307. Daniel Duggan.

No. 308. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Nelson Titus 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.

No. 309. Resolution to sell old school house on Messer street.

[Approved June 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on city property be hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction, the old school house on Messer street, with the condition that the same shall be removed from the lot within fifteen days from the date of said sale.

 No. 310. Resolution relating to Vacation Schools.

[Approved June 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to establish seven vacation schools, for the support of which, fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for the public schools.

No. 311. Resolution to hire a Room for School purposes.

[Approved June 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to hire for temporary use, the vestry of the Congdon street Baptist church, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed twenty-five dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 312. Resolution accepting the Fountain in Abbott Park Place.

[Approved June 14, 1875.]

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

The undersigned, in behalf of those who purchased the fountain set up in Abbott Park Place, desires to present the same to the city, and respectfully requests that your honorable body will accept the fountain as the first public fountain established in this city, and cause the same to be hereafter maintained at the public expense.

The vouchers for the cost of said fountain, as paid by the undersigned, are transmitted herewith for preservation in the archives of said city.

WILLIAM H. CHARNLEY.

RESOLVED, That the fountain placed in Abbott park place by William H. Charnley and others, and by them presented to the city, be hereby accepted by the city council, and that the joint committee on parks are hereby directed to take possession of said fountain and provide for its care and attendance.

No. 313. Report of the Joint Committee on Education in relation to land for School House on Julian street.

[Presented May 27, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The committee on education, who by resolution No. 167 current series, were authorized to negotiate with the owner or owners of the land fixed upon by said resolution for a school house, and to obtain the terms upon which said owner or owners will convey the same to the city, respectfully report, that the land in question is owned by the Atlantic Delaine Company. The trustee of said corporation, which is now in bankruptcy, declines to name any terms upon which he will convey the same to the city.

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 314. Message from the Mayor relating to the Brook street District.

[Presented June 3, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 3, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

There seems to be no immediate demand for further purchases of estates in the Brook street district, or at least not until the grades and lines of streets therein have been absolutely established.

The parties in possession receive all the advantages of actual ownership without the disadvantages of taxes and assessments imposed upon other property, and under such circumstances can continue to retain the use of their estates until an adjustment of their claims is made.

I therefore recommend that the Brook street district commissioners be directed not to make payments for any estates

in the district until the actual work of grading the district has commenced, unless otherwise ordered, from time to time, by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 315. Message from the Mayor relating to Public Baths.

[Presented June 3, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 3, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

This city has an abundant supply of pure water, and embraces within its limits several large ponds and a capacious harbor with rivers emptying therein. Yet, with all these facilities, there are no public baths, and the only action taken by the city council in reference to bathing, is to restrict by penalties, the privileges of those who might desire to bathe in the ponds, harbor or rivers.

In a large manufacturing population, it is of the utmost importance that bodily cleanliness should be encouraged rather than restricted or prevented, and the municipal government should take care that facilities for bathing are provided in different sections of the city, either entirely free of cost to those who desire to use them, or at such nominal charge as to make them available to those of most limited means.

I recommend that a committee be appointed to examine the matter and to report plans and locations for bathing-houses, with a draft of proper regulations for their use.

If such a committee will move, with that promptness which the importance of the subject demands, two or more houses may be ready for use during the present season, and this action will undoubtedly commend itself to public favor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 316. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved June 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated June 3, 1875, in relation to the establishment of public baths, be referred to aldermen Anthony and Potter, with Messrs. Rickard, Lewis and Short, of the common council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 317. Resolution to procure a plan and estimate for Public Baths.

[Approved June 3, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Anthony and Potter, with Messrs. Rickard, Lewis and Short, of the common council, are appointed a special committee, with instructions to report a plan and estimate of cost for the establishment of public baths, and proper rules and regulations for their management.

No. 318. Resolutions relating to the Assessment against Sarah A. Olney, for the widening of Broad street.

[Approved June 14, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to delay all proceedings for the collection of the assessment on land and premises taxed to Sarah A. Olney, now the property of John Steere, by purchase since the making of said assessment, growing out of the lay-out, widening and straightening of Broad street: provided, that said John Steere shall secure the lien therefor upon said premises now existing, and the payment of said assessment in such manner as the city solicitor shall deem sufficient for that purpose.

No. 326. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance on the annual reports of the City Treasurer and City Auditor.

[Presented June 14, 1875.]

TO THE HON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of the city auditor and city treasurer for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1874, report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and find the same correct.

For the committee,

J. B. BARNABY, Chairman.

No. 327. Invitation to attend the laying of the corner stone of the City Hall.

[Accepted June 18, 1875.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 14, 1875. }

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

GENTLEMEN:

The corner stone of the new city hall will be laid on Thursday, June 24, 1875, at 11 o'clock. By direction of the city hall commissioners, I have the pleasure of inviting you to honor the occasion with your presence. The mayor of the city has been invited to preside; the grand master of masons for Rhode Island has accepted an invitation to lay the stone with the imposing formalities of the masonic fraternity, and Gen. Horatio Rogers has accepted an invitation to deliver an address. It is hoped and expected that the ceremonies will be worthy of the city and the occasion.

I am very respectfully,

JAMES Y. SMITH, Chairman.

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- No. 328. Resolution appropriating \$120,000 for Interest on the Water Loan.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for interest on the water loan due in 1900, and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

- No. 329. Resolution to grade and fence the school house lot on Messer street.

[Passed June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, is hereby authorized to cause the Messer street school house lot to be graded and suitable fences built; and the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars is hereby transferred, for such purpose, from the appropriation for school houses and lots, to the appropriation for the Messer street school house.

- No. 330. Resolution to pay judgments against Policemen Swan and Oaks.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That policemen James O. Swan and Charles R. Oaks, be allowed and paid the sum of seventy-three dollars and twenty five cents, being the amount of judgments and costs rendered against them as officers in the discharge of their duty.

No. 331. Resolution to pay Thomas Borkin \$125.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Borkin one hundred and twenty-five dollars to reimburse him for funeral and burial expenses of his brother Peter Borkin, who was accidentally fatally shot by a police officer on Eddy street on the tenth day of April, 1875, whenever he shall sign a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 332. Resolution to pay James Gorman \$250 for flooding his premises.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay, to James Gorman, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in full for damage sustained by him by reason of obstructions in and overflow of sewer in Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 333. Resolution to lay a sewer in Borden street.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Borden, street from Hospital street to Eddy street.

No. 334. Resolution to lay a sewer in Beacon and Maple streets.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Beacon and Maple streets, from Prince street to Pearl street.

No. 335. Resolution to lay a sewer in Clemence street.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Clemence street, from Washington street to Fountain street.

No. 336. Resolution to suspend work on the sewer ordered in Peace street.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to suspend further proceedings in constructing the sewer in Peace street, from Broad street to Prairie avenue, as ordered by resolution No. 99, until such street is accepted and declared a public highway by the board of aldermen.

No. 337. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Francis street.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby re-

quested to receive and declare Francis street as a public highway, from Gaspee street to Woods avenue.

No. 338. Resolution for curbing Maiden lane.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Maiden lane, from Potter's avenue to the Providence and Stonington railroad.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

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

- No. 339. Catharine Donnelly, No. 65 Burnside street.
 - 340. Hugh Gorman & Co., rear of No. 16 Wickenden street.
 - 341. Oliver C. Moulton, Spring street.
 - 342. George H. Pettis, rear of No. 10 French street.
 - 343. Robert Pettis, No. 78 Martin street.
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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 344. Henry Cram.

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- No. 345. Michael Golrick.
346. Franklin Gould.
347. Mary Mulholland.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved June 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 348. Benjamin B. Franklin.
349. Jeremiah B. Gardiner.
350. John McNulty.

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. 351. Resolutions to lay out Cargill street.

[Approved June 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Cargill street, from Carpenter street to Fountain street, and not less than forty feet wide: 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.

No. 352. Resolutions to lay out Florence and Malden streets.

[Approved June 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Florence and Malden streets, from Kossuth street to Manton avenue, by the following metes and bounds: beginning for the easterly line, in the southerly line of Kossuth street at its intersection with the easterly line of Florence street; thence south 17 deg. 9 min. west, four hundred and thirty-two and 57-100 feet, to an angle; thence south 58 deg. 9 min. 36 sec. west, three hundred and forty-nine and 76-100 feet to a point in the easterly line of Manton avenue, seven and 2-10 feet southerly from the present south-easterly corner of Malden street and said Manton avenue.

The westerly line to be parallel with and fifty feet westerly from the above described line from Kossuth street to the first described angle; from thence to Manton avenue, the northerly line to be forty feet from and parallel with the above described southerly 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 commissioners 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. 353. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Burnside street.

[Approved June 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Burnside street, from Public street to Potter's avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 354. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved June 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James M. Corcoran to raise a certain building, located at No. 50 Dean street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 355. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved June 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Edward Pearce 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.

No. 356. Message from the Mayor in relation to buildings on Wickenden street.

[Presented June 28, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 28, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The change of grade in Wickenden street will require that several buildings on the south side of the street belonging to the city, should be raised from three to five feet each, and it is important that the work should be done before the next winter season.

This is made necessary by the erection of the building for fire and police purposes on the north side of the street, the foundation walls of which will be exposed to frost unless the street is brought to the new grade.

I recommend that the committee on city property be instructed to examine the matter and report a proper plan for the completion of the work.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 357. Resolution referring the above message to the Committee on City Property.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated June 28, 1875, relative to raising the buildings on the south side of Wickenden street, belonging to the city, be referred to the joint committee on city property, with instructions to examine the matter and report a proper plan for the completion of the work.

No. 358. Message from the Mayor in relation to the
High School.

[Presented June 28, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 28, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I transmit herewith a communication from Rev. Augustus Woodbury, chairman of the committee appointed by the general assembly to negotiate with the city for the purchase by the state, of the high school property on Benefit street, and recommend that the committee on city property be authorized to confer with the committee of the state in relation to a sale of the above premises.

The offer of the state to purchase the high school property for the use of the normal school, not only secures the permanent location of that institution in this city, but it also enables the city to dispose of the premises to much greater advantage than if compelled to sell to a party who would be obliged to remove the building, in order to make the estate available.

In this connection it is proper to remind the city council of the fact that many children who desire to avail themselves of the privileges of the high school are excluded therefrom by the limited accommodations furnished for the school. The necessity for a new high school has been repeatedly brought to the attention of the city council, and in the meantime, the grade of scholarship has been raised, from time to time, so as to prevent only a limited number of children from receiving an education in the school.

The sale of the building on the town house lot, which has been occupied as one of the rooms of the high school, very much reduced the seating capacity of the school.

At the beginning of the school year in September next, the number of children applying for admission to the high school, and who will be qualified even at the high standard fixed upon,

will be greater than in any previous year, and some measure must be adopted by the city council to provide rooms for their education.

To say that it is a gross injustice to our citizens for the city council to neglect to provide means of education for any considerable portion of the children of the community who desire and have a right to demand equal privileges in the high school, is but a mild term, when it is considered that large sums of money have been lavishly expended in the erection of costly buildings for the lower grades of schools.

To adorn primary and intermediate school buildings with fancy architectural ornaments, and to build grammar school-houses in sections of the city, where delay in their erection would work no injury, while children are compelled to complete their education in the grammar schools because they cannot wait until time will enable them to be of the select few to be admitted to the high school, is a policy which cannot be too strongly condemned, and yet it has for some time prevailed in this city.

I therefore urge immediate action in reference to a new high school building.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

COMMUNICATION FROM COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NO. 52 BROADWAY, Providence, June 11, 1875.

DEAR SIR—I am instructed, by a committee appointed by the general assembly, to negotiate with the city of Providence for the purchase by the state of the high school house and grounds under and adjoining, belonging to the city, for the purposes of the state normal school, to make inquiries of the city council relative to the property in question. The committee are desirous of ascertaining if the city council are prepared to enter upon a transaction having for its end the sale and transfer to the state of the high school building and grounds, and if such sale can be consummated, upon what terms the property can be obtained, and at what time it can be delivered.

May I ask that the matter be brought to the attention of the city council at an early day? I would beg leave to suggest, that if the subject be referred to a special committee or to the committee on city property, a conference between the committees representing the city and state, would be desirable.

I am, dear sir, very respectfully your obedient servant,

AUGUSTUS WOODBURY.

For Committee on the part of the State of Rhode Island.
HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor &c., Providence.

No. 359. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor in relation to High School, to the Committee of City Property.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor in relation to the sale of the high school estate to the state, be referred to the committee on city property, with instruction to confer with the committee appointed by the general assembly in that matter, and report upon what terms such sale can be effected.

No. 360. Message from the Mayor in relation to the Commissioners under the liquor law.

[Presented June 28, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 28, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Chapter 508, of the public laws, passed June 25, 1875, requires the board of aldermen of this city to elect, on or before the tenth day of July, proximo, three commissioners, to have all the powers and duties conferred by said chapter upon town councils or boards of aldermen in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The commissioners are to receive such compensation as the city council shall determine, and it is proper that the sum to be paid should be fixed before they are elected. I therefore recommend that immediate action be taken thereon, in order that the board of aldermen may have ample time thereafter to select proper persons for the position.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 363. Report of the Committee on City Property, on purchase of land for High School, on Summer street.

[Presented June 28, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The joint standing committee on city property, to whom was referred resolution No. 255, instructing your committee to purchase of Jesse P. Eddy, Esq., his estate situated on Summer street, extending through to Spring street, containing eleven thousand square feet, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars, respectfully report, that they have bought of Jesse P. Eddy, Esq., his estate, as designated above, for the sum of twenty-four thousand and five hundred dollars, with a title satisfactory to the city solicitor.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 364. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property, on purchase of land for a school house, on Manning and Gano streets.

[Presented June 28, 1875.]

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

That the joint standing committee on city property to whom was referred resolution No. 219, authorizing the committee to purchase a lot of land on the corner of Manning and Gano streets, containing ten thousand square feet, beg leave to report, that they bought from Dr. Edwin M. Snow, May 8, 1875,

the lot of land as directed, for the sum of six thousand dollars, the title being satisfactory to the city solicitor.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 365. Report of the Joint Committee on Railroads
on Bridge at Orms street.

[Presented June 28, 1875.]

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

The joint standing committee on railroads, to whom was referred, by a resolution of the board of aldermen, the subject of the railroad bridge at Orms street, the paving of the same and the liability of the Providence and Worcester Railroad company therefor; to inquire into and report thereon at the first meeting of either branch of the city council: respectfully report that they held a meeting at which were present various parties interested in the subject, that they have given the matter due consideration; and find

First, That on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1872, the board of aldermen ordered the Providence and Worcester railroad company to pave the Orms street bridge with wooden blocks, and that such order has never been complied with:

Second, Your committee are informed that it is doubtful whether the bridge is of sufficient strength to render it safe to use any heavier material than wood for paving.

Third, That negotiations are in progress between the Providence and Worcester railroad company and the Union railroad company, with a view to paving the said bridge with wooden blocks at their joint expense, which will probably obviate any necessity for further action on the part of the city council or board of aldermen.

Fourth, Your committee further understand that the Providence and Worcester railroad do not contest their liability to pave the said bridge as ordered by the board of aldermen.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

For the committee,

JOHN C. PEGRAM, Chairman.

No. 366. Resolution to provide Public Baths.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the building, under the direction of the joint special committee to procure a plan and estimate for public baths, of a suitable bath house for salt water bathing during the present summer: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 367. Resolution to pay John H. Cafferty \$100 for flooding his premises.

[Approved July 1, 1875]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John H. Cafferty the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for damage sustained by him by reason of obstructions in, and overflow of sewer in Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 368. Resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners to lay out Hamilton street.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Hamilton street fifty feet wide, from Potter's avenue northerly to Daboll street, in a direct range with that portion of said Hamilton street already open between Potter's avenue and Congress 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 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. 369. Resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners to lay out a street from Greenwich street to Adelaide avenue.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out a street from Greenwich street to Adelaide avenue, of the width of fifty feet, by the following metes and bounds: beginning for the easterly line, at the intersection of the southerly line of the estate of Silas Moore with the easterly line of Greenwich street; thence a direct line southerly to a point in the centre line of Potter's avenue, two hundred and twenty-five feet distant at right angles westerly from the range of the westerly line of Hamilton street; thence southerly in a direct line parallel with and two hundred and twenty-five feet distant from the westerly line of said Hamilton street, to the southerly line of Adelaide avenue. The westerly line thereof to be parallel with and fifty feet westerly from the above described 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 commissioners 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. 370. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Willard street.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are requested to receive Willard street, from Plane street to Bishop street and declare the same a public highway.

No. 371. Resolution for paving and curbing Amos street.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to relay the paving and set curbstones on Amos street, from North Main street to Canal street.

No. 372. Resolution to lay a sewer in Prairie avenue and Prince street.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Prairie avenue and Prince street, from Friendship street to Pearl street.

No. 373. Resolution to lay a sewer in Vinton street.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Vinton street, from Asia street to Broadway.

No. 374. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William W. Arnold, to raise a certain building, located at No. 50 Spring street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 375. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Nathan B. Horton 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.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 376. James C. Butterworth, jr.

377. Carpenter & Childs.

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 in the city.

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No. 378. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Edward H. Harris to raise a certain building, located at No. 485 Pine street, pursuant to his petition.

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No. 379. Resolution relating to the school house on Summer street.

[Passed July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, is hereby authorized to cause heating apparatus and furniture to be placed in the Summer street school house, the lot to be graded and fenced and suitable out buildings to be constructed for use of said school house; and the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby transferred for such purpose, from the appropriation for school houses and lots to the appropriation for Summer street school house.

No. 380. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to re-lay part of North Main street.

[Approved July 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to re-lay North Main street, from Mill street to Benefit street.

No. 381. Resolution to pay Commissioners on annexation of a portion of Johnston.

[Approved July 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay ninety-nine dollars and fourteen cents, the city's proportion of the expenses of the joint select committee of the general assembly upon the petition of Arthur M. Kimball and others, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Johnston to the city of Providence, as the same has been apportioned equitably by said committee between said town and city, pursuant to resolution No. 22 of the general assembly, passed at the May session, A. D. 1874; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 382. Message from the Mayor, calling a Special Meeting.

[Presented July 6, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, July 6, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On the first Monday of June ultimo, the term of office of Christopher T. Keith, Esq., a member of the board of assessors, expired. It is important that the office should be filled by an election at the earliest practicable date, in order that

the work of assessing the tax for the present year may not be interrupted.

I have therefore convened you at this time, in order that action may be taken thereon, as well as upon a report which will be presented from the committee on the city debt.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 384. Report of the Committee on the City Debt.

[Presented July 6, 1875.]

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

The committee on the city debt make this report :

Under the authority given to the committee by resolution No. 163 of the current series, approved March 25, 1875 : they decided, that inasmuch as the city hall commissioners had made contracts for labor and materials, to the amount of at least one-half of the entire loan authorized to be issued for the construction and furnishing of the city hall, it was desirable to take advantage of the favorable state of the money market then existing, and advertise at once for proposals for the loan.

This was done, and bids were submitted by twelve different parties for the whole loan or portions thereof, which, upon being opened, were all rejected by the committee, who decided to advertise again for new offers, limiting them to a five per cent. gold loan, or a six per cent. currency loan.

Under this advertisement, twelve bids were made and when opened, it was found that the offer of Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., of New York, to take at par in currency, the entire loan if issued as a five per cent. gold loan, payable in the city of New York, with the option of changing it to a sterling loan to be made payable in London, if they should so desire, was not only the highest bid for the five per cent. loan, but was also more advantageous to the city than either of the offers made for the six per cent. loan.

The committee therefore awarded the loan to them, and they have paid the full sum into the city treasury, which has since been on deposit, in the depository of the city funds, at the rate of interest allowed upon the daily balance of the city treasurer. The bonds have not been issued, nor the form thereof been fully decided upon. As soon as the decision is made, the draft of a proper ordinance will be presented to the city council for approval.

The committee deem it proper to arrange at once for the issue of the whole, or as much of the sewer loan as may be needed to defray the portion of the cost of constructing sewers, which is to be paid from the city treasury, and they therefore submit herewith a resolution which they recommend be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

No. 385. Resolution authorizing the issue of the
Sewer Bonds.

[Approved July 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the city debt be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue the sewer bonds, or such portion thereof as they may deem expedient, in pursuance to the authority given by the general assembly in chapter 433, of the public laws, passed February 18, 1875.

No. 386. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the
City Hall.

[Approved July 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building the city hall.

No. 387. Resolutions relating to Oration and Poem
delivered on July 5th.

[Approved July 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby tender their thank s to Arnold Green, Esq., for the scholarly and eloquent oration delivered by him at the late municipal celebration of the anniversary of American independence, and also to Henry C. Whitaker, Esq., for the graceful poem recited by him on that occasion.

RESOLVED, That the committee of arrangements for said celebration are hereby instructed to request a copy of said oration and of said poem, and to cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the use of the city council.

No. 388. Resolution concerning condition of
Greenwich street.

[Approved July 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to report forthwith, why that portion of Greenwich street between Moore and Mawney streets, has not been drained and put in a safe and passable condition for men and teams at all seasons of the year, in accordance with section 1, chapter 60 of the general statutes of Rhode Island.

No. 389. Resolution to lay a sewer in Bridgham
street.

[Approved July 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Bridgham street, from Cranston street to Central street.

No. 390. Resolutions relating to the Ceremonies and Oration at the laying of the corner stone of the City Hall.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council of the city of Providence are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, for their services in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the new city hall, and to General Horatio Rogers for his able and eloquent oration.

RESOLVED, That alderman Metcalf, with Messrs. Douglas, Hayward and Pettis of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee to wait upon General Rogers and request a copy of his oration, and to cause the same, with the proceedings of the occasion, to be printed for the use of the city council.

No. 391. Resolution to build a grammar school house on Square street.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be hereby authorized and directed to cause a brick grammar school house, with five school rooms on each floor, to be erected on the lot owned by the city on Square street, in accordance with plans of C. A. Hall, architect, submitted to the city council on the twenty-first day of May, 1875, provided, that the cost of the same furnished complete and ready for occupancy, shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars; said sum or so much thereof as may be required for such purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 392. Message from the Mayor relating to laying
the corner stone of the City Hall.

[Presented July 12, 1875]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, July 12, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The expenses incurred in laying the corner stone of the new
city hall were as follows :

For the platform and temporary flooring,	-	\$416	42
For the music,	-	240	85
For the tent.	-	135	00
For the silver plate, copper box, coins, &c.,	-	104	84
For the printing and advertising,	-	149	71
For the guns fired,	-	60	00
Total,	-	\$1,106	28

The sum authorized to be expended was four hundred
dollars, which would not have provided accommodations for
any persons except the officiating officers of the grand lodge,
and the members of the city council.

It seemed to me that so important a ceremony should be
witnessed by such of our citizens as could be accommodated
within hearing distance, and under my advice, the commis-
sioners of the city hall directed the platform to be built and
suitably covered.

The admission of the large audience materially increased
the other expenditures, and I therefore recommend that au-
thority be given to the commissioners to draw for the above
sum.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 393. Resolution to pay expense of laying
the corner stone of the City Hall.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be and they
are hereby authorized to draw upon the city treasurer for the

sum of seven hundred and six dollars, twenty eight cents, for the expense incurred in the laying of the corner stone of the new city hall, in addition to the sum of four hundred dollars authorized to be expended for the same purpose under resolution No. 213, current series.

No. 394. Message from the Mayor in relation to appeals in the matter of Canal street.

[Presented July 12, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, July 12th, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

There are two appeals pending in the supreme court against the report of the commissioners on the widening of Canal street. The amount at issue is small, and the parties are desirous of an early adjustment of the same.

I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution authorizing the settlement of the two cases, either by a reference or by a committee of the city council, as may be deemed most expedient.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 395. Resolution referring the foregoing message.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated July 12, 1875, in relation to the appealed cases in the matter of the widening of Canal street, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 396. Resolution transferring \$3,000 to the appropriation for Support of the Poor.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for support of the poor: said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 397. Resolution to procure plans and estimates for a Police station on Martin and Ashburton streets.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on police, be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to procure detailed plans and estimates for a police station to be erected on the land owned by the city at the corner of Martin and Ashburton streets.

No. 398. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the School Committee.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the school committee, with the accompanying documents, presented July 12, 1875, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the city council.

No. 399. Sixth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented July 12, 1875.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their sixth quarterly report:

The condition of the several funds under their control remained the same at the close of the quarter on the thirtieth day of June as reported to your honorable body in our fifth quarterly report.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, July 12, 1875.

No. 404. Third Quarterly report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented July 12, 1875.]

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, July 12, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The undersigned city hall commissioners, elected October 8, 1874, and in conformity to the ordinance prescribing the duties of said commissioners, respectfully present their third quarterly report.

The contract for vault doors and frames, has been awarded to Charles E. Kershaw, of Boston, for the sum of \$1,060.

On May 15th, we were informed that Messrs. Boynton Bros., the contractors for piling and foundation walls, had withdrawn their forces, with the exception of one derrick gang, on account of not receiving the payments as provided for in their contract. Upon receiving this information, it became obvious to the commissioners, that in order to preserve good faith with other contractors, it was absolutely necessary that some decisive action should be taken for securing the immediate completion of the foundation walls. Cut stone, brick, lime, cement and iron were coming in from other contractors, in large quantities, and a failure to furnish reasonable facilities for disposing of it, would involve the city in endless complications and heavy damages.

We therefore decided to proceed according to that clause in the contract with Boynton Bros. which provides for such an exigency, and on May 15th : we advertised for proposals to finish the balance of the foundation walls of the building, and on May 19th, we opened the proposals, and found Messrs. Boynton Bros. to be the lowest responsible bidders, and awarded the contract to them, for the sum of eighteen dollars (\$18,) per perch of 24 3-4 cubic feet, for capping and foundation stone laid, and seventy-five cents for cutting off each pile.

The important point aimed at in making the new contract, was the early completion of the work, and it was provided in the specifications, that the work was to be commenced forthwith and completed on or before the 16th day of June, under a forfeiture of twenty dollars per day for every day that the completion was delayed beyond that period. In order to meet the objection made by these contractors to proceeding with the original contract, which was a failure of the city to meet the drafts of the commissioners according to the terms of that contract, the commissioners gave their personal guarantee for the prompt payment for the work, according to the terms of the contract.

The foundation walls were completed on the 18th day of June. The corner stone of the new building was laid June 24th, with imposing masonic ceremonies: the expense attending the same amounting to \$1,114.28.

It is hoped that with good weather and a large force of workmen, that a part of the time which has unavoidably been lost may be regained and the walls of the building completed as was first contemplated.

The materials for the building are arriving in large quantities, and at present we see no reason for delay.

The following are the disbursements to date:

J. G. Batterson, Cut Granite.....	\$8,319 37
Boynton Bros., Foundations.....	4,604 00
Sumner P. Brown, Superintendent.....	500 00
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, Advertising.....	66 02
J. G. Batterson, Cut Granite.....	6,594 09
C. J. Wheeler, Advertising.....	26 00
Hopkins & Pomroy, Brick.....	9,143 33

J. G. Batterson, Cut Granite,	9,593 44
C. H. Parker & Co., Iron,	8,554 59
F. G. Shearman, Woodwork,	308 70
C. H. Parker & Co., Iron,	2,712 00
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, Advertising,	10 66
S. J. F. Thayer, Architect,	1,750 00
John O'Donnell, Sand,	234 00
Hopkins & Pomroy, Brick and Cement,	2,882 70
Charles F. Eddy, Secretary,	250 00
C. H. Parker & Co., Iron,	6,264 00
	\$61,812 90

The amount of expenditures during the last quarter is	-	-	-	-	-	\$61,812 90
The total amount of expenditures is	-					92,788 90
The total amount of appropriation is	-					310,000 00
The unexpended balance is	-					217,211 10

JAMES Y. SMITH, }
 GEO. H. CORLISS, } City Hall
 WM. G. R. MOWRY, } Commissioners.

No. 405. Report of the Highway Commissioners on the condition of Greenwich street.

[Presented July, 12, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

In reply to resolution No. 388, approved July 6, 1875, the highway commissioners have to say: we find that the subject referred to is a question the solution of which has occupied much of the attention of both branches of the city council since the annexation of the ninth ward.

Early in July 1871, steps were taken to prevent the accumulation of surface water at the intersection of Greenwich and Daboll streets; but as the question of the drainage of the ninth ward was then unsettled, and this being one of the difficult points to decide upon, it was deemed advisable to make temporary provisions to dispose of the storm water accumulating there, and a large well was constructed for this purpose.

This for a time remedied the difficulty but eventually became useless.

In November 1873, a resolution providing for the drainage of the water from this point through Daboll, Austin and other streets, was passed in the common council and laid upon the table in the board of aldermen.

In October 1874, a plan reported by a joint special committee of the city council, consisting of the joint committees on highways and sewers, providing for the drainage of the same point through Daboll, Updike, Public, Austin and Hamilton streets, was passed in common council and rejected in the board of aldermen.

In January 1875, the same object was sought to be effected by the passage of a resolution to construct a drain through Greenwich, Burnett and Public streets to the low point in Public street. The resolution was adopted by the common council and laid upon the table in the board of aldermen.

In June last, two resolutions providing for the lay out of streets to accomplish the same object, were passed in the city council.

It will be admitted, we think, without question that the subject, from the attention it has received from the city council, is one of importance, and in view of the fact that no plan has been presented upon which both branches of the city council could agree, we have not felt called upon to take other than temporary measures for the relief of the difficulty complained of. This was done the past winter by employing a steam pumping apparatus for that purpose.

The attention of the city council, was also called to this subject in our annual report for the year 1874. We intend to hold ourselves in readiness at all times to carry out the instructions of the city council, as provided for in the city ordinances chapter 36, section 17, but do not feel ourselves authorized to adopt our own views in executing a work of such magnitude, while the matter is waiting the action of the city council.

Respectfully submitted, for the highway commissioners,
L. S. HARRIS, Secretary.

No. 406. Resolution to pay Yetter & Wack, for watering Exchange place.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve dollars per week be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid to Messrs. Yetter & Wack, from and after the date of the approval of this resolution and until October 15, 1875, and no longer. The same to be in full compensation for services rendered to the city in watering Exchange place. The amount paid under this resolution to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, and the bills to be duly certified by the joint standing committee on water.

No. 407. Resolution to procure plans for alterations in the police station of Richmond street.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on police be and they are hereby directed to procure and present to the city council plans for such alterations in the Richmond street police station, as they may deem necessary.

No. 408. Resolution to pay policemen for losses by fire at the Police Station on Knight street.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to captain James H. Warner, \$61.47; sergeant W. H. Cory, \$20; roundsman Nathaniel F. Clapp, \$59.10; patrolmen, George W. Rose, \$39.25; Charles F. Church, \$62.60; Monroe Goodwin, \$23; George J. Stackpole, \$17.50; Horace Bullock, \$21.50; James A. Tanner, \$11.50; James B. Hathaway, \$30.10; Hugh Muldoon, \$24.10; Dwight S. Nettleton, \$10;

James H. Wilbur, \$75; Lewis C. Allen, \$15; Oliver W. Bennett, \$3; George W. Walker, \$40; Charles H. Chapman, \$64.10; William H. Leavett, \$39.15; Varnum Fuller, \$29; John A. Stone, \$40.85; William A. Monroe, \$49.75; Daniel T. Colwell, \$22; Albert D. Sweet, \$20; B. G. Hathaway, \$9; William Johnson, \$20.75; Cornelius Chapman, \$15; William P. Winslow, \$6; Eugene Stephens, \$34; T. R. Halloway, \$14; Leonard Cole, \$12; Levi P. Chandler, \$41.50; Henry C. Gross, Jr., \$21.50; John P. Howes, \$42; Thomas S. Austin, \$23; Benjamin W. Wightman, \$142.50; John D. Ghody, \$40.33, for losses of property sustained by them in the fire at the Knight street police station May 9, A. D. 1875: and the sum of eleven hundred ninety-nine dollars and fifty-five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose from the appropriation for police.

No. 409. Resolution to pay Samuel G. Kent, \$67.50.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Samuel G. Kent the sum of sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents in reimbursement, for repairs on transit instrument damaged in the service of the city: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 410. Resolution to pay Charlotte A. C. Foster
-\$175.00

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charlotte A. C. Foster, the sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars, in full compensation for damages caused to her estate on Williams street, during the construction of the sewer

in Ives street, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever she shall sign a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 411. Resolution to pay James Maguire \$150. for flooding his premises.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Maguire the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full settlement of his claim for damages to his estate by overflow of water caused by obstructions in the Lippitt street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 412. Resolution abating tax of Rebecca A. Steere.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Rebecca A. Steere, the sum of two hundred sixty one dollars, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her for the year 1874.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

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

No. 413. Eli Aylsworth, Warner's lane.

414. William S. Crandall, No. 485 Pine street.

415. Thomas Mayor, corner of Martin and Clayton sts.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 416. Edwin G. Baker.
 417. Edward K. Minchin.
 418. Thomas Mayor.
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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 419. Ira Mathewson.
 420. James E. West.

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. 421. Resolutions relating to buildings on Wickenden street.

[Approved July 12, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the following buildings on Wickenden street to be sold at pub-

lic auction, viz. : the two brick buildings, Nos. 149, 151, 153, and 161, also the two wooden buildings, Nos. 171 and 177, all of said buildings to be taken down and removed from the premises.

RESOLVED, That the said committee cause the wooden building No. 167 Wickenden street, to be raised to conform to the new grade.

IN CONVENTION.

JULY 12, 1875.

The following city officers are elected, viz. ;

Assessor of Taxes, for three years from the first Monday in	
June, 1875,	Christopher T. Keith.
Surveyor and Corder of Wood,	Theodore V. Matteson.

No. 422. Resolution prohibiting Interments in a portion of the North Burying Ground.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That interments be and they are hereby prohibited upon that portion of the North Burying Ground estate, lying east of the easterly line of Sexton street, as originally laid out.

No. 423. Resolution in relation to Railroad track in Dyer street.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the Providence & Worcester Railroad Company are hereby directed, in relaying their railroad track in Dyer street, to cause the same to be located in accordance with the plan presented to the board of aldermen July 22, 1875, by the joint committee on railroads.

No. 424. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Greenwich street.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Greenwich street, of a width of not less than forty-nine and a half feet, from Broad street to Reservoir avenue.

No. 425. Regulations of the Bath House.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

Location of bath house for men and boys at the Providence and Worcester Railroad wharf on South Water street, north of the Point street bridge.

REGULATIONS.

The bath will be open daily until September 30, as follows:

Week days,	-	-	-	5 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Sundays,	-	-	-	5 a. m. to 9 a. m.

The bath house will be closed by the superintendent by ten o'clock p. m. on week days, and by half past nine a. m., on Sundays.

Each bather shall provide his own towels and soap. Those desiring towels can obtain them of the superintendent at three cents each, and in no case shall a towel be used the second time until it has been thoroughly cleansed.

Boys under fifteen years of age shall not be admitted to the bath house after six o'clock, p. m., and the decision of the superintendent against admission shall be final.

The superintendent shall have full charge of the premises and authority to withhold the facilities from all not conforming to these rules, and he will be required to render every assistance to applicants for baths, who in case of insult or depriva-

tion of privileges otherwise than as provided for in these rules, can appeal to the chairman of the bathing committee.

Bathers must conduct themselves with propriety and decorum, and no smoking, profanity or noisy conversation will be allowed on the premises.

Any person guilty of defacing the dressing rooms, fences or tanks by writing, marking or cutting, will be excluded from the baths or arrested according to the nature of the offence.

All questions of priority in bathing or of use of the dressing rooms must be referred to the superintendent, whose decision shall be final.

A police officer will be in constant attendance, who shall preserve order and enforce these regulations in concurrence with the superintendent.

No. 426. Resolution in relation to the Bath House.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed to construct a public bathing house, are hereby authorized to locate and equip said building, and to employ a suitable person to superintend the same the present season: provided, that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars: to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 427. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the laying out of Broad street.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in relation to the laying out of Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street, under resolution No. 708, approved June 1, 1874.

No. 428. Resolutions for widening Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street.

[Approved August 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to widen and straighten Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street, of a uniform width of eighty feet, by the following courses and distances, viz :

Beginning for the easterly line of said street in the northerly line of Public street at the termination of the easterly line of said Broad street, as recently widened south of Public street, thence northerly in a direct range with said easterly line about two thousand one hundred and fifty-six feet to an angle near Friendship street ; thence in the present easterly line of said Broad street, to an angle in said street near Greenwich 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.

No. 429. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the matter of Eddy street.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in relation to the laying out of Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street, under resolutions of February 26, 1874.

No. 430. Resolutions to lay out and widen Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to re-lay, widen and straighten Eddy street, from Pine to Broad, by the following courses and distances; beginning for the 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 ninety-three and $\frac{83}{100}$ 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 children, 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 lay-

ing 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.

No. 433. Report of Committee of Arrangements for
Decoration Day.

[Presented August 2, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee of the city council appointed to make arrangements for the suitable observance of decoration day, report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and present herewith a detailed statement of the bills allowed by the committee.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

American Band.....	\$168
National ".....	112
Battalion ".....	100
Gilmore's ".....	100
Herrick's ".....	92
S. Gage, wagons.....	65
Music Hall.....	60
Providence Press Co.....	56
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson.....	40
R. I. Printing Co.....	40
J. T. Millett, wagons.....	35
H. H. & C. A. Franklin, carriages.....	40
J. H. Welch.....	30
E. W. Billings, flags.....	16
Charles Taft, wagon.....	16
G. B. Earle, carriages.....	10

J. Richards.....	3
J. Campbell.....	1
George Greene.....	16
Total,	\$1000

No 434. Report of Committee of Arrangements to
celebrate the Fourth of July.

[Presented August 2, 1875.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council of the city of Providence, appointed to make arrangements for a municipal celebration of the fourth of July, A. D., 1875, respectfully report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and present herewith a detailed statement of the bills allowed by the committee, amounting to forty-eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$4828.79).

For the committee,

EDWARD C. AMES, Chairman.

Schedule of bills approved by fourth of July committee :

Tillinghast & Mason News Co., fireworks.....	\$1000 00
James K. Allen, balloon.....	700 00
National Band.....	224 00
Battalion ".....	200 00
Pawtucket ".....	200 00
Herrick's ".....	175 00
First Light Infantry.....	240 00
Providence and Pawtucket Horse Guards.....	336 00
Rhode Island Guards.....	156 00
Burnside National Guards.....	126 00
Charitable Baptist Society, use of Meeting House.....	100 00
Arnold Green, orator.....	50 00
Henry C. Whitaker, poet.....	50 00
David H. Greer, chaplain.....	10 00
Frederick Ruckert, reading declaration.....	10 00
C. Frank Parkhurst, chimes.....	10 00
A. Crawford Greene, printing.....	116 50
R. I. Printing Co., printing.....	30 00
Prov. Daily Journal and Bulletin, advertising.....	46 00
Prov. Press Co. (Press and Star).....	46 00

Dispatch Publishing Co., advertising.....	10 00
George Greene, water barrels, ropes, &c.....	25 00
Cyrus O. Lewis, repairing telegraph wires.....	5 00
James Campbell, livery stable.....	25 00
G. H. Copeland & Co., hacks.....	74 27
Louis W. Clarke, repairing telegraph wires.....	13 00
Earl Carpenter & Sons, ice.....	3 85
Edward B. Morgan, sexton.....	5 00
Providence Gas Co.....	244 10
John M. Knowles, ringing bells.....	90 00
Light Infantry Drum Corps.....	10 00
Burnside National Guard Drum Corps.....	10 00
Slocum Light Guard.....	66 00
James Campbell.....	3 00
Edward C. Ames, to pay for collations for military bands, firemen, guests and committee	195 00
J. Harry Welch, decorating city building.....	75 00
William H. Gale, band stands.....	15 00
William H. Seamans, chief marshal.....	133 97
	\$4828 79

No. 435. Report of Special Committee on the
Removal of Grace Church and Locust Grove
Cemeteries.

[Presented August 2, 1875.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council, appointed January 15, 1874, to inquire into the merits of a petition of George B. Darling and others, asking for the removal of the Grace Church cemetery, and the Locust Grove cemetery, report, that on the tenth day of May, 1875, they received from the honorable city council a further petition of Caleb Farnum and others, asking for the removal of the Locust Grove cemetery, and that they have received several remonstrances in opposition to said petitions, they further report, that said committee have held several meetings, two of which were held at the cemeteries named above; said meetings were advertised in all the daily papers of the city,

at which all persons interested, both petitioners and remonstrants, were cordially invited to appear before them; said invitations were responded to by a large number of remonstrants at each of the cemeteries, but the petitioners failed to put in an appearance.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the petitioners may have leave to withdraw, and that they may be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the committee,

GEO. H. PETTIS, Chairman.

No. 436. Report of Joint Special Committee relating to Land and Street Records, Plats, etc., with order continuing the Committee.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The undersigned respectfully report, that they were appointed a special committee in accordance with the following resolutions, which were approved September 9th, 1872:—

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, all the room now occupied by the recorder of deeds and the city clerk, is required by the recorder of deeds.

RESOLVED, That the office of the superintendent of health be removed as soon as a convenient place outside the city building can be procured, and that the office of the city clerk be removed into the office now occupied by the superintendent of health.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Fisher, Mowry and Guild of the common council, with alderman Snow, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to cause the plats in the office of the recorder of deeds to be copied, such as require it, and mounted; the indexes of title deeds to be printed and bound; also to procure an office for the superintendent of health, and to put the offices of recorder of deeds, city clerk and superintendent of health, in order for convenient use.

Also the following additional resolution, which was approved January 20, 1873 :—

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed September 9, 1872, to cause the indexes of land records to be printed and the plats to be preserved, are hereby authorized and directed to cause all the records and plats of streets and highways in the city to be copied into books prepared therefor, and said records and said plats to be properly indexed.

The committee appointed in accordance with the foregoing resolutions, have held various meetings from time to time, full records of which may be found in the office of the city messenger. Mr. Fisher was appointed chairman, and Mr. Guild secretary. That part of the work relating to the office of the city clerk, was entrusted to alderman Snow; that part relating to the office of the superintendent of health, to the chairman; that part relating to the copying and mounting of plats in the office of the recorder of deeds, to Mr. Mowry; that part relating to the printing and binding of the indexes of title deeds, to the secretary; while that part relating to the records and plats of streets and highways was entrusted to alderman Snow and the secretary. At a meeting of the committee held May 29, 1873, the chairman reported that he had secured an office for the superintendent of health, in Marshall Woods' building, corner of College and South Main streets, and suitably furnished the same, that the bills therefor had been approved by the committee on city property, and most of them had been paid. Alderman Snow also reported that the office for the city clerk was nearly furnished and that it was already occupied by that officer. The office for the recorder of deeds required but little change.

It is well known to those who have occasion to deal in real estate, that most title deeds refer to certain books of plats, in the office of the recorder of deeds. These books are twelve in number. They are large atlas folios, difficult to handle, while most of them are badly worn and defaced. Considering their immense value and importance, it was deemed by the committee advisable to have them all copied and mounted under the direction of the city engineer, reserving the original plats in their respective books, for occasional or final reference.

The following letter will best explain the progress made in this part of the work :—

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Providence, Feb. 10, 1875.

ELISHA C. MOWRY, Esq. :—

DEAR SIR—I have now completed the work of copying the plats in the office of the recorder of deeds relating to real estate, from book No. 1 to book No. 11 inclusive, and send you herewith an exact list of plats copied. The plats are delineated on three hundred and one sheets, a portion of which are at the binders, while a larger number have been stored in the office of the highway commissioners. They have been carefully compared by the assistants who made the copies, and are considered complete, except where lines or figures were indistinct on originals. They should however be examined and certified by the recorder of deeds before being used. Having completed my work upon them, I do not consider that I have any further care over them.

Yours truly,

CHARLES E. PAINE, City Engineer.

These three hundred and one sheets include upwards of five hundred plats, several of the smaller plats being delineated on a single sheet. Each plat gives the book and page of the original. The sheets have been carefully mounted on boards by Messrs. Akerman & Co., who have special facilities for this kind of work. Mr. Paine is now engaged in copying all the plats of real estate scattered throughout the record books of deeds. These, in addition to book No. 12 of plats, not yet copied, and the plats from North Providence, so called, will swell the number of sheets mounted on boards, to five hundred and upwards. These should all be carefully examined and certified by the recorder of deeds, properly indexed, and placed in racks constructed expressly for them, like the racks, for example, in the office of the assessors of taxes. They should then be given in charge to one appointed for this special purpose, under the direction of the recorder of deeds. The public could thus use them freely without danger of injury or displacement. The originals should be under lock and key, and only referred to in cases of doubt or necessity.

The deeds of real estate in Cranston previous to 1868, or rather that part of Cranston which was annexed to the city, have all been copied into the record books of deeds, constituting vols. 201—235. The grantor's index to these thirty-five volumes has been printed, making a quarto volume of three hundred and sixty-four pages. An edition of thirty

copies was struck off, of which two copies have been bound in full russia for daily use. The remaining twenty-eight copies are stored away. The grantee's index has been printed and bound in the same manner, making a quarto volume of 274 pages. The manuscript grantor's index of the record books of deeds, from 1636 down to the year 1872, constituting vols. 1-200, was in six folio volumes. These were all copied by recorder Williamson, and arranged in alphabetical order, ready for the printer. A special contract was made with Messrs. Hammond & Angell, and fonts of type were purchased for the work. The cost of composition was to be sixty-three cents per thousand ems, which would be one dollar and eighty cents per page. The cost of the paper, twenty-eight pounds to the ream, was to be seven dollars and fifty cents. The work of printing was commenced in April, 1873, and finished in the early part of the present year. It makes two handsome folio volumes of 750 pages each. The same edition as that of the Cranston index was struck off, of which two copies have been bound up for use, while the remaining copies have been stored away. The corresponding grantee's index, which is of less importance, is now in preparation, Miss Gardner, one of the lady assistants in the office of the recorder of deeds, having devoted to it the greater part of her time for the past two years. About half of the alphabet has already been copied. After the completion of the alphabet, the whole must be cut up and arranged in order for printing. The recorder estimates that in two years time the work can be finished and made ready, like the grantors index, for use. The record books of deeds for the years 1872-1875, constitute vols. 236-255. These of course have a manuscript index. An additional printed index will be needed and demanded, as often at least, as once in every ten years.

In a communication to the city council, made by his honor the mayor, January 20, 1873, he says: "The original plats of the lay out of many of the streets in this city are badly worn and defaced, and are rapidly becoming useless. I recommend that steps be immediately taken to preserve these

valuable and highly important papers." In carrying out the suggestion of his honor, agreeably to a special resolution, it was deemed by the committee advisable to secure in the first place, a complete record of everything pertaining to the streets, highways, bridges and public lands, from the settlement of the town in 1636, down to the organization of the city government in 1832. This part of the work was at first entrusted to Mr. William W. Douglas, at present a member of the common council from the second ward. After carefully examining the matter, and duly considering it, he was finally compelled to decline the undertaking for want of time. It was then entrusted to the secretary, who employed as his assistant Miss Emily E. Potter, formerly a teacher in our public schools, and skilled in chirography. Under his direction a record comprising ten folio volumes, has been carefully compiled and copied from the following sources: Town meeting records, 1692-1832, 10 vols.; town council records 1692-1832, 13 vols. ; laws of Rhode Island, 1663-1767, 3 vols.; Colonial Records, 1636-1792, 10 vols. ; Street courses, 1721-1826, 1 vol. ; Schedules of the general assembly, 1727-1832, 33 vols. Most of these schedules had to be examined and copied in the office of the secretary of state. The whole has been arranged in chronological order, bound in half Russia, and placed for safe keeping in the office of the city clerk, where it may be consulted. Each volume has a printed title-page, and a complete index, including both persons and things, after the style of the author's published indexes in his *Life of President Manning*, *Staples' Continental Congress*, and other works. In every case the source from whence the several records have been taken is given. The deciphering and copying, from the earlier records especially, has been a work of great patience and difficulty. This will be readily understood by those who may have had occasion to consult old papers and documents of this kind.

In addition to these ten folio volumes of manuscript records, there also two volumes compiled and copied from a large number of loose papers and documents preserved on file in the

office of the city clerk. Many of these papers, which have never been recorded, are of very great value in connection with the early history of the streets, highways, bridges, and public lands of Providence.

To complete this part of the committee's work, it remains to cause all the plats of the lay out of streets and highways, down to the year 1832, to be copied into a book prepared for the purpose, and suitably indexed. This would make a useful companion book to the twelve volumes of records and documents already described. These plats, it may be added, most of them rude and imperfect, are scattered throughout the records of town meetings and town councils. Some of them are on file among the papers and documents to which reference has already been made.

Your committee having completed a part of the work to which they were appointed, and having herewith reported progress in the remaining part, would respectfully ask that they be continued, or that they be discharged, and a new committee be appointed in their stead.

ADDISON Q. FISHER,	}	Committee.
E. C. MOWRY,		
REUBEN A. GUILD,		
AMOS W. SNOW,		

PROVIDENCE, July 19, 1875.

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received and the committee continued.

No. 437. Resolution in relation to Plats of Real Estate.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the recorder of deeds be and he is hereby directed to examine and certify the plats of real estate that have been copied from the originals and mounted on card boards under the direction of a special committee appointed for this purpose. Said plats to be examined and certified previous to their being placed in racks for consultation and use.

No. 438. Resolution transferring \$2,750 to the appropriation for the City Engineer's Department.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars from the appropriation for the city hall, and the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars from the appropriation for public schools, be transferred to the appropriation for the city engineer's department.

No. 439. Resolutions in relation to rooms for High School, in the school house on Fountain street.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the three upper rooms of the Fountain street school house to be fitted up for high school purposes.

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect, the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 440. Resolution to build a School House on Orms and Candace streets.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be erected a brick grammar school building of eight rooms, in accordance with plans of E. L. Angell, Esq., architect, submitted to the city council on the second day of August, 1875, upon the lot owned by the city, corner of Orms and Candace streets, provided the cost of the same furnished complete and ready for occupancy, shall not exceed the sum of forty-five thousand dollars : said sum or so much thereof as may be required for such purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 441. Resolution to build a School House on Julian street.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to cause a school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city on Julian street : said school house to be built of wood, in accordance with plans submitted to the city council, August 2, 1875, to have the same furnished, and the lot graded and fences built ; provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed ten thousand five hundred dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as shall be required for the purpose, is to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 442. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Sewer Materials.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby authorized in their discretion, to purchase in advance, materials

to be used in the construction of sewers, provided the amount of materials on hand, shall not at any time exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars over the amount needed for the construction of sewers ordered by the city council to be built.

No. 443. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arnold street.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Arnold street, from the summit between Benefit and Thayer streets to Brook street.

No. 444. Resolution to lay a sewer in Amos street.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Amos street, from North Main street, to the river.

No. 445. Resolution to pay George M. Ardoene \$750 for flooding his premises.

[Approved August 5, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George M. Ardoene, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for damage to his property, by overflow of water, resulting from the bursting of the water pipe in Foster street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 446. Resolution to purchase Land of John and Catharine Tully, adjoining Nash Lane Bridge.

[Approved August 10, 1875]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to purchase of John Tully and Catharine Tully, their estate at the corner of Printery street and Nash lane, and adjoining the bridge, provided that the cost shall not exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars, and that a title satisfactory to the city solicitor be obtained: to be paid from the appropriation for the reserved fund.

No. 447. Resolution for Leasing the Work House Lands.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to lease the work house lands, so called, on Smith, Charles and Back streets, at public auction: said leases to be for the term of ten years, from October 1, 1875, with provision for a renewal for a further term of ten years additional, if desired, at a new appraisal, and to contain the same clauses in relation to the payment of taxes as are contained in the leases made by the commissioners of the Dexter donation.

No. 448. Message from the Mayor relating to the Bonds exchanged with Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Presented August 10, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, August 5, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The bonds issued by the city in exchange for the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad company, are

payable on the first day of January next. A considerable sum is due from the railroad company to the city, for coupons upon the bonds of the company, overdue and unpaid, with interest thereon. The city should be informed before the day of payment, whether the bonds of the railroad company, and the claim for unpaid interest are to be promptly paid at the above date, and by whom, or whether, owing to the various complications in which the affairs of the company have been involved, the city will be compelled to provide funds to meet its own bonds on the day of their maturity. For this reason, I recommend that the committee on the city debt be authorized and directed to examine into the whole matter, and report what action, if any, is necessary to secure the prompt payment of the railroad bonds, and the claims of the city for unpaid interest

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 449. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to the Joint Committee on the City Debt.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated August 5, 1875, in relation to the bonds of the city and of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad company, due January 1, 1876, be referred to the joint committee on the city debt to examine and report thereon.

No. 450. Message from the Mayor and Invitation from the Union Railroad Company.

[Accepted August 10, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 10, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

An invitation has been extended to the city council by the directors of the Union Railroad Company, to accompany them upon the trial trip over the Friendship street and Prai-

rie avenue route to Pawtuxet, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., with the request that you will accept the same.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

Read, whereupon it is ordered that said invitation be accepted.

No. 451. Message from the Mayor relating to lease to Edward J. Mallett, of portion of the Town House lot.

[Presented August 10, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 10, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In 1870, a lease was made by the city to Edward J. Mallett, of New York, of a portion of the town house lot, so called. The state having taken the entire estate as a location for a court house, it is necessary for the city council to give notice to Mr. Mallett of the termination of the lease, and the proper form of a resolution is transmitted herewith.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 452. Resolution terminating lease to Edward J. Mallett of a portion of the Town House lot.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

WHEREAS, The city council of the city of Providence, on the first day of January, A. D. 1870, by indenture leased to Edward J. Mallett a certain portion of the old town house lot, so called, to have and hold the same during the pleasure of the city council and no longer, and whereas, the said town house lot, together with that portion leased to said Mallett, has been condemned by the state to its own use ; therefore,

RESOLVED, That said lease be and is hereby declared void and determined, and that the city clerk be directed to notify the said Mallett of the same.

No. 453. Message from the Mayor with communication of Wm. Gammell, President of the Providence Athenæum, relating to the injuries to trees caused by moving a building.

[Presented August 10, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 10, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter received from Prof. William Gammell, president of the Athenæum corporation, in relation to the damage done to the trees in front of their estate, and also to other trees upon Benefit street, by the removal of the building formerly used as a ward room for the second ward.

The injury complained of by the corporation might have been avoided had attention been given to the matter before the consent to remove the building was granted; but the case referred to is only one of similar cases constantly occurring in different sections of the city.

It is worthy of consideration whether the removal of buildings from one section of the city to another is any benefit to the general public or to the growth of the city. The removal of a building over a highway obstructs public travel, injures the shade trees and increases the risk from fire to adjoining estates during its passage, and it is questionable whether any individual is entitled to be granted such privileges for his own particular benefit.

It is doubtful, whether a building unfit to be retained in one locality, adds anything to the value of adjacent property in the location to which it is removed. There are many streets in this city, where the only shabby building upon the entire street is one that was moved there, and oftentimes the refusal of the city council to permit an old building to be removed, would be a pecuniary benefit to the petitioners.

If the practice of preserving old buildings by their removal

to a new locality, which has so long existed in this city, was to cease, the public good would be promoted thereby.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

TO THE HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

SIR.—By a vote of the directors of the Providence Athenæum, I am requested to represent to you, and through you to the alderman and council of the city of Providence, that in the recent removal of the building sold by the city with permission to remove it from the new court house lot on the corner of Benefit and College streets, great and irreparable injury has been done to some of the trees of the Athenæum estate. This injury, although in a large degree unavoidable, was yet very needlessly aggravated by the hurried and reckless manner in which the removal at that point was conducted by the contractor. An injury of this kind is beyond repair, and, if done under the authority of the city, is practically beyond redress. Under the system now prevailing, also, it is liable to be repeated as often as permission is granted for a similar removal. What has been destroyed in this case cannot be restored; but the recurrence of such destruction in other cases may at least be prevented. The directors of the Athenæum, therefore, beg leave respectfully to request that the city government will for the future, place the whole matter of removing buildings along the public highways under more stringent regulations, either by refusing permission in all cases, or by connecting permission in every case with such restrictions and, at the same time, with such police supervision as will effectually protect the trees by which so many of our highways are shaded and adorned.

In support of this request of the directors of the Athenæum, suffer me, sir, still further to represent that the damage done to this institution is but a small part of the entire damage done along the section of Benefit street over which this building was moved. The trees at the time were in their fullest luxuriance, and nearly all of them have been more or less broken, while many of the largest and most valuable have been so mutilated as to be doomed to premature decay. They have been a great ornament to the street and are the growth of many years. They were planted and guarded by other generations, and their destruction is regarded as little less than a calamity by those to whom they belong.

In behalf of the directors of the Providence Athenæum, I am, sir, very respectfully,

WILLIAM GAMMELL,
President of the Athenæum Corporation.

Providence, August 6, 1875.

No. 454. Resolution referring the foregoing Message and Communication.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated August 10, 1875, transmitting a communication from the president of

the Providence Athenæum, relative to injury to trees by removal of buildings through Benefit and other streets, be hereby referred to the joint committee on the fire department, to examine and report thereon

No. 455. Message from the Mayor relating to the issue of City Hall and Sewer Bonds.

[Presented August 10, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 10, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., of New York, the purchasers of our city hall and sewer loan, have issued the same in London, and the plate from which the bonds are to be printed is completed except the date thereof, which cannot be inserted until after the ordinance has been adopted giving authority therefor.

I have convened the city council at this time, in order that action may be taken upon the report of the committee on the city debt, who have approved the draft of the required ordinance, and will submit the same with their report.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 456. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Debt, relating to the issue of City Hall and Sewer Bonds.

[Presented August 10, 1875]

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

The committee on the city debt report, that under the authority given by resolution No. 385, of the current series,

they advertised for proposals for a loan of six hundred thousand dollars, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable both principal and interest in gold, the bonds to be payable in the year 1895.

Upon opening the proposals, it was found that Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., of New York, where the highest bidders for the loan, and the committee therefore awarded the same to them at the price bid of \$100.26 in currency for each one hundred dollars of the loan.

As the loan for the city hall had been awarded to the same house, it was decided that the two loans should be united and issued as "the city hall and sewer loan."

This loan has already been placed upon the London market, and the engraving of the bond plate is nearly finished.

The committee report herewith a bill for an ordinance, the provisions of which are in accordance with the contracts made by them with Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., and respectfully recommend that it be adopted by the city council.

The sum of six hundred thousand dollars, fixed upon for the amount of the present sewer loan, it was thought by the committee would be sufficient to defray the portion of the cost of sewers already built, and which will be required to be built during the present year, which is chargeable to the city treasury.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, August 10. 1875.

No. 461. Petition of Pontiac Branch Railroad Company, with Resolution referring the same to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The Pontiac Branch Railroad Company, duly incorporated by the general assembly of the state, at the May session, 1875, respectfully represent : that

they have organized under their charter and located their road; that a portion thereof, as now located, runs through the land held by the city of Providence, for the purpose of the water works, being the land formerly belonging to the Stafford heirs, (so called,): that it has been represented that a change of their location in this respect would be greatly to the interest of the city, in securing the advantage of reduced transportation to the pumping station at Pettaconsett, and would avoid possible litigation between the city, your petitioners and other parties: that to make the change in the location of their road would involve a large extra outlay and much inconvenience to the corporation; but believing that the interests of the city would be greatly advanced thereby, they respectfully petition your honorable body for an appropriation to enable them to make the proposed change.

PONTIAC BRANCH RAILROAD COMPANY,
by GEORGE W. PRENTICE, President.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Douglas, Sellew and Pettis, of the common council, with aldermen Snow and Spicer, be and they are hereby appointed a joint special committee to whom is referred the petition of the Pontiac Branch Railroad Company, for an appropriation to enable them to change the location of their railroad for the better accommodation of the Providence water works, with instructions to examine and report thereon at the earliest practicable opportunity.

No. 462. Resolution to procure plans for a High School on Summer street, to cost not over \$100,000.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education be and they are hereby directed to report plans and estimates for a high school building, to be erected on the lot on Summer, Spring and Pond streets: provided said building shall not cost to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

No. 463. Resolution to pave portions of Dyer street and South Water street, with granite blocks.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause Dyer street, from Weybosset bridge to Pine

street, and South Water street, from Weybosset bridge to Crawford street, to be paved with granite blocks.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

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

- No. 464. Theodore Bidet, rear of No. 58 Hospital street.
 - 465. John P. Smith, trustee, No. 227 Cranston street.
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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 466. Ann Augustus.
 - 467. John Morrow.
 - 468. Union Railroad Company.
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No. 469. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Barker, 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.

No. 470. Resolution to build a Store House for the bridge department.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges are hereby authorized to cause a building to be erected for the storage of tools and materials belonging to the bridge department: provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, and that said building be located in the southwest corner of the enclosed portion of the cove lands, now occupied by the department of public buildings.

No. 471. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to settle with heirs of Edward Randall.

[Approved August 10, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Spencer, Pegram, A. J. Barnaby Johnson and Paine, of the common council, with Messrs. Eaton and Metcalf, of the board of aldermen, are hereby appointed a committee, with full powers to finally settle and adjust all matters in controversy, between the city of Providence and the heirs of Edward Randall, relative to the title to the tract of land lying between Sexton street and the Pawtucket turnpike, claimed respectively by said city of Providence and said Randall heirs.

No. 472. Report of the Joint Committee on Parks, relating to the Statues for the Roger Williams Monument.

[Presented August 5, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on parks, who by resolution approved October 16, 1873, were authorized to contract for bronze statues for the monument to Roger Williams, respectfully report, that in accordance with such authority, the committee executed a contract therefor with Franklin Simmons, of Rome, for the sum of \$13,000 in gold, one-third thereof to be paid when the figure of Roger Williams should be modeled in plaster and satisfactory proof of the fact furnished to the joint standing committee on parks; another third thereof when the figure of History should be modeled in plaster, and like proof of the fact furnished to said committee, and the balance of said sum when both statues should be completed in bronze: that the figure of Roger Williams has been modeled in plaster, of which fact satisfactory proof has been furnished to your committee, and that it is expected that the plaster model of the figure of History will be finished in the fall, and that both figures will be completed in the spring or early summer; that the artist, Mr. Simmons, is therefore entitled to the first payment under his contract with the city, but that no appropriation for the purpose has been made. Your committee, therefore, after consultation with the city auditor, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

W. D. HILTON, Chairman.

No. 473. Resolution appropriating \$15,000 for the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved August 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for payment for the bronze

figures for the proposed monument to Roger Williams, under the contract of the city with Franklin Simmons : to be paid from the appropriation for public parks.

No. 474. Resolution relating to the School House on Point street.

[Approved August 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Cyrus B. Manchester be requested to build a retaining wall and fence around the Point street school house, and suitable outbuildings, with street sewer connections, and that he proceed promptly with the execution of the work ; that he also cause the grounds to be properly graded, graveled, concreted or turfed, as the case may be, and that the whole cost thereof be charged to the appropriation for school-houses and lots, provided that the whole cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars.

No. 475. Message from the Mayor relating to the price of Gas.

[Presented August 16, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 16, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received notice from the Providence Gas Company that the price of gas consumed in the street lights and public buildings, will be reduced to two dollars and thirty cents per thousand cubic feet, on and after the close of the present quarter in September next.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 476. Message from the Mayor in relation to
contracts for the City Hall.

[Presented August 16, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 16, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the city hall commissioners a communication addressed to the city council, which I transmit herewith.

The commissioners request that a contract may be ratified by the city council, which the commissioners made with Messrs. Hopkins & Pomroy for lime to be used in the construction of the city hall, said lime to be manufactured and furnished to that firm by a company of which Mr. Mowry, one of the commissioners, is a stockholder and treasurer.

According to the provisions of the ordinance under which the commissioners were appointed, this purchase of lime is not binding upon the city, and hence no payments can be made therefor.

The interior finish of the city hall is to be of oak, and the commissioners desire to have this wood carefully selected, properly seasoned, and sawed in a particular manner. This can, in their judgment, be better done by purchasing without advertising and making a contract therefor as required by ordinance. The cost of the wood will not exceed four thousand dollars, and they request authority to make the purchase in the manner proposed.

In the construction of the building, there will necessarily be some materials to be purchased in small quantities, and labor to be hired for short terms. Under the provisions of the ordinance, the commissioners cannot make any expenditure without first advertising for the thing required, and then contracting in form therefor.

The commissioners wish authority to expend in the construction of the building, for such purposes as they may deem

proper, the sum of not exceeding in the whole, ten thousand dollars.

These requests of the commissioners seem to be proper, and I recommend that prompt action be taken thereon, and favorable consideration be given to them by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 13, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL.

Section (3) three of the ordinance prescribing the duties of the city hall commissioners, provides that neither of the commissioners shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any bargain, sale or agreement in relation to said city hall.

The contract for brick, lime and cement, was made with Messrs. Hopkins & Pomroy, of this city, at a very favorable price; said contract calls for best Dexter lime, which we find is furnished to Messrs. Hopkins & Pomroy by the Dexter Lime Rock Company, of which our Mr. W. G. R. Mowry, is treasurer, and as it would seem that Mr. Mowry might be interested indirectly, we ask your honorable body to take such action as you may deem necessary to carry out the contract as made.

The commissioners having decided to finish the interior of the building in oak, and thinking it would be for the interest of the city, (as the commissioners can buy as low as any party,) would ask your honorable body to give them the power to purchase the same without advertising for proposals, as it ought to be purchased this year, to be cut as desired, and to be well seasoned before using. The whole cost will not exceed four thousand dollars, while the expense of advertising alone, would be about two hundred dollars.

There will also be a number of small things to be purchased and help to be hired for short times, and it would be unnecessary to advertise or make contracts for the same, and we would ask your honorable body for power to expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, as we may deem best for the city's interest.

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES Y. SMITH, }
GEO. H. CORLISS, } City Hall
Wm. G. R. MOWRY, } Commissioners.

No. 477. Resolution ratifying contract with Hopkins & Pomroy, for Lime for the City Hall.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the contract made by the city hall com-

missioners with Messrs. Hopkins & Pomroy for Dexter lime, so called, to be used in the construction of the new city hall, is hereby authorized, approved and ratified by the city council, notwithstanding and with full knowledge of the fact that Mr. William G. R. Mowry, one of said commissioners, is also treasurer of the Dexter Lime Rock Company.

No. 478. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Oak Lumber for the City Hall, without advertising for Proposals.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for and purchase the oak lumber required for use in finishing the interior of the new city hall, without advertising for proposals for the same, provided that the whole amount expended under the authority contained in this resolution, shall not exceed the sum of four thousand dollars.

No. 479. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000 in building the City Hall, without advertising for Proposals.

[Approved August 26, 1875]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized to employ labor, and to purchase materials to be used in the erection of the new city hall, without advertising for proposals, whenever in the opinion of the commissioners it would be for the interest of the city: provided that the whole cost of the labor so employed, and the materials so furnished for the complete erection of the building, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

No. 480. Report of Joint Committees on Police and City Property, relating to the purchase of land on Martin street, for a Police Station.

[Presented August, 16, 1875.]

The joint committees on city property and police, who were authorized to purchase a suitable lot of land for a police station for the second police district, situated in the northerly portion of the city, said lot to contain not over ten thousand square feet, and the cost not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, respectfully report: that they have purchased of John P. Cooney, Esq., lots numbers one and two, on a plat of Philip W. Martin, situated on the north side of Martin street, containing two thousand three hundred and sixty square feet, for the sum of \$3003.33; also lot number three on a plat of Philip W. Martin, situated on the south-easterly corner of Martin and Ashburton streets, containing five thousand six hundred square feet, for the sum of \$5,000, making the total number of square feet, seven thousand nine hundred and sixty, and the cost of the same, \$8003.33. The title was approved by the city solicitor.

For the committee on city property,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

For the committee on police,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

No. 481. Resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 482. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, for the purposes of removing stumps, graveling the roadways, and repairing damages in the Roger Williams park, caused by recent heavy rains: the same to be paid from the appropriation for parks.

No. 483. Report of the Joint Committee on Police, relating to improvements in the Police Station on Richmond street.

[Presented August 16, 1875.]

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

The joint committee on police, who were by resolution approved July 12, 1875, directed to report plans for alterations in the Richmond street police station, make report that they have caused plans to be prepared for alterations, as follows:

That portion of the building used for a hook and ladder room, will be made into a captain's room and office, a room for lodgers, a dry room and room for heater, with doors communicating from all these rooms through the brick partition wall with the main office. The large stone arch in the hook and ladder room will be taken out and windows put in its place; these windows will be made longer, as will also the other windows in front of the same story to correspond. The bed room partition on the first floor, next the main office, will be taken away, making this office 17:6 x 41:10, adjoining which will be a wash-room and water-closet re-arranged. A rear flight of stairs, not used, will be taken down, that a ven-

tilating shaft may be carried up on the same plan as those now used in our school houses, thereby securing what is much needed in the building, good ventilation. On the second floor will be made a sitting room, and three bed-rooms, by putting a partition across the ward-room hall, through which will be a door allowing the use of the police back stairs. The large room on the second floor rear, will be divided into two bed-rooms. There will be complete water-closet accommodations on the first floor, and bath-rooms for both fire and police departments on the second floor. These alterations will also give one new cell. It is proposed to put in a new steam heating apparatus, the old one being wholly useless. The stone arch to be removed, can be advantageously used at the first ward police station whenever that station is taken for the use of the fire department. The estimated cost of these alterations is four thousand dollars. The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

No. 484. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arnold street.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Arnold street, from East street to Governor street.

No. 485. Resolution to lay a sewer in Brown street.

[Approved, August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Brown street, from Barnes street to Olney street.

No. 486. Resolution discontinuing further proceedings in the matter of Vinton street.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in relation to the laying out of Vinton street, from Vernon street to Broadway.

No. 487. Resolutions to lay out Vinton street, from Vernon street to Broadway.

[Approved August 26, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Vinton street, of a uniform width of forty feet, from Vernon street, northerly to Broadway, as follows, viz.: making for the westerly line of said lay out, the westerly line of a driftway laid out upon a plat of land belonging to Elisha Dyer, recorded in plat book No. 4, page 53, 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.

No. 488. Message from the Mayor relating to the laying of additional Sewers, with accompanying papers.

[Presented August 26, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 26, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

There are certain localities in this city which suffer considerable inconvenience in every severe storm by the overflow of the streets, and in times of excessive rainfalls, great damage to property ensues therefrom. Much of this can be remedied by the construction of certain sewers, and the extension of other sewers already built.

In order to obtain definite information as to this new sewer work, I addressed a communication on the subject to the board of water commissioners, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

I have received from their chief engineer a reply thereto, in which he gives a list of the sewer work required, and a copy of which I transmit herewith.

I recommend that the sewers referred to by him be ordered at an early date, in order that, so far as practicable, future damages, in the localities referred to, may, to a considerable extent, be prevented.

THOMAS A DOYLE, Mayor.

LETTER OF THE MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Aug. 21, 1875. }

TO THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS :

GENTLEMEN:—The two heavy storms which occurred recently, caused considerable damage to estates in different sections of the city, in consequence of the failure of the sewers to receive all the surface water.

I am well aware that the rain fall in both of these storms was far greater than the sewers were intended to provide for; but I am also aware that much of the damage might have been prevented by the construction of some additional sewers heretofore recommended by you, but which have not been ordered by the city council.

Certain portions of the city are liable to be flooded in rain falls much less heavy than those above referred to, and it would seem to be proper for the city council to provide as far as practicable, against any such overflows by the construction of proper sewers where they are required, although the citizens owning property on the streets where they would be built have not petitioned therefor. Will you be kind enough, in order that I may bring the matter to the attention of the city council, to furnish me with a list of such sewers as you think should be built for the prevention of the difficulties I have set forth, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

REPLY OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

PROVIDENCE WATER WORKS,
Chief Engineer's Office, Providence, R. I., Aug. 25, 1875. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—The Water Commissioners have requested me to furnish to you the information called for in your letter to them of the 21st instant.

There is no district in the city in which all the sewers that are designed to make a complete system for that district have been constructed, and any section will be more and more relieved from injury by heavy rain falls, as the sewers are extended, until the system is complete. It is supposed, however, that you now wish only a list of such sewers forming parts of the general plan as are very much needed to prevent excessive damage under heavy rains.

The following is a list of those which seem to require immediate construction:

- 1st. Extend the Dorrance street sewer from Westminster street to Fountain street.
- 2d. Construct a sewer in Pine street, from Broad street to Pearl street.
- 3d. Construct a sewer in Somerset street, from Broad street to Pine street.
- 4th. Construct a sewer in Pearl street, from Cranston street to Broad street.
- 5th. The Pearl street sewer should be extended to tide water.
- 6th. Construct an overflow from North Main street, near Star street, to Moshassuck river.
- 7th. Construct a sewer in Benefit street, from Angell street to College street.
- 8th. Construct a sewer through Lippitt street, from Camp street to Moshassuck river.
- 9th. Construct a sewer in Thayer street, from George street to Charles Field street.
- 10th. Construct a sewer in Ship and Dyer streets, from Richmond street to Dorrance street

Yours very respectfully,

J. HERBERT SHEDD, Chief Engineer.

No. 489. Resolution referring the foregoing to the
Committee on Sewers.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated August 26, 1875, in relation to the necessity of additional sewers to carry off the excess of water on the streets during heavy rains, with the accompanying papers, be referred to the joint committee on sewers to examine and report thereon.

No. 490. Resolution to purchase land of George
H. Copeland.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby authorized to purchase for the city, of George H. Copeland, a certain piece of land adjoining the school house lot on Meeting street, claimed to be owned by him by possession or otherwise, provided that the papers making the conveyance be properly prepared by the city solicitor, and that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 491. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in
relation to the laying out of Bridgham street.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in relation to the laying out of Bridgham street, under joint resolutions of the city council approved March 23, 1874.

No 492. Message from the Mayor relating to amount due Town of North Providence, on the annexation of the Tenth Ward.

[Presented September 2, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, September 2, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the commissioners appointed by the general assembly for the purpose of apportioning the debt of the town of North Providence, at the time of the annexation of a part of said town to this city, a copy of a supplemental report made by them, which is transmitted herewith.

It will be seen by an examination of the report, that there is now due to the town of North Providence from this city, the sum of \$1,789.43, and also the sum of \$500, paid by said town for water for fire hydrants, from May 1, 1874, to January 1, 1875, said hydrants during that time, being in this city.

This indebtedness was payable on the first instant, and I recommend the passage of a resolution directing its immediate payment. The charge for fire hydrants should be paid from the appropriation for the fire department, and the balance from contingencies.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 493. Resolution transferring \$5,000 to appropriation for the Lamp Department.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$5000, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the lamp department, the same to be transferred from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 494. Resolution relating to School House on
Doyle Avenue.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed to build a school house on Doyle avenue be hereby authorized to cause two additional school rooms to be built in the third story of said building, and to furnish the same, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars : said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for this purpose, to be added to the appropriation for the Doyle avenue school-house, and charged to the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 495. Resolution to build a School House on
Manning street.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be hereby authorized and directed to cause a wooden school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city on Manning street, in accordance with plans of E. L. Angell, Esq., architect, submitted to the city council, on the 2d day of September, 1875, provided that the cost of the same, furnished complete and ready for occupancy, shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars : said sum or so much thereof as may be required for such purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 496. Resolution appointing a joint committee to
confer with parties appealing on Hope and Lloyd
streets.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Fisher and Manchester, with Messrs. Paine, Potter and Babcock of the common coun-

cil, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have taken appeals from the awards and assessments made by the commissioners appointed to lay out Hope and Lloyd streets, and to report to the city council on what terms settlement can be made with each of said parties.

No. 497. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the matter of Vinton street from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in relation to the laying out of Vinton street, from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue, under resolutions of the city council, No. 760, approved June 18, 1874.

No. 498. Resolutions to lay out Vinton street, from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Vinton street of a uniform width of forty feet, from Gesler street, to Atwell's avenue, by continuing the present lines of Vinton street, as now laid out and platted, between Gesler street and Broadway, to Atwell's avenue, 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.

No. 499. Resolution accepting Bequest of Mary Goodacre to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved, September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the bequest of Mary Goodacre of the sum of one hundred dollars, in accordance with her will dated September 29, 1873, be hereby accepted by the city council.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to receive from the estate of Mary Goodacre, the said sum of one hundred dollars, and directed to transfer the same to the commissioners of the north burying ground in trust, for the purposes named in said will: said commissioners acting as trustees in the place and stead of the city of Providence, and under the provisions of chapter 367 of the statutes of the state.

No. 500. Resolution to erect a building for the Lamp Department.

[Approved September 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby directed, under the advice of the joint committee on city property, to cause a shed to be erected at the city yard for the purpose of storing lamp posts and materials belonging to the lamp department: the expense of the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 508. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Sewers.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 509. Resolution transferring \$2,400 to the appropriation for Salaries.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for salaries.

No. 510. Resolution transferring \$5,500 to the appropriation for Police.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, be and the same is transferred from the appropriation for public buildings to the appropriation for police.

No. 511. Resolution transferring \$2,000 to the appropriation for Gravel Lands.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for public buildings, to the appropriation for gravel lands.

No. 512. Resolution to purchase land of James Riley
on Richardson street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to purchase from James Riley, his estate on Richardson street, comprising about six thousand feet of land, with a dwelling house thereon, for the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars, whenever he shall present a deed therefor satisfactory to the law officer of the city : to be charged to the appropriation for gravel lands.

No. 513. Resolution to pay the Commissioners of the
Brook street District.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to each of the commissioners of the Brook street district, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, for their services as such commissioners, for the year ending July 26, 1875: the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 514. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Ives street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Ives street, from Waterman street to Pitman street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 515. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the laying out of a street from Greenwich street to Adelaide avenue.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in relation to the laying out of a street from Greenwich street to Adelaide avenue, under resolutions of the city council, of July 1, 1875.

No. 516. Resolutions to lay out a street from Greenwich street to Adelaide avenue.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out a street from Greenwich street to Adelaide avenue of the width of fifty feet, by the following metes and bounds: beginning for the easterly line at the intersection of the southerly line of the estate of Ann Eliza, wife of Silas Moore, with the easterly line of Greenwich street, and at a point eighty feet distant at right angles from the north line of Daboll street, thence a direct line southerly to a point in the centre line of Potter's avenue, two hundred and twenty-five feet distant at right angles, westerly from the range of the westerly line of Hamilton street; thence southerly in a direct line, parallel with and two hundred and twenty-five feet distant from the westerly line of said Hamilton street to the southerly line of Adelaide avenue. The westerly line thereof to be parallel with and fifty feet westerly from the above described 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 commissioners 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. 517. Resolution for curbing Diamond street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Diamond street, from Cranston street to Superior street.

No. 518. Resolution to pay F. Hacker, Agent,
\$102.50 for Photographing.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to F. Hacker, agent, the sum of one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents, in full for photographing bridges: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 519. Resolution to pay William Knowles \$116.40.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William Knowles, the sum of one hundred and sixteen

dollars and forty cents, being the amount of his bill for services as coroner, and for expenses incurred at inquest on the body of Peter Borkin: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 520. Resolution abating \$42.00 from sewer assessment of Amos Perry.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to Amos Perry, the sum of forty-two dollars, being so much of his assessment for the sewer from Irving avenue to Cold Spring brook, through Arlington avenue, Angell, Gano and Pitman streets, as applies to Douglas street, and whatever interest may have accrued thereon.

No. 521. Resolution abating \$26.72 from sewer assessment of George Smith.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to George Smith, the sum of twenty-six dollars and seventy-two cents, being so much of assessment upon his lot numbered 526 on assessors' plat, No. 14, for the sewer from Irving avenue to Cold Spring brook, through Arlington avenue, Angell, Gano and Pitman streets, as applies to Douglas street, with whatever interest may have accrued thereon.

No. 522. Resolution to lay a sewer in Benefit street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are

hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Benefit street, from Angell street to College street.

No. 523. Resolution to lay a sewer in Charles and Orms streets.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Orms and Charles streets, from the railroad bridge on Orms street to Mill street.

No. 524. Résolution to lay a sewer in Peck street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Peck street, from Weybosset street to Dyer street.

No. 525. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pond street, from Summer street to Fenner street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pond street, from Summer street to Fenner street.

No. 526. Resolution to lay a sewer in Thayer street.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be

constructed in Thayer street, from George street to Charles Field street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

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

- No. 527. John Boyle, No. 18, Royal street.
 - “ 528. Hiram C. Clark, No. 17, Willow street.
 - “ 529. Thomas Collins, cor. Whelden and Polk streets.
 - “ 530. Bridget Farrell, Nos. 26 and 28 Allen street.
 - “ 531. Margaret Smith, No. 13 Weeden street.
 - “ 532. Samuel S. Wild, No. 1030 Eddy street.
 - “ 533. D. A. Waldron, No. 1032 Eddy street.
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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 534. Bridget Farrell.
 - “ 535. Owen Keily.
 - “ 536. James Walsh.
 - “ 537. Harriet Wilson.
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No. 538. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 9, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Joseph H. Welch, 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.

No. 539. Resolution appropriating \$2000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Passed September 20, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, for the further improvement of Roger Williams Park: the same to be paid from the appropriation for parks.

No. 540. Resolution to lay out Bridgham street.

[Approved, September 20, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Bridgham street, as near as may be forty feet wide, from High street, northerly to Carpenter street: the westerly line to be the boundary line between the estates of Charles W. Moore and the heirs of William A. Howard extended to Carpenter 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.

No. 541. Message from the Mayor relating to examination of Fire Apparatus.

[Presented September 20, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, Sept. 20, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The board of engineers of the fire department desire that the city council shall make an examination of the apparatus under their charge, and they suggest that the same shall be done on such day, after the eleventh day of October ensuing, as may be fixed upon by the city council.

I recommend that the wish of the board of engineers be complied with, and the passage of a resolution in accordance therewith.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 542. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated September 20, 1875, relative to an examination by the city council of the apparatus under charge of the board of engineers of the fire department, be referred to the joint committee on the fire department, with instructions to report a resolution fixing a day for such examination.

No. 543. Message from the Mayor relating to encroachments on City Property.

[Presented September 20, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Sept 20, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The city has lost its title to portions of three different parcels of land, in consequence of encroachments having been made thereon, which continued undisturbed for a sufficient length of time to give the encroaching party title by possession. This has resulted from the fact that no officer is specially charged with the duty of regularly examining the boundary lines of the various estates owned by the city, and hence an encroachment may be made thereon without coming to the knowledge of any person whose duty it would be to cause its removal.

I am informed that there are other parcels of property belonging to the city, portions of which are now and have been used by adjoining owners for many years; and unless prompt action is taken by the city council in relation thereto, the city will lose its title to such portions, if the parties desire to claim the same.

I recommend, that the city engineer be directed to examine immediately, the boundary lines of every parcel of land owned by the city, and report to the city council all encroachments of every kind made thereon, if any such exist: and that it be made the duty of that officer to make a similar examination annually, and report to the city council the date of the examination of each estate, and whether any change has been made in the lines thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 544. Resolutions referring the foregoing
Message.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated September 20, 1875, relative to encroachments on, and examination of the boundary lines of the parcels of real estate owned by the city, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 545. Report of the Committee on City Property, on sale of school building on Messer street.

[[Presented September 20, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee on city property, who were directed to sell, at public auction, the old school house on Messer street, make report that they sold at auction on Friday, June 25, 1875, the old school house on Messer street, to be removed from the lot, to Nelson Titus, for the sum of three hundred and ninety-five dollars.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 546. Report of the Committee on City Property, on leasing the Workhouse lands.

[Presented September 20, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee on city property, who were instructed to lease the workhouse lands, on Smith, Charles and Back streets, at public auction, said leases to be for the term of ten

years from October 1, 1875, with provision for a renewal for a further term of ten years, at a new appraisal, and to contain the same clauses as the leases made by the commissioners of the Dexter donation,—respectfully report that they leased, by auction, on Thursday, August 26, 1875, lot No. 6, on plat of workhouse lands, made by the city engineer, to S. S. Sweet, for the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars per year, with taxes and assessments.

Lot No. 7, on same plat, to Albert W. Page, for the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars per year, with taxes and assessments.

Lot No. 1, to R. S. Bush, for the sum of seventy-two dollars, with taxes and assessments.

Lot No. 8, to S. S. Sweet, for the sum of sixty-four dollars, with taxes and assessments.

Lots Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, to Earl P. Mason, for the sum of seven hundred and forty-five dollars, with taxes and assessments; all of the above ground rent to be paid quarterly.

The city treasurer will have the leases ready for delivery, October 1, 1875.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 547. Report of the Committee on City Property, on purchase of land of John and Catherine Tully.

[Presented September 20, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on city property, who were instructed to purchase, of John and Catherine Tully, their estate at the corner of Printery street and Nash lane, and adjoining the bridge; provided, that the cost shall not exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars,—make report, that they have bought of John and Catherine Tully their estate, as named in resolu-

tion, No. 446, for the sum of twelve hundred dollars, with a title satisfactory to the city solicitor.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 548. Resolution appropriating \$20,000 for bridge south of Weybosset bridge.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a bridge across Providence river, south of Weybosset bridge; and the city treasurer, acting under the direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 549. Resolution to pay the Town of North Providence the amount due] on the annexation of the Tenth Ward.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the town of North Providence, the sum of twenty-two hundred eighty-nine dollars and forty-three cents, with interest thereon at the rate of six and one-half per cent. per annum until paid, in settlement of the amount apportioned to be paid by the city of Providence to said town, in the supplementary report of the commissioners appointed by the general assembly upon the annexation of a portion of said town to said city: the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department and the balance from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 550. Resolution to purchase additional land for the school house on Square street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby authorized and directed to purchase two lots of land, to be added to the Square street school estate, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of thirty-eight hundred and seventy-two dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby appropriated to carry this resolution into effect: the same to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 551. Resolution to hire land, and move the school house on Square street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to hire for one year, a suitable lot of land on Square street, and to move the Square street school house on to said lot; and the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby appropriated to carry this resolution into effect: the same to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 552. Resolution for improvements at the Police Station on Richmond street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on police, be and he is hereby directed to cause alterations to be made in the Richmond street police station and engine house, in accordance with the plans and report of the joint

committee on police, without making contract therefor ; and the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for this purpose from the appropriation for police.

[For Report, see page 204.]

No. 553. Resolution relating to the Fire Alarm Bell, on Wickenden street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer of the fire department be hereby authorized to cause the fire alarm bell, located in the tower on the southerly side of Wickenden street, to be removed to and properly placed in the tower in the new station house now being erected on the corner of Wickenden and Traverse streets: the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 555. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to straighten the southerly line of Wickenden street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to straighten the southerly line of Wickenden street, from Brook street to Traverse street, according to the dotted red line indicated upon the accompanying plat.

No. 556. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Blackstone street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Blackstone street, from Plane street to Eddy street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 557. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Royal street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Royal street, from Knowles street to North Main street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 558. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Bernon street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Bernon street, from Douglas avenue to Candace street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 559. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Valley street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of Aldermen are hereby requested to re-lay Valley street, from a point near Atwell's avenue to Helme street, of a uniform width of forty-nine and one half feet.

No. 560. Resolution for curbing North Davis street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved, on North Davis street, from Martin street to Douglas avenue.

No. 561. Resolution to pay John Hanley \$200 for flooding his premises.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Hanley the sum of two hundred dollars, in full for all claims for damage to his estate on Lippitt street, from obstructions in and overflow of the sewer in said street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 562. Resolution to pay James Mallon \$200 for flooding his premises

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Mallon the sum of two hundred dollars, in full settlement for all claims for damage resulting from the overflow of his premises from the Lippitt street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 563. Resolution to pay Henry L. Lincoln \$20.50.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Henry L. Lincoln the sum of twenty dollars and fifty cents in full for damage sustained by him by reason of a defect in Benefit street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 564. Resolution to lay a sewer in Atwell's avenue.

[Approved, September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Atwell's avenue, from Acorn street to Dean street.

No. 566. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pearl street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pearl street, from Cranston street to Central street.

No. 567. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pond street, from the summit to Pearl street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pond street, from the summit between Spring and Winter streets to Pearl street.

No. 568. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pond, Summer and Broad streets.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pond street, from summit between Spring and

Winter streets, through Summer and Broad streets to Pearl street.

No. 569. Resolution to lay a sewer in Carpenter street.

[Approved September 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Carpenter street, from Fountain street to Battey street.

No. 570. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Mark lane.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Mark lane, running from South Main street, near the Providence Institution for Savings, to South Water street, and declare the same a public highway: the same having been, quietly, peaceably and actually used and improved as such for upwards of twenty years.

No. 573. Resolution abating \$42.22, from a bill against the heirs of Sarah Hawes, for curbing.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to the heirs of Sarah Hawes, widow of Joseph, the sum of forty-two dollars and twenty-two cents, being the amount of assessment against them for curbing in front of their estate, No. 1, High street.

No. 574. Resolution accepting resignation of Joseph W. Loughlin, Constable.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the resignation of Joseph W. Loughlin, of the office of constable, dated September 23, 1875, be hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 575. Resolution relating to the Chipstone house.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to remove the frame work in front of the Chipstone house, so called, on West River street, forthwith.

No. 576. Resolution to enlarge the outlet to the sewer in Washington street.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause the outlet of the catch basin at the foot of Washington street, connecting with the tidal drain in Exchange place, to be enlarged in such manner as may be deemed most expedient.

No. 577. Resolution electing to lay out Lippitt street.

[Passed September 27, 1875.]

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court, at the March term, 1875, in the matter of the lay out and extension of Lippitt 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 the thirteenth day of September, A. D., 1875; now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report, to said court:—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 578. Message from the Mayor relative to inviting Admiral Wellesley and the officers of H. B. M. S. Bellerophon, to visit Providence.

[Presented September 27, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, September 27, 1875.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

For the first time in many years—it is said, since the war of the Revolution,—an English ship of war is anchored in Narragansett bay.

The authorities and citizens of Newport, with that hospitality for which they are celebrated, have shown to the officers of the royal navy belonging to this vessel, such courtesies and attentions as are justly due to these distinguished guests.

It seems highly proper that this friendly visit of H. B. M. S. Bellerophon should be noticed by the chief city of the state, and I therefore recommend that the city council extend an invitation to Admiral Wellesley and the officers under his command, to visit Providence on such day as may be most agreeable to the Admiral, and that a committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for their reception and entertainment.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 579. Resolution of invitation to Admiral Wellesley and the officers of H. B. M. S. Bellerophon.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor be and he is hereby requested to extend an invitation to Admiral Wellesley and officers of H. B. M. S. Bellerophon, to visit this city, at such time as may be agreeable to the admiral.

No. 580. Resolution appointing a committee of arrangements to receive Admiral Wellesley.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor, the president of the common council and Messrs. Pegram, Hayward and Ames, of the common council, with aldermen Fisher, Anthony and Snow, are hereby appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the proper reception and entertainment of Admiral Wellesley and the officers under his command: and said committee are hereby authorized to draw on the city treasurer for the expense incurred under this resolution.

No. 581. Message from the Mayor relating to the drainage of Maiden lane.

[Presented September 27, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Sept. 27, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I am informed by the highway commissioners that there, is danger of serious injury to the road-bed of the Providence and Stonington Railroad Company, from the quantity of water

flowing along Maiden lane on to the land of the railroad company in times of heavy storms.

This street has recently been brought to the established grade, and it now takes the surface water of a large district of the ninth ward.

The highway commissioners suggest as a remedy for the existing difficulty, the construction of a sewer along the line of the railroad, from Maiden lane to the low lands south of Reservoir avenue, and I recommend that the matter receive the prompt action of the city council thereon.

It will be remembered that the timely discovery of damage heretofore done to the railroad from the same cause, prevented a serious calamity, and no unnecessary delay should occur in removing any cause for apprehension in future.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 582. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated September 27, 1875, relative to the drainage of Maiden lane, be referred to the joint committee on sewers, to examine and report thereon.

No. 583. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Gesler street.

[Approved, September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Gesler street, from Knight street to the gangway next west of Courtland street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 584. Resolution for curbing Smith Street.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Smith street, from Chalkstone avenue to Ruggles street.

No. 585. Resolution to lay a sewer in Olive street.

[Approved, September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Olive street, from the summit between Prospect and Thayer street, to Thayer street.

No. 586. Resolution to grade Smith street.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to bring Smith street to the established grade, from Ruggles street to Elmhurst street.

No. 587. Resolution for curbing Potter's avenue.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Potter's avenue, from Eddy street to Ocean street.

No. 588. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Francis street, from Woods avenue to Smith street.

[Approved September 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Francis street, from Woods avenue to Smith street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 589. Resolution to procure Furniture for the City Hall.

[Approved September 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, Lewis and Potter, of the common council, with Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, mayor, and Alderman Fisher, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to procure the proper furniture for the new city hall, and to furnish the same when completed : and the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose, from the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 590. Resolution to lay a sewer in North Main, Hewes and Stevens streets.

[Approved September 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in North Main, Hewes and Stevens streets, from Olney street to Moshassuck river.

No. 591. Resolution fixing day for examination of
the Fire Apparatus.

[Approved September 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby fix Wednesday, October 20, 1875, at ten o'clock, A. M., as a day upon which to examine the apparatus under charge of the board of engineers of the fire department, and the board of engineers are hereby authorized to cause said apparatus to be placed in line, at the east end of Exchange place, on said day and hour, for inspection and review by the city council.

No. 592. Report and Resolution relating to the
Police and Fire Station on Wickenden street.

[Approved September 30, 1875.]

PROVIDENCE, September 27, 1875.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The committee, who were by resolution approved February 25, 1875, appointed to cause a building to be erected on Wickenden street, for the occupancy of the police and fire departments in accordance with plans and elevations submitted to the city council, respectfully represent, that they deem it desirable and necessary that the following changes and additions to the plans should be made, viz.:

To finish the third story of the police department the same as the second story, that is, by dividing the large room provided for in the original plans, into eight sleeping rooms for the police officers.

To finish the police office with ash, including dado, four feet high.

To finish the stairway wall, three stories, with ash dado.

To construct two skylights over stairways.

To deafen the floor over the police office.

To construct two skylights over cell passages.

To double the capacity of the ventilation of the cells by adding another set of flues to duct leading to chimney.

To provide stone floors for cells, instead of concrete.

To furnish and put in heating apparatus and pipes for supplying bath-tubs with hot water.

The estimated cost of the above changes and additions amounts to twenty-six hundred and thirteen dollars. Your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

CLINTON D. SELLEW, Chairman.

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed to cause a station house to be erected on Wickenden street, by resolution approved February 25, 1875, are hereby authorized to cause the alterations and additions to the plans recommended in their report dated September 27, 1875, to be made, and the work to be done in accordance therewith, provided the cost of the building shall not be increased more than twenty-six hundred and thirteen dollars thereby.

No. 592. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Drainage of Atwell's Avenue.

[Presented September 30, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, September 30, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have received from the highway commissioners a communication, in which they urge the construction of a sewer in Atwell's avenue, easterly from Academy avenue to the Woonasquatucket river, before the rails shall be laid therein under

the permission given to the Union railroad company by the city council.

The commissioners state so plainly the reasons why such a sewer should be built, that I transmit their communication herewith.

At the last meeting of the common council, a resolution ordering this sewer, reported by the committee on sewers, was refused a passage, and it is understood that this refusal was because the abutting estates cannot be drained into the sewer, and that it is unjust therefore, to assess upon the owners thereof the cost of a sewer which they cannot use for many years to come, and the construction of which is demanded solely for the public good.

Under these circumstances, I recommend that a sewer for the sole reception of surface water, be constructed in Atwell's avenue, from Putnam street—which is the street next west of Academy avenue,—to the Woonasquatucket river, and that the expense thereof be paid from the city treasury.

It may be said in this connection, that it is the opinion of citizens of long experience in the management of our highway department, that the cost of such a sewer will be saved in a very few years, in the item of repairs upon the avenue.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
City of Providence, September 30, 1875. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor :—

Dear Sir :—Upon ascertaining that the Union railroad company had obtained permission to lay rails in several streets, among which is Atwell's avenue, from Academy avenue, easterly, this board decided that it was highly important that a sewer should be constructed in that part of Atwell's avenue lying between Academy avenue and the river, before the work of laying rails was commenced, for the reason that this street is the only outlet for the drainage of a large section of territory in that part of the city, and to all appearances, must for a long time to come, continue to be so.

In order to provide for the large quantity of water flowing through this street in heavy storms, and which will be considerably increased by the improvements in Academy avenue, it has been found necessary to make the gutters broad and deep, as well as to crown the street high in the centre.

This construction of the surface of a street is very objectionable in any case

where it can be avoided, and adding to it a railroad track in the centre of the street, makes it still more objectionable.

During the past winter, at one time the gutters became stopped with ice and snow, so as to cause the water to flow across the sidewalk, causing a heavy washout of the street; and twice during the summer, the gutters overflowed, and in one instance, some two hundred feet of curbing was washed out, taking several days to repair the damage, and making the street impassable for some time for public travel.

A sewer in the street would allow the reduction of the crown of the street to the ordinary curvature, as well as obviate the necessity for the present large gutters, and also lessen the liability to accidents from the overflow of gutters.

For these reasons, it seems advisable to this board, that a sewer should be constructed in this street between the points named, before the work of laying rails is commenced therein.

We would say that we drew the attention of the committee on sewers to this matter, and that they took a similar view with ourselves upon the question, and introduced into the common council a resolution providing for the construction of a sewer as herein named, but which failed to receive the support of that body.

Thinking this a matter of sufficient importance to receive the attention of the city government, we herewith submit it for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS,
L. S. HARRIS, Secretary.

No. 595. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Benefit street.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Benefit street, from North Main street to the river.

No. 596. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Bourn street.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Bourn street, from Broadway to Aborn street, of a uniform width, not exceeding forty feet.

No. 597. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Colfax street.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Colfax street, from Broad street to Prairie avenue, of a uniform width, not exceeding forty feet.

No. 598. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Custom House street.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Custom House street, from Weybosset street to Dyer street, of a uniform width, not exceeding thirty-four feet.

No. 599. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Harris avenue.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Harris avenue, from Broadway to Cove street, of a uniform width of sixty feet.

No. 600. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Knight street.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Knight street, of a uniform width not to exceed forty feet, from Broadway to Atwell's avenue.

No. 601. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Printery street.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Printery street, from Whelden street to Thurber's lane, of a width not to exceed forty feet.

No. 602. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Reservoir avenue.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Reservoir avenue, from the railroad bridge to the city line, of a uniform width of eighty feet.

No. 603. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Branch avenue.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Branch avenue, from North Main street to Douglas avenue.

No. 604. Resolution for an Examination of the System of Sewerage.

[Approved October 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the American Society of Civil Engineers be requested by the mayor, to appoint three competent persons to examine the system adopted by the advice of J. Herbert Shedd, engineer, for the sewerage of the city of Provi-

dence, as the same has been followed in actual construction, or is proposed; and to report to the city council as to sufficiency of size, kind of material, division of districts, and such other facts as may be valuable, and also, to recommend any changes which they may deem to be requisite.

No. 605. Resolution to lay a drain in Atwell's avenue.

[Passed October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of highway commissioners are hereby requested to cause a common drain to be constructed, for the purpose of draining the surface water on Atwell's avenue, from Putnam street to the Woonasquatucket river: the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

No. 606. Seventh Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds

[Presented October 4, 1875.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their seventh quarterly report:—

The amount of funds in the control of the board June 30, 1875, was

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	\$151,931 36
Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	399,161 31
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	146,050 58

Whole amount,	-	-	\$697,143 25
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The amount on hand September 30, 1875, was

Of the fund of 1876,	.	-	\$156,418 36
Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	410,674 56

Of the fund of 1893, - -	149,972 64
Of the city hall and sewer loan of 1895,	1,560 00
Of the north burying ground,	1,117 97
Whole amount, -	<u>\$719,743 50</u>
The increase of the several funds was	
In the fund of 1876, - -	\$4,487 00
In the fund of 1885, -	11,513 25
In the fund of 1893, - -	3,922 06
In the city hall and sewer loan of 1895,	1,560 00
In the north burying ground -	1,117 97
Whole increase, - -	<u>\$22,600 28</u>

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, October 4, 1875.

No. 607. Report of the Committee on Education on the completion of the School House on Summer and Pond streets.

[Presented October 4, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee on education, who were directed by resolution No. 701, series of 1874, to cause to be erected a primary and intermediate school house on lot on north west corner of Summer and Pond streets, beg leave to report the completion of said building. The amount of the appropriation was \$24,000. The cost of the building has been \$23,662, leaving unexpended the sum of \$338.

No. 608. Resolution relating to Heating Apparatus for the Fire Station on Exchange place.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be

hereby directed to cause the necessary heating apparatus to be provided, to supply the fixtures in the new building erected for the fire department at the east end of Exchange place: the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for said building.

No. 609. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Dudley street.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Dudley street, from Prairie avenue to Plane street, of a uniform width of fifty feet.

No. 610. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Mary street.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Mary street, from Lockwood street to Cray street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 611. Report of the Committee on Sewers.

[Presented October 7, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

GENTLEMEN:—The committee on sewers to whom was referred a message of his honor the mayor in relation to sewers in certain streets, beg leave to report, that in the opinion of the committee, the following described sewers should be constructed in order to prevent further damage by heavy storms:

In West Friendship, Friendship and Dudley streets, from Greenwich street to Plane street, to relieve the Pearl street sewer.

In Ship and Dyer streets, from Richmond street to Dorrance street, to relieve Ship street stone drain.

In lane nearly opposite the foot of Star street, from North Main street to Moshassuck river, to relieve the North Main street sewer.

Your committee would also recommend the construction of a sewer in Plane and Blackstone streets, from Dudley street to tide water, in order to have a proper outlet for the extension of the Pearl street sewer, whenever that street and sewer are extended.

For the committee,

WILLIAM W. PAINE, Chairman.

No. 612. Resolution to lay a sewer in Broad, Somerset and Pine streets.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Broad, Somerset and Pine streets, from Bridg-ham street to Pearl street.

No. 613. Resolution to lay a sewer in Eddy street.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street.

No. 614. Resolution to lay a sewer in Lippitt street.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Lippitt street, from Camp street to North Main street.

No. 615. Resolution to lay a sewer in Plane and Blackstone streets.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Plane and Blackstone streets, from Dudley street to tide water.

No. 616. Resolution to lay a sewer in Ship and Dyer streets.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Ship and Dyer streets, from Richmond street to Dorrance street.

No. 617. Resolution to lay a sewer in Friendship, West Friendship, and Dudley streets.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in West Friendship, Friendship and Dudley streets, from Greenwich street to Plane street.

No. 618. Resolution for disposal of surface water on Greenwich and Daboll streets.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to make such arrangements as in their judgment they may deem for the interests of the city, with the owners of Long pond, as will allow the surface water that accumulates at the corner of Greenwich and Daboll streets, to run into said pond, and on the execution of such an agreement, the highway commissioners are hereby directed to construct a sewer in Daboll street, from Greenwich street to Long pond: the expense thereof as well as the consideration named in the agreement, to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

No. 619. Resolution for an overflow to the sewer in North Main street, opposite Star street.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to provide an overflow for the North Main street sewer, by constructing a shallow brick sewer in the lane nearly opposite Star street, from North Main street to Moshassuck river.

No. 620. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 7, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to J. B. Barnaby, 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.

No. 624. Resolution granting permission to the Citizens Gas Light Company, to lay pipes in certain streets.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission is hereby given to the Citizens Gas Light Company, of Providence, to lay and maintain pipes through that strip of land known as Allen's avenue, northerly to Henderson street, and thence through Henderson street to Eddy street, subject to all the restrictions and conditions contained in a resolution of the city council, approved July 31, 1872.

No. 625. Report of the Highway Commissioners in relation to draining Greenwich street into Long Pond.

[Presented October 14, 1875.]

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
City of Providence, October 14, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

In compliance with resolution No. 618 of the current series, the highway commissioners would say that they have had an interview with Mr. Robert Knight, the owner of Long pond at the point where the water from the Elmwood lake is to be deposited, as provided for in the resolution.

Mr. Knight expressed a willingness to negotiate for the privilege of using the pond as a deposit for the surface water accumulating at the point named, but should expect the city to compensate him in full for all the damages by such use of the pond. At present, the privilege of collecting ice in the pond is under lease for a term of years, and the lessee has expended a large sum of money in buildings and apparatus for storing ice, and he, Mr. Knight has fears that the introduction of this drainage at this point, will have a tendency to render the ice unsalable in the market, and consequently

subject him to heavy damages to his lessee for interference with his business.

Mr. Knight did not state at what price the city might have the use of the pond for this purpose, but from the views expressed by him of the damage to himself and lessee, it is deemed inexpedient by us to make an arrangement with him, as instructed by the resolution.

Respectfully submitted for the highway commissioners,

L. S. HARRIS, Secretary.

No. 626. Report of Special Committee to confer with parties appealing on Hope and Lloyd streets.

[Presented October 14, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint special committee appointed under resolution No. 496 of the current series, approved September 6, 1875, to confer with parties who have taken appeals from the awards and assessments of the commissioners in the lay out of Hope and Lloyd streets, present this their report.

The committee have had four protracted meetings, where they have had before them each party interested, separate and apart. The committee have also visited the premises and carefully surveyed the damages and benefits from the very points in question. After a very full and diligent investigation and consideration of all the cases, your committee have come to an agreement as to the terms of settlement with the following parties, and they recommend the city council to ratify the same by the adoption of the four resolutions accompanying this report.

First. The Friends Yearly Meeting Boarding School. From their estate there were taken 17,224 feet for the lay out of Hope street, and 67,616 feet for the extension of Lloyd street. The commissioners awarded them for Hope street, forty-three hun-

dred dollars (\$1,300) and for Lloyd street, sixteen thousand five hundred forty-nine dollars (\$16,549) or both together, twenty thousand eight hundred forty nine dollars (\$20,849.) The interest since the report of the commissioners, amounts to twenty-four hundred fifteen dollars and eighty-eight cents. (\$2,415 88.) Add to this the original sum, makes twenty-three thousand two hundred ixty-four dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$23,264 88.) A committee of the Friends School have agreed with your committee to settle for the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) which is (\$4,735 12) more than the award of the commissioners, made cash, October 1, 1875, or about five and nine-sixteeths cents per foot more than the award.

Second is that of Martha H. Burrough, wife of Robert S. Burrough.

The award of the commissioners in this case was thirty-one hundred dollars (\$3,100.) The interest on this award since the commissioners' report, is three hundred and ten dollars, (\$310), added to the award makes thirty-four hundred and ten dollars (\$3,410.) On this estate was a dwelling house, which it cost to move and put in repair by Mrs. Burrough, one thousand dollars, lacking a few dollars, as stated to the committee by her husband, Mr. R. S. Burrough. The committee have agreed with Mrs. Burrough, through her husband, to recommend that she be paid forty-five hundred dollars in full settlement, and she has agreed to abide by the same if the resolution to that effect be adopted by the city council. This amount is ten hundred and ninety dollars more than the award of the commissioners and the interest to October 1, 1875.

Third is that of James Tillinghast, who has taken two appeals: one for an assessment for two hundred and fifty-five dollars and seventeen cents (\$255 17.) The other for four hundred and seven and one-half ($407\frac{1}{2}$) feet of land taken from lot owned by James and Sophia F. Tillinghast, where nothing was allowed in consideration of the benefits arising to the estate by the widening of Hope street.

Mr. Tillinghast agrees to waive both appeals if the city will remit the assessment of two hundred fifty five dollars and seventeen cents (\$255 17.) This your committee assented to, and recommend the city council to ratify the same.

Fourth is that of Patrick O'Connor, who is assessed the sum of twelve hundred seventy-five dollars and eighty-eight (\$1,275 88.) Your committee have agreed with Mr. O'Connor to recommend an abatement from this assessment of five hundred seventy-five dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$575 88), leaving him to pay the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.) This he has agreed to, and your committee, after hearing all the circumstances, recommend settlement upon these terms. The difference between the awards and assessments of the commissioners and the recommendations of your committee, amounts in all, to six thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and forty-seven cents (\$6,655 47.) This will settle with all the parties who have taken an appeal from the awards and assessments for the lay out of these two streets, except George L. Clarke and wife, who have appealed from the assessments. To this time your committee have not been able to agree with them, and will not be able to do so, so long as they adhere to their present views.

For the committee,

ADDISON Q. FISHER, Chairman.

No. 627. Resolution to settle with Friends' Yearly Meeting, in the matter of Hope and Lloyd streets.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by resolution No. 496, approved September 6, 1875, are hereby authorized to make a settlement with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, for damages made to and assessments upon said corporation, arising out of the widening and straightening of Hope street: and with the Friends Yearly Meeting Board-

ing School, for damages to and assessments upon said boarding school, arising out of the lay out of Lloyd street: provided the same can be made at a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars, in full for the claims of both of said parties, on account of such damages and assessments.

No. 628. Resolution to settle with Martha H. Burrough, in the matter of Hope street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by resolution No. 496, approved September 6, 1875, are hereby authorized to make a settlement with Martha H. Burrough, wife of Robert S. Burrough, for damages made to and assessments upon her, arising out of the widening and straightening of Hope street: provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.)

No. 629. Resolution to settle with James and Sophia Tillinghast in the matter of Hope street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

WHEREAS, the committee appointed by resolution No. 496, approved September 6, 1875, have agreed with James Tillinghast and with Sophia F. Tillinghast, that by relieving James Tillinghast from his assessment of \$255.17 in the matter of the widening and straightening of Hope street, said James and said Sophia F., will abandon their appeals, now pending in the supreme court, from the action of the commissioners thereon, therefore

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby authorized to amend the report of the commissioners in the matter of widening and straightening Hope street, by striking

therefrom the assessment to James Tillinghast, on lot 7, plat 11, of two hundred fifty-five dollars and seventeen cents.

No. 630. Resolution to settle with Patrick O'Connor, in the matter of Hope street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by resolution No. 496, approved September 6, 1875, are hereby authorized to make a settlement with Patrick O'Connor, for damages made to and assessments upon him arising from the widening and straightening of Hope street: provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars.

No. 631. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Humboldt avenue.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Humboldt avenue, from Arlington avenue to Elmgrove avenue, as a public highway.

No. 632. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Traverse street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Traverse street, fifty feet wide, from Wickenden street to Pike street.

No. 633. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Blackstone street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to declare Blackstone street a public highway, from Plane street to Eddy street.

No. 634. Resolution for curbing Burnside street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the gutters to be paved and curbing set on Burnside street, from Public street to Thurber avenue.

No. 635. Resolution to repair fence on Cove street.

[Approved October 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks are hereby instructed to cause the fence on Cove street, west of the railroad tracks, to be put in good condition, forthwith.

No. 636. Resolution relating to the Hopkins Burying Ground.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the commissioners of the north burying ground, is hereby directed to build a substantial wooden fence, with stone posts, around the Hopkins burying ground, in the tenth ward; and that said commissioners cause the inscription on the head-stone to Admiral Hopkins,

in said ground, to be newly cut, and the grounds put in order: the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 637. Message from the Mayor relating to School Districts and curbing in the Tenth Ward.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, October 18, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

At the time of the annexation of a portion of the town of North Providence to this city, there were certain school districts of that town which were affected by the annexation, and up to this time no proper settlement of the affairs of these districts has been made with the city.

There was also a large quantity of curbing which had been set by the town authorities in certain of the streets now in the tenth ward of this city, and I am informed that this curbing has not been paid for, and that no demand has been made upon the proper parties for payment therefor.

These two matters should receive prompt attention, and I recommend that a special committee be charged with their investigation, and with power to summon witnesses and administer oaths.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 638. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Nolan, Cory and White, of the common council with aldermen Anthony and Potter, be and they are hereby appointed a joint special committee, to whom

is referred the message of his honor the mayor, in relation to division of school districts and the matter of transfer of curbstones, in the tenth ward, and that said committee have power to administer oaths, and send for persons and papers.

No. 639. Message from the Mayor in relation to an office for the Secretary of the School Committee.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, October 18, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

No proper place has been provided for the office of the secretary of the school committee, and that officer is now located in the basement of the high school building, in the rooms occupied by the superintendent of public schools. Neither has a place been provided for the storage and safe keeping of the supplies to be furnished to the various schools, although these supplies amount to several thousand dollars annually.

Under such circumstances, no responsibility can attach to the secretary if these supplies are not safely kept and duly accounted for as delivered.

The school committee has heretofore endeavored to procure proper rooms for their officer, but without success.

When the city hall is completed, both the officers referred to will have suitable apartments in that building, and in the meantime they can be provided for in Woods' building, in the rooms recently occupied by the fire department, and the department of public buildings.

These rooms can undoubtedly be leased on favorable terms, and will not only furnish convenient quarters for the two officers of the school committee, but will also enable the committee of the city council on education, to hold their meet-

ings in a room adjoining them, where the school records and papers will be accessible at such meetings; and I therefore recommend that this matter receive your early attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 640. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated October 18, 1875, relative to securing a place for the office of the secretary of the school committee, be referred to the joint committee on city property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 641. Message from the Mayor relating to the appraisal of the Town House lot.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE. }

City of Providence, October 18, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The commissioners appointed to appraise the value of the estate belonging to the city, known as the town house lot, which has been taken as a site for a court house, have made their report to the supreme court, and have awarded to the city the sum of one hundred and thirty-nine thousand eight hundred dollars therefor, being at the rate of seven and one-half dollars per square foot for the land, without any allowance for the buildings thereon.

In view of the prices paid by the city for land, which has been condemned for highway purposes in the immediate vicinity of the above property, the sum allowed by the commissioners cannot be considered as a proper valuation.

It is for the city council to decide whether an appeal shall be taken against the report of the commissioners, as, if it is to be done, the city solicitor should be instructed to enter the same at an early day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 642. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated October 18, 1875, relative to an appeal from the award of the commissioners appointed to appraise the value of the estate known as the town house lot, taken as a site for a court house, be received and referred to the joint committee on city property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 643. Message from the Mayor relating to judgment in favor of Anson W. Aldrich.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, October 18, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

A verdict was rendered against the city December 2, 1872, in favor of Anson W. Aldrich, for seven hundred dollars, for a horse killed and a carriage injured in one of the streets of this city, since which time, the points of law in the case have been decided by the supreme court adversely to the city, leaving nothing pending but the question of damages, which was settled at the first trial.

The counsel for the city informs me that, in his opinion, it is for the interest of the city to pay the amount of the verdict, with interest thereon, and the costs of court, the counsel for the plaintiff having agreed to accept said sum in full settlement.

I recommend that the city treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 644. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor dated October 18, 1875, relative to settlement of judgment in the case of Anson W. Aldrich against the city, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 648. Fourth Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, R. I., October 12, 1875. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned, city hall commissioners, elected October 8, 1874, in conformity to the ordinance prescribing the duties of said commissioners, respectfully present their fourth quarterly report :

The outside and partition walls of the basement and first story are about completed, and we hope to finish one more story before we have to cover the building for the winter.

Owing to the several delays which were occasioned last spring, it was found impossible to get the roof on this year, but an early start will be made next spring, which will enable us to complete the outside of the building before another winter.

The following are the disbursements to date :

James G. Batterson, cut granite.....	\$7,713 93
Henry T. Rider, carpenter.....	321 86
H. G. Macomber, masons' work..	5,022 40
C. H. Parker & Co., iron.....	1,008 21
Boynnton Brothers, piling and foundation.....	4,596 80

Hopkins & Pomroy, brick and cement.....	5,912 20
S. P. Brown, salary.....	500 00
Trustees Hartford, Providence and Fishkill R. R., railroad.....	1,317 57
Henry T. Rider, carpenter.....	66 00
Bugbee & Hall, stationary.....	6 63
Boynton Brothers, foundations.....	10,800 00
C. H. Parker & Co., iron.....	6,773 14
James G. Batterson, cut granite.....	29,583 05
C. H. Parker & Co., iron.....	1,085 76
Henry T. Rider, carpenter.....	93 38
James G. Batterson, cut granite.....	6,535 76
Hopkins & Pomroy, brick, lime and cement.....	5,046 41
C. H. Parker & Co., iron.....	5,774 08
Charles E. Kershaw, vault doors and frames.....	1,272 00
H. G. Macomber, masons' work.....	4,068 00
C. E. Paine, level repair.....	8 00
Hopkins & Pomroy, cement and stone.....	73 25
Tingley Marble Company, cement....	86 00
Henry T. Rider, carpenter.....	154 79
C. H. Parker & Co., iron.....	721 67
J. G. Batterson, cut granite.....	6,339 73
S. J. F. Thayer, salary.....	1,750 00
Hopkins & Pomroy, brick, lime and cement.....	10,288 70
C. H. Parker & Co., iron.....	1,281 07
H. G. Macomber, masons' work.....	5,258 40
Charles F. Eddy, salary.....	250 00
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	\$123,708 79
The amount of expenditures during the last quarter, is.....	\$123708 79
The total amount of expenditure, is.....	\$216,497 77
The total amount of appropriation, is.....	310,000 00
The unexpended balance, is.....	93,502 23

JAMES Y. SMITH,
 GEORGE H. CORLISS,
 WILLIAM G. R. MOWRY,

} City Hall
 } Commissioners.

No. 649. Report of the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, on the Message of the Mayor in regard to injury to trees by moving a building.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I. October 4, 1875.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on the fire department, to whom on the tenth day of August, 1875, was referred the message of his honor the mayor, with the communication of

William Gammell, Esq., President of the Providence Athenæum, relating to the injuries to trees caused by moving a building, and who, by resolution No. 454, were requested to examine and report thereon, make report as follows :

At the time the petition for the removal of the building complained of came before the committee for consideration, they were reluctant to recommend it favorably, being fearful that damage might result to the trees, but after a careful survey of the proposed route of moving, they came to the conclusion that no serious injury would be done to any of them, provided proper care was taken in hauling back some of the most prominent limbs. Nearly opposite Benevolent street, there was one limb which was hanging quite low, much too low for convenience of high teams, that would have to be cut off, but as this would improve the appearance of the tree, it was thought to be no serious objection. With this examination and with the strongest assurance from the petitioners that the trees should be protected at all hazards, they agreeing to see all parties whose trees would be at all interfered with, and make everything satisfactory to them, the committee recommended that permission to move be granted.

The committee have visited that section of Benefit street over which the building was moved, and find some slight traces of its passage where it came in contact with the trees. In some places, limbs, three inches in diameter, have been cut off, probably not over eight or ten in all, upon the entire route. The bark of some of the limbs was somewhat bruised, but your committee fail to see any serious or irreparable injury or any trees so "mutilated as to be doomed to a premature decay." One year's growth will remove all traces of contact with the moving building.

A resident upon the street, by whose premises the building was moved, states that there has been no damage whatever done to the trees, but a positive benefit has resulted, as they needed trimming, and that in his opinion, a thorough trimming throughout the whole street now would be advantageous both as to its healthfulness as a place of residence, and to its beauty as a highway.

This committee claim that they have always exercised proper vigilance in regard to the probable damage to trees by the proposed removal of buildings, and have not recommended any petition for that purpose unless fully satisfied that no serious or grievous injury would result therefrom.

As to the question suggested by the Mayor, "whether the removal of buildings from one section of the city to another, is any benefit to the general public, or to the growth of the city," the committee do not feel called upon to give an opinion, but as long as this is the policy of the city, they do not see why Benefit street should be exempt from bearing its share of the burdens any more than other equally important highways.

It is not always the case that buildings are old and unfit for use in the location from which they are desired to be moved, but are in the way of large and expensive improvements, occupying sites where large blocks are to be built, and the saving of them often determines the question of expenditures involving thousands of dollars. The saving of old buildings is a very important consideration with many tax-payers who are about to build, and there is no doubt but there are several nice buildings, ornaments to the streets upon which they are located, and to which we point with pride as evidences of the growth and prosperity of our city, which would not have been in existence, had permission to remove been refused. An instance may be cited, at the corner of High and Summer streets; a large two story dwelling house was removed from the above location, and placed where land was less valuable, and fitted up so as to compare favorably with its surrounding neighbors. Upon its site was erected a fine brick block, at an expense of not less than \$10,000, thus adding to the taxable property of the city that amount. And upon Broad street, between Beacon and Stewart streets, there are buildings costing not less than two hundred thousand dollars, which occupy places of buildings removed, that are to-day better than nine-tenths of those around them. Nearly all the build-

ings removed are put in good repair, making homes for those who are unable to pay for more modern and costly residences.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

WILLIAM S. HAYWARD, Chairman.

No. 650. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property, relating to Prospect Square.

[Presented October 18, 1875.]

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

The joint committee of the city council on city property, who on December 20th, 1871, were directed to cause Prospect square to be laid out and graded, hereby make report:—

That they have discharged the duty assigned them by causing a bank wall to be constructed, and placing thereon an iron fence; by filling in, grading and turfing the square; by the introduction of Pawtuxet water for sprinkling, and the construction of suitable drainage for the grounds; also by causing all the walks and driveways to be concreted.

The whole amount appropriated for the foregoing objects was eleven thousand dollars, of which two hundred dollars was paid to Allen Greene, for land taken on the westerly side of the square, and by order of the city council, charged to this appropriation.

The sum paid for the objects enumerated above, excepting land damages, (see the last monthly report of the city auditor,) is ten thousand seven hundred and ninety-two dollars and forty-nine cents, with a balance to the credit of the appropriation of seven dollars and fifty-one cents.

There is one bill outstanding unpaid, that for concreting the walks and driveways, amounting to three hundred and two dollars and eighty-one cents; to meet which, your committee submit and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

As upon the acceptance of this report, the custody of these grounds will pass to the joint committee on parks, your committee desire to call the attention of the city council to two small items or expenditures, that in their judgment should be made.

The first is, a short piece of iron fence should be built upon the line of Congdon street, near the residence of the late Welcome Congdon, to prevent the public from falling off of the street where it has an elevation above that of the park.

The second item, is in the nature of a claim made to the members of the committee by the late Mr. Congdon, that the city should construct a suitable pair of wooden steps from the square or park to his back yard, as a compensation for the loss of the use of Cushing street, surrendered to the city to make a portion of the park, and through which street he had access to his estate.

It was claimed by Mr. Congdon, that it was promised by the committee acting in behalf of the city, with whom he negotiated, and to all acquainted with Mr. Congdon, no further evidence to confirm the claim is necessary. Yet your committee are authorized by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Alfred Fisk, who acted in behalf of the city at that time, to use his name in confirmation of Mr. Congdon's claim.

As both objects, the fence and the steps cannot exceed one hundred dollars, and as the execution of the work is mechanical, therefore they recommend the passage of the second resolution, paying for the same out of the appropriation for public buildings.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 651. Resolution to pay R. I. Concrete Company,
\$302.81 for work on Prospect square.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay

to the Rhode Island Concrete Company the amount of their bill, three hundred and two dollars and eighty-one cents: and charge the same to the appropriation for public parks.

No. 653. Resolution relating to encroachments on
City Property.

[Approved October 19, 1875..]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer, is hereby directed to examine immediately, the boundary lines of every parcel of land owned by the city, and report to the city council all encroachments of every kind made thereon, if any such exist.

No. 654. Resolution to build a School House on
Admiral street.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to cause a primary and intermediate school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city on Admiral street; said school house to be built of wood, in accordance with plans submitted to the city council October 18, 1875; to have the same furnished and the lot graded and fences built: provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed five thousand dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as shall be required for the purpose, is to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 655. Resolution to build a School House on
Plane and Aldrich streets.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to cause a primary and intermediate

school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city, on the south-west corner of Plane and Aldrich streets; said school house to be built of wood, in accordance with plans submitted to the city council October 18, 1875; to have the same furnished, the lot graded and fences built: provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as shall be required for the purpose, is to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 656. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Dora street.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Dora street, from Prairie avenue to Broad street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 657. Resolution to lay a sewer in Federal street.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Federal street, from Bradford street to Broadway.

No. 658. Resolution to lay a sewer in Vinton street.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Vinton street, from Vernon street to Carpenter street.

Resolution granting permission to raise certain
buildings.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

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

- No. 659. John Cullen, jr., No. 56 Ship street.
- 660. John F. Parks, No. 43 Doyle avenue.
- 661. Charles Stark, No. 68 Bourbon street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 662. Bernard McCulla.
- 663. Henry L. Norris.

No. 664. Resolutions granting permission to move a
building.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Sheldon P. Sprague, 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.

No. 665. Resolution to lay a sewer in Greenwich, Burnett and Public streets.

[Approved October 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a twenty inch, brick, temporary sewer to be constructed in Greenwich, Burnett and Public streets, from Daboll street to the low point on Public street, between Burnett and Austin streets

No. 666. Resolution abating \$145 from assessment against William B. Rhodes for Broad street.

[Approved October 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to abate one hundred and forty-five dollars of the amount assessed against William B. Rhodes, by the commissioners in the widening and straightening of Broad street, from Public street southerly, to the Cranston line.

No. 667. Resolution to remove buildings from Canal street and Exchange place.

[Approved October 28, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be directed to remove the wooden buildings, situated on the corner of Exchange place and Canal street, to the lot on Canal street owned by the city, north of the city scales, provided that the cost shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars: to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 668. Resolution for paving and curbing Mark lane.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to set the curbing on Mark lane, and to pave said street with granite blocks.

No. 669. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Oakland street.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Oakland street, from Greenwich street to Bucklin street, and declare the same a public highway: the same having been quietly, peaceably and actually used, improved and considered as such, for the space of twenty years.

No. 670. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Westfield street.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to declare Westfield street a public highway, from Greenwich street to Harrison street.

No. 671. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Division avenue.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Division avenue as a public highway, from Eddy street to the roadway leading to Field's Point.

No. 672. Resolution to purchase land of Rufus Sprague, on Richardson street.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to purchase from Rufus Sprague, a lot of land adjoining the land recently purchased by the city from James Riley, on Richardson street, and containing about forty-five hundred square feet, at a price not exceeding the sum of thirty cents per square foot, when he shall present a deed therefor satisfactory to the law officer of the city: the same to be charged to the reserved fund.

No. 673. Resolution to lay the Lippitt street sewer through land of Roswell R. Rickard and others.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay, make, extend and maintain the Lippitt street sewer, from North Main street to Hewes street, through the lands of Roswell R. Rickard, Arnold Whipple's heirs, and Thomas Mullen, such extension being hereby adjudged necessary for the public convenience and health.

No. 674. Resolution to lay a sewer in Thayer street.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Thayer street, from Waterman street to George street.

No. 675. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Grove street.

[Approved November 1, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to declare Grove street a public highway, from Harris avenue to Valley street.

No. 677. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property on Message of the Mayor in relation to the award for the Town House Lot.

[Presented November 1, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The joint standing committee on city property, to whom was referred the message of his honor the mayor, dated October 18, 1875, relative to an appeal from the award of the commissioners appointed to appraise the value of the estate known as the town house lot, which has been taken as a site for a court house, respectfully report, that while we believe the price awarded by the commissioners is below the price paid for other lands sold in that vicinity, and less than what it would have sold for at private sale or auction, still the committee do not feel like recommending the city to take an appeal from the commissioners' award.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 679. Report of Joint Committee on City Property on heating and furnishing School House on Jackson avenue.

[Presented November 1, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint committee of the city council on city property who by a resolution of June 29, 1874, were directed to cause furniture and heating apparatus to be put into the Jackson avenue school house, at a cost not exceeding two thousand eight hundred dollars, hereby make their report, that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and have expended the following sums, namely :

For Furniture,	\$1,489 92
“ Heating,	836 05
“ Bell,	48 08
“ Blackboards,	39 20
“ Grading the lot,	401 17
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	\$2,814 42
Appropriated,	2,800 00
Expended in excess of appropriation,	14 42

It may not be out of place to add in this connection, that the house was built under the direction of the joint committee on education, for the sum including architect's services, of

of	\$17,405 64
Furnished by the committee on city property, for	2,814 42
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Total cost of house and furniture,	\$20,220 06
Whole sum appropriated,	\$22,800 00
“ “ expended,	\$20,220 06
Unexpended,	\$2,579 94

All of which is most respectfully submitted,
For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 680. Report of Joint Committee on City Property upon the completion of the Fire Station on Smith and Orms streets.

[Presented November 1, 1875.]

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

The joint committee of the city council on city property, who by a resolution approved July 7, 1874, were directed to erect a building for the purposes of the fire department, at the junction of Smith and Orms streets, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, hereby make report, that they have discharged the duty assigned them, by completing the building within the limits of the appropriation, as will be seen by the annexed statement.

Cost of building completed, nine thousand five hundred and eighty dollars and eighteen cents (\$9,580 18.) In addition to the cost of the building, the committee, though not authorized to do so under the resolution, caused the same to be furnished and heated at a cost of four hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty cents.

Total cost of the building and furniture, ten thousand and sixty-six dollars and seventy-eight cents.

By the act of the fire department, an alarm bell was purchased and hung in the tower, at a cost of nine hundred and seventeen dollars and thirty cents for the bell, and ninety-five dollars and eighty-seven cents for hanging the same, for which bills were presented to the committee on city property and by them approved. To pay which, the honorable city council caused a transfer of one thousand dollars from the appropriation for the Central and Pond street stations, to that for the erection of this house.

As a summary, your committee will re-state, that the whole cost of the building, excepting the land, is as follows:

Cost of building,	\$9,580 18
Cost of furniture and heating,	486 60

Cost of bell and hanging,	1,013 17
Total cost of building,	\$11,079 95
All of which is respectfully submitted For the committee,	

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 681. Report of Joint Committee on Sewers upon the Message of the Mayor, in relation to the drainage of Maiden Lane.

[Presented November 1, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

GENTLEMEN: The committee on sewers, to whom by resolution, No. 582, was referred a communication of his honor the mayor in relation to the construction of a sewer along the line of the Stonington railroad track from Maiden lane, southerly, beg leave to report, that your committee cannot recommend the construction of such a sewer at present, as the only outlet for it would be on private property, until a proper outlet into tide water, can be provided. The surface water from Maiden lane is now well provided for, except during unusually heavy storms, by a cement pipe sewer under the railroad track; and the highway commissioners have already commenced putting in another cement pipe drain of the same size as the one now there, so that it would seem that there could not possibly be any further danger of a wash out of the road-bed as feared. A permanent sewer cannot properly be constructed there until a street is opened from Sassafra point to the intersection of the old road-bed of the Stonington railroad with Plane street, and thence along the line of the road-bed and through Roger Williams avenue to Maiden lane.

For the committee,

WILLIAM W. PAINE, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, November 1, 1875.

No. 682. Resolution to lay a sewer in Tower street.

[Approved, November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Tower street, from Atwell's avenue to Federal street.

No. 683. Resolution relating to the sewer in Greenwich, Burnett and Public streets.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the expense of the construction of the temporary brick sewer, to drain the Elmwood lake, so called, be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 684. Petition of Alexander Manchester and others, for an amendment to the law relating to Sewer Assessments, with a Resolution referring the same.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

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

We the undersigned, citizens and tax-payers of the city of Providence, do hereby remonstrate against the present unequal and unjust mode of sewer assessments, and do respectfully request your honorable body to repeal the present, and enact a more equitable mode of assessments on the valuation of property.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER MANCHESTER,
and others.

RESOLVED, That the petition of Alexander Manchester and others, is hereby referred to the joint committee on the engineers' department, with instructions to report the manner in which other cities pay for the construction of sewers, and such other information relating to the subject of sewer assessments as they may deem important: also to report what changes, if any, they may deem necessary, in the present law.

No. 685. Resolution to pay D. M. Thompson, \$100.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to D. M. Thompson, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for damage to horse, carriage and harness, resulting from the caving in of Pine street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefore satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 686. Resolution to pay James Gorman \$100 for flooding his premises.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Gorman, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for damage to his estate, by reason of obstructions in, or the incapacity of the Lippitt street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 687. Resolution to pay Elijah T. Mann, \$175.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay

to Elijah T. Mann, of Scituate, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, in full for damage to person and property sustained by him by reason of the caving in of Washington street in August last, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 688. Resolution accepting gift of Gardner B. Pettis, to the North Burying Ground Fund.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Gardner M. Burgess and Thomas M. Rounds, executors of the last will of Gardner B. Pettis, late of Johnston, deceased, of the sum of two hundred dollars to the commissioners of the north burying ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot of Gardner B. Pettis and Harriet A. Pettis, in said ground, is hereby accepted by the city council, and that the same be called the Gardner B. Pettis fund.

No. 689. Resolution accepting gift of the heirs of Daniel Pettey, to the North Burying Ground fund.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Gardner M. Burgess and Thomas M. Rounds, executors of the last will of Gardner B. Pettis, late of Johnston, deceased, of the sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the north burying ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367, of the public laws, to the preservation and

care of the burial lot of the heirs of Daniel Pettey, in said ground, is hereby accepted by the city council, and that the same be called the Daniel Pettey fund.

No. 690. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Walsh, to raise a certain building, located at No. 41 Spring street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 691. Resolution to lay a sewer in Eagle street.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a suitable drain for surface water, with proper catch-basins, to be constructed in Eagle street, from Atwell's avenue to the Woonasquatucket river: the expense thereof to be charge to the appropriation for high-ways.

No. 692. Resolution to build Sheds for the Fire Stations on Central and Pond streets.

[Approved November 4, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be hereby authorized and directed to erect two suitable sheds for housing the exercise wagons of the Central and Pond street hose stations, at a cost not exceeding four hundred dollars: to be paid out of the appropriation for the Central and Pond street hose stations.

No. 693. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Oak street.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Oak street, from Messer street to the Stonington railroad, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 694. Resolution to grade and fence Engine House lot on Doyle avenue.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby directed to cause the lot at the engine house on Doyle avenue to be graded and fenced: and that the expense be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 695. Resolution to discontinue construction of sewer in part of North Main street.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to discontinue the construction of so much of the sewer ordered on North Main, Hewes and Stevens street, as lies between Lippitt street and the junction of Hewes and Stampefs streets.

No. 696. Resolution to settle with parties on Canal street.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on highways, to whom was referred resolution No. 395, approved July 12, A. D. 1875, be and it is hereby authorized to make a settle-

ment with Daniel A Mowry and Darwin R. Mowry, for damages made to and assessments upon them arising out of the proposed laying out and widening of Canal street, providing the same can be done at a sum not exceeding two hundred and sixty-four dollars ; and is further authorized to make settlement with George L. Hurd, for damages made to and assessments upon him, arising out of said improvement of Canal street, providing the same can be done with said Hurd, at a sum not exceeding seven hundred and eighty-nine dollars.

No. 697. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Norfolk street.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED. That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Norfolk street, from High street to Oak street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 698. Resolution for curbing Brook street.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to set the curbing and pave the gutters on Brook street, from Wickenden street to Pike street.

No. 699. Resolution electing to lay out Brook street.

[Approved November 15, 1875.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1875, to lay out Brook street, from Angell street to Hope 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 the twenty-first day of September, 1875: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court:—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 704. Report of the Committee on City Property on hose stations on Pond and Central streets.

[Presented November 15, 1875.]

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

The joint committee of the city council on city property, who by a resolution approved August 13, 1874, were directed to cause buildings of brick to be erected upon the lots owned by the city on Pond and Central streets, for hose stations for the use of the fire department, in accordance with plans and specifications to be presented by the committee on the fire department, make report: that after receiving plans and specifications prepared under the direction of the committee on the fire department, by Messrs. Stone & Carpenter, architects, your committee advertised for proposals to build the hose stations in accordance with said plans; and upon opening the bids, the contract was awarded to Mr. John W. Briggs, who was the lowest, as well as a responsible bidder; that the whole amount paid under the contract, including all items extra thereto properly chargeable to construction account, was \$11,550.54.

The amount appropriated was \$14,000, leaving an unexpended balance of \$2,449.46.

Your committee, though not especially charged by the city council in the above resolution with furnishing and heating the houses, yet, at the request of the chief of the fire department,

they discharged that duty at the following charge to the aforementioned balance.

Paid Frederick Fuller, for fire alarm bell, for the hose tower on Central street station,	-	\$937 58
For furniture to both stations,	-	312 90
For heating both stations,	-	117 87
Add cost of both houses under the contract as above,	-	11,550 54
Total cost of houses and furniture,	-	\$12,918 89
Unexpended balance of appropriation,		\$1,081 11
All of which is most respectfully submitted, For the committee,		

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 705. Resolution to lease rooms in Woods Building.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to lease rooms for offices for the superintendent of health, superintendent of public schools and secretary of the school committee, at an annual rent of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars per annum, for a period of two years.

No. 706. Resolution to sell a house on Wickenden street.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to sell the dwelling house belonging to the city, located at No. 167 Wickenden street.

No. 707. Resolution to pay judgment in case of
Anson W. Aldrich.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer pay to Anson W. Aldrich, or his attorney, the sum of seven hundred dollars, with interest thereon, from the time of the verdict in case of said Aldrich against the city of Providence, together with the taxed costs in said case, upon a certificate of the attorney for the city in said case, that said case is entered, or that he has an agreement to enter said case as settled.

No. 708. Resolution to pay John Baxter, James
Maguire and John H. Cafferty for flooding their
premises.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Baxter the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to James Maguire, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and to John H. Cafferty, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, in full for damage sustained by them by reason of the overflow of their premises, resulting from the incapacity of or obstructions in the Lippitt street sewer, whenever they shall present receipts therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise certain
buildings.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

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

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- No. 709. Ira Basto, Nos. 46 and 48 Winter street.
710. Susan Fenner, cor. Atwell's ave. and Solar st.
711. Lyman W. Perkins, No. 13 Hay street.
712. Benjamin F. Reynolds, No. 81 Swan street.
713. Peter W. Riley, cor. Spruce and Acorn streets.

No. 714. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Willam R. Wilbur 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.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named 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. 715. Samuel B. Durfee.

716. James Boyce.

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. 717. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 18, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to J. B. Barnaby, 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. 718. Resolution transferring \$5,000 to the North Burying Ground Improvement Fund.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the north burying ground improvement account.

[For report accompanying the above, see Document No. 46.]

No. 719. Resolution relating to lighting the City Lamps by Electricity.

[Approved, December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of lights is hereby directed to report to the city council the condition of the apparatus for lighting the city lamps by electricity; the success that has so far attended its use; the alterations that have been made, and why made; and furnish all other information thereon at his command.

No. 720. Resolution authorizing a modification in the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized to agree with Franklin Simmons for the modification of the contract for the two bronze figures, entered into between the city and said Simmons, so as to permit the recording figure to be in a standing instead of a sitting posture, as recommended by the committee: provided such change can be made without expense to the city.

No. 721. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to ascertain on what terms settlement may be made of the suit of Messrs. Grimes Brothers.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Spencer, Douglas and Morris, of the common council, with Messrs. Potter and Angell, of the board of aldermen, are hereby appointed a committee to ascertain on what terms a settlement can be made between the city and Grimes Brothers, in the suit against the city for damages caused by overflow of the Pine street sewer, in August, 1873.

No. 722. Resolution relating to Fire Station No. 7, on Richmond street.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property, be authorized to cause the stalls in hose station No. 7, to be so changed as to open into the apparatus room; also to cause windows to be put in the front doors: the expense to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 723. Resolution to lay a Sewer in High street, and through land of Alfred Anthony and Samuel A. Irons.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed across High street, and through the land now belonging to Alfred Anthony and Samuel A. Irons, from the southerly side of High street near the Johnston line, at or near the place where the stone culvert is now, to the Woonasquatucket river.

No. 724. Resolution for curbing a portion of Lloyd street.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Lloyd street, between Hope street and Thayer street.

No. 725. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Cushing street.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Cushing street, from Hope street to Brook street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 726. Resolution abating \$49.30 from tax of Huldah Nichols.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Huldah Nichols, of

Rehoboth, the sum of forty-nine dollars and thirty cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against her for the year 1874.

No. 727. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved, December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Wright & Duckworth, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

No. 728. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Conway, 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.

No. 729. Resolution to pay \$5,223.77 for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the parties hereinafter named, the sums affixed to their respective names, in full payment for damages sustained by

them by the flooding of their premises during various heavy rain storms, to date, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies; whenever they shall severally sign receipts therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor:

Andrew Smith,	Ives street,	-	\$25 00
Daniel Carlin,	Fountain street,	-	50 00
Abby W. Harvey,	" " -	-	100 00
J. Albert Monroe,	" " -	-	50 00
Anson W. Aldrich,	Washington street, he to settle with all his tenants except Joss Senior,		2,100 00
Joss Senior,	Washington street,		725 00
Walter Craddock,	" " -		100 00
George A. Wallace,	" " -		50 00
Charles G. McKnight,	" " -		125 00
Ephraim Richmond,	Elm street, -		40 00
Washington I. Williams,	Friendship street, -		20 00
George W. Hall,	Brook street, -		48 77
Frank Mauran,	Benefit street, -		150 00
L. E. Wilmarth,	Lockwood street, -		75 00
Henry T. Stone,	" " -	-	100 00
Ann Andrew,	" " -	-	100 00
Sarah A. Slocum,	" " -	-	75 00
James Mason,	Pearl street, -		25 00
Resolved W. Cady,	" " -	-	100 00
Mrs. Frances Hobart	" " -	-	60 00
Phebe A. Whipple,	" " -	-	20 00
Cynthia P. Brown,	" " -	-	140 00
Marcus M. Wood,	" " -	-	225 00
William H. Gale,	" " -	-	
he to settle with his tenants,		-	50 00
Joseph D. Grinnell,	" " -	-	30 00
Carrie E. Campbell,	" " -	-	100 00
Mrs. M. G. Murray,	" " -	-	40 00
B. M. Brackett,	" " -	-	50 00
Joseph W. Beynon,	North Main street,		50 00
Thomas F. Kennedy,	" " " -		150 00
Albert R. Evans,	" " " -		50 00

King & Roberts,	North Main street,	-	100 00
Nathaniel F. Winslow,	Point street,	-	25 00
Roby K. Wilbur,	Langley street,	-	25 00
Caleb C. Greene,	" "	-	50 00
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			\$5,223 77

No. 730. Resolution to pay James D. Cooke, \$325.

[Approved December 2, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James D. Cooke, three hundred and twenty-five dollars, in full satisfaction for all damages sustained in the construction of Langley street, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies: whenever he shall sign a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 731. Message from the Mayor relating to the Trustees of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad.

[Presented December 2, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE. }

City of Providence, December 2, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I transmit herewith a letter received from Hon. Elisha Dyer, in which he resigns his position of trustee of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company. The state of his health is such as to prevent his attention to the duties of the office, and I therefore recommend that the resignation be accepted.

The interests of the city require that prompt action shall be taken by the city council in reference to the resignation of Gov. Dyer, and as the board of aldermen are to be in session

to-day, I have convened the common council at the same time, in order that the two branches might meet in convention to consider this important matter.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CONVENTION.

DECEMBER 2, 1875.

No. 732. Resignation of Elisha Dyer.

PROVIDENCE, November 29, 1875.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor of the City of Providence:

DEAR SIR:—On account of continued ill health, I feel it my duty to resign my position as one of the trustees, selected by the city of Providence, of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company. I therefore, herewith, resign my position as such trustee, and request that my successor be appointed.

Respectfully yours,

ELISHA DYER, trustee H. P. & F. R. R.

No. 733. Resignation of Stephen T. Olney.

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

The undersigned resigns the place of trustee of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

STEPHEN T. OLNEY.

RESOLVED, That the resignations of Elisha Dyer and Stephen T. Olney, trustees of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad, be accepted by the city council.

The following officers are elected :

Trustees of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad,

Henry W. Gardner, Earl P. Mason.

Weigher of Cotton, George A. Folger.

Constables,

Samuel B. M. Read, George H. Bucklin,

Byron H. Arnold.

No. 734. Resolution terminating contract with the
Stewart street Baptist Society for their Reservoirs.

[Approved December 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the contract between the Stewart street Baptist society and the city of Providence, in regard to the use of the reservoirs under the society's building by the city, be hereby terminated; and the said society is hereby released from all obligation to the city in relation thereto.

No. 735. Message from the Mayor relating to Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Presented December 6, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, December 6, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have convened you at this time, in order that action may be taken upon the report of the committee on the city debt, which will be laid before you, in relation to the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 736. Report of the Committee on the City Debt relating to Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Presented December 6, 1875.]

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

The committee on the city debt, in obedience to resolution No. 449 approved Aug. 10, 1875, have examined into the matter of the payment of the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, and make this their report. There are different parties who will probably claim the right on the day of their maturity, to pay and receive the bonds issued by said railroad company to, and held by the city of Providence.

This committee, however are advised by the city solicitor that under these circumstances, the city cannot safely deliver the bonds to any party, until instructed so to do by the proper tribunal.

The committee are of the opinion, that under this advice, it may happen that neither of the claimants will be willing to pay to the city treasurer the sum due on said bonds, so that the city can apply the funds to the payment thereof, although the amount may be tendered and demand made for the delivery of the bonds; in which case, it will be necessary that the city treasurer should be prepared to pay said bonds from the money in his hands belonging to the city.

The unpaid coupons should have long since been paid from the sinking fund established by law for that purpose; and it is the duty of the commissioners of sinking funds to pay and discharge that portion of the indebtedness, as soon as the same shall be brought to their notice.

The committee therefore, in view of all the facts presented for their consideration, recommend that the city council take prompt action to protect the interests of the city in case of the non-payment of the bonds on the day of their maturity, and

for that purpose they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, December 6, 1875.

No. 737. Resolution relating to Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Approved December 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and is hereby directed to report to the city council as soon as practicable, what action is necessary to be taken to secure the rights and interests of the city of Providence, in case the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company are not paid at their maturity, on the first day of January next.

No. 738. Resolutions to lay out Winter street.

[Approved, December 6, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Winter street, from Cranston street to High street, including therein all the land between said streets lying easterly of the range of the westerly line of said Winter street as now laid out southerly from Cranston 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.

No. 744. Resolution to procure Carpets for the sleeping rooms of the Firemen.

[Approved December 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby directed to provide suitable carpets for the sleeping rooms of the members of the fire department: provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed three hundred and fifty dollars.

No. 745. Resolution accepting gift of Elizabeth E. Gardner, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved December 13, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the bequest of Elizabeth E. Gardner of the sum of one hundred dollars, in accordance with her will, dated August 15, 1874, be hereby accepted by the city council.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to receive from the estate of Elizabeth E. Gardner, the said sum of one hundred dollars, and directed to transfer the same to the commissioners of the north burying ground, in trust, for the purposes named in said will: said commissioners acting as trustees in the place and stead of the city of Providence, and under the provisions of chapter 367, of the statutes of the state.

No. 748. Report of the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, on the Fire Station on Putnam and Amherst streets.

[Presented December 13, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee on the fire department, who by resolution approved December 14, 1874, were directed to cause a building of brick to be erected at the corner of Putnam and Amherst streets, to include a bell tower, bell and fire alarm, according to plans adopted by the board of engineers of the fire department, hereby make this their final report.

They have discharged the duty assigned them by erecting a building of brick, to be used for an engine station, at the corner of the above mentioned streets, in accordance with the resolution. They have also caused to be placed therein a bell and fire alarm, plumbing for both hot and cold water, suitable heating apparatus, and all other necessary furniture excepting carpets. The following are the items of expenditure as certified by the superintendent of public buildings.

For building, including all bills extra to the contract,	-	-	-	\$6,841 61
For the bell,	-	-	-	1,070 91
For the fire alarm,	-	-	-	1,500 00
For plumbing, hot and cold water,				150 30
For all other necessary furniture,	-	-	-	365 54
Total amount expended,	-	-	-	9,928 36
Amount appropriated,	-	-	-	10,000 00
Balance unexpended,	-	-	-	71 64

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

WILLIAM S. HAYWARD, Chairman.

No. 749. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property the on Fire Station on Exchange Place.

[Presented December 13, 1875.]

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

The joint committee on city property, who by resolution No. 845 approved July 30, 1874, were directed to erect over the water between Washington bridge and Exchange place, a building for the use of the fire department, in accordance with plans to be presented by the committee on the fire department, hereby submit their report.

The building is completed and occupied chiefly by the department for whose use it was erected. Offices have been fitted and furnished in part for the department of lights, for hacks and drays, for public buildings and for bridges.

The whole cost of the building, including all work extra to the contract excepting one small bill not yet adjusted, is twenty-four thousand one hundred and eighty dollars. Amount appropriated, twenty-five thousand dollars. Of the eight hundred and twenty dollars remaining of the appropriation, the committee have expended the sum of seven hundred dollars and sixty-three cents for the following items :

For bedsteads,	-	-	\$214 00
For three clocks,	-	-	47 50
For other furniture,	-	-	80 55
For carpet,	-	-	93 75
For heating,	-	-	18 96
For gas piping, brackets and fixtures,			120 87

In addition to these several items, a claim was made by the contractor, Spencer P. Read, for damage for delay caused by occupancy of the building by the fire department during the whole time of its construction, for which damage the committee allowed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, making as before stated, the sum of seven hundred dollars and sixty-three cents paid outside of the cost of construction.

By resolution No. 608 of the current series, approved October 7, 1875, the superintendent of public buildings was directed to cause the necessary heating apparatus to be provided, to supply the fixtures in the new building; the expense to be charged to the appropriations for said building. The lateness of the season when the resolution passed, prevented any delay in the execution of the order, notwithstanding the appropriation for said building was nearly exhausted.

The whole cost under that resolution was for

carpenters' labor and stock, - - -	\$50 00
For heating apparatus, - - -	\$225 00
For supplying all the bowls and bath tubs with hot water, - - -	\$534 35
Total cost, - - -	\$809 35

The bed rooms, of which there are four in this building, have been furnished with fifteen beds and as many chairs. There is still wanting to complete the furnishing of these rooms, four cheap mirrors, one small writing desk, two four-foot tables and two toilet stands, the whole to cost not exceeding one hundred dollars.

No desk except a borrowed one, has yet been provided for the overseer of bridges. Your committee recommend that one be bought for his use.

The superintendent of public buildings has no place to file or preserve any papers, however important. Your committee would recommend the deficiency be supplied by providing a case for that purpose, not exceeding eighty dollars in cost.

To carry the foregoing recommendations into effect, your committee submit and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 750. Resolution appropriating \$1,000 for the Fire Station on Exchange Place.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for the engine house on Exchange place, for the purpose of furnishing and heating the same: said sum to be transferred from the reserved fund.

No. 751. Report of the Committee on City Property on heating and furnishing the School House on Summer street.

[Presented December 13, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee of the city council on city property, who by resolution No. 379. approved July 1, 1875, were authorized to cause heating apparatus and furniture to be placed in the Summer street school house, to fence and grade the lot, and construct suitable out-buildings for the use of said school house, hereby make their report.

The Summer street school house was located, elevated and constructed under the supervision of the joint committee on education, pursuant to plans submitted to, and approved by the city council; said plans being prepared by E. L. Angell, architect.

The committee having that work in charge, found it necessary to give the building a large elevation, in order to secure suitable drainage to the lot. That necessity created another, to wit, that of building a stone base to the fence, next to the street, to serve as a retaining wall to the earth.

In view of these facts, the joint committee on city property, in June last, submitted to the city council a carefully prepared estimate of the probable cost of all the items named in the pre-

amble of this report, including an iron fence, said estimate amounting to the sum of six thousand dollars.

Your committee have now the honor to submit a final statement of the results of their labors with the cost thereof.

Heating apparatus has been placed in the house, also plumbing and furniture, the lot has been graded and graveled or turfed, stone foundations have been put in for a suitable fence upon the line of the street, and suitable out buildings have been erected, as directed by the city council, all at a cost of \$5,471.42.

A contract in addition has also been made with James H. Tower, the lowest responsible bidder, for an iron fence, at a cost of \$1.99 per lineal foot, including all gates. The number of feet upon the street line of the lot is 216 feet in length. The whole cost of the fence is \$429.84. The probable cost of painting the fence will be \$30.00

In conclusion then, your committee will report that the whole cost of the building, including cresting on the roof, is \$23,876. The cost of furnishing including out building and fences, is \$5,931.26. Total cost of whole property, exclusive of land and architect's fees is \$29,807.26.

We recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 752. Resolution transferring \$1,000 to the appropriation for the School House on Summer street.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for school houses and lots to the appropriation for furnishing, heating and fencing the Summer street school house.

No. 753. Resolution to expend \$200 for ventilating
the High School.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the joint committee on city property, be hereby authorized to expend not exceeding two hundred dollars, in providing suitable ventilation for the high school : to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 754. Resolutions fixing upon land for a School
House on Square Street.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city council of the city of Providence determine that the Square street school house lot ought to be enlarged ; and that lot number seventy-nine on assessors' plat of said city of Providence, number forty-eight, be the land to be taken and added to said school house lot for the purpose of such enlargement, and the same is hereby determined.

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education is hereby authorized to negotiate with the owner or owners of above described land, and to obtain the terms upon which the owner or owners will convey the same to the city.

No. 755. Resolution appropriating \$120,000 for
Interest on the Water Loan.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for interest on the water loan ; and the city treasurer, acting under the direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 756. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Wayland avenue.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Wayland avenue, from Humboldt avenue to Irving avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 757. Resolution to pay Grimes Brothers \$300 for flooding.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Grimes Brothers the sum of three hundred dollars, for damages caused by the overflow of Pine street sewer in August, 1873, and in full for any claim or suit on account thereof, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever said Grimes Brothers shall sign a receipt satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 758. Resolution to pay Henry W. Vaughan \$107.22.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Henry W. Vaughan the sum of one hundred seven dollars and twenty-two cents, being the amount of expenses incurred by him in removing and fitting up the office of inspector of milk, for fuel for same and for searching for witness for the prosecution of complaint against J. D. Smith : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 759. Resolution abating tax of John D. Willey.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to John D. Willey the sum of eighty-two dollars and sixty-five cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

No. 760. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved December 16, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Daniel S. Hazard to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to 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.

No. 761. Resolution for curbing Westfield Street.

[Approved December 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Westfield street, from Greenwich street to Fuller street.

No. 762. Resolution for curbing Cushing street.

[Approved December 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Cushing street from Hope street to Brook street.

No. 763. Résolution to pay damages for flooding.

[Approved December 23, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Schonleber and Scherrible the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125,) to James Hanley the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150,) to Diana Fitzgerald the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100,) to James Valley the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75,) to Mary P. Holmes the sum of fifty dollars (\$50,) to Horace Edwards the sum of fifty dollars (\$50,) to Mrs. Joanna Barron the sum of thirty dollars (\$30,) and to J. W. Presbrey the sum of thirty-five dollars: (\$35,) said several sums to be in full for all damages sustained by them by overflow from sewers on the twelfth and eighteenth days of August, A. D. 1875, whenever they shall present receipts therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 764. Report of the Commissioners to build a
Bridge across Providence River.

[Presented December 16, 1875.]

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

The bridge commissioners respectfully represent that, acting under the powers conferred upon them by an ordinance approved April 25th, 1874, as modified by an ordinance approved Sept. 7th, 1874, and also under resolutions of the council, March 22d, April 26th and May 27th, 1875, they proceeded with all convenient dispatch to "construct a wooden bridge across Providence river," also to make such repairs and alterations in Weybosset bridge as were found necessary to properly connect that with the new bridge, also to construct a walk twelve feet wide across the long opening in the new bridge, sidewalks ten feet wide around said opening, and iron

fence both around the opening and across the south end of the new bridge. Having reported progress in their work from time to time, they now beg leave to report the work completed, and the bills therefor all certified to the auditor.

The council will remember that of the three plans for a bridge, presented by us with our report of July 30th, 1874, they chose the cheapest, which, from carefully prepared estimates, was expected to cost \$60,000. That is, so much of the work now done, as was then determined on, and embraced in the ordinance approved Sept. 7th, 1874, was estimated to cost that sum. We congratulate both ourselves and the council, that the reduced price at which lumber and other materials were purchased, enabled us to bring the cost of this part of the work more than \$10,000 within the estimates. Even with the large amount of work added under subsequent resolutions of the council, the gross expenditure does not reach the original estimates, and is a much larger sum within the appropriations, which amounted to \$65,000.

The cost of the structure may be stated, in round numbers, as follows :

Cost of bridge under first contracts, provided for by original ordinance, including \$5,460 for repair of river walls, - - -	\$47,200 00
Cost of repairs and alterations on Weybosset bridge, fifteen feet in width of which, with river walls, was rebuilt, - - -	2,000 00
Cost of walk across, and sidewalks around opening in new bridge, with iron curbing and concrete and asphalte covering for same, casing and finishing inside of openings, painting same, &c., - - -	5,425 00
1,255 feet of iron fence, painted, - - -	2,398 00
Dredging under the bridge, charged to this account by order of council, - - -	1,837 00
Clerk hire, advertising proposals, &c., &c., -	530 00
	\$59,390 00

We beg to assure the council that the cost of the structure has not been cheapened by any lowering of the standard for strength. The contracts called for piles of first quality, of prescribed length and diameter; and for southern pine timber of first quality, substantially free from sap, and none has been received under them that did not meet these requirements after the most careful and rigid inspection. The same careful inspection has also been given to other materials entering into the structure; to the driving of the piles, and the general construction of the bridge, walks, fencing, &c., all of which has been done to our entire satisfaction. This work has not been done in a corner. It has gone on under the eyes of all the people, and if the quality of the work has been criticised unfavorably by intelligent men, it has not reached our ears. While we regret that the council ordered a wooden bridge, instead of the more permanent structure recommended by us, we have some satisfaction in the belief that we have given them about as good a bridge as can be constructed of wood; and the council may congratulate itself that it has added two acres to the public highways and square in the heart of the city, at a cost, including the paving, of about one dollar per square foot.

We regret that all the owners of estates on Dyer street did not assent to a finish of that street on the new grade, at least as far south as the south line of the new bridge, as this would have added somewhat to the symmetry of the bridge, and the beauty of the square formed by it and the streets on either side. Such an assent is so manifestly for the permanent interest of all, that we are persuaded it will be gained in the near future. It was certainly a misfortune that the grade of Weybosset street, at the lower end, now mostly covered with costly, permanent buildings, was left so low, and that this, while we were dependent on surface drainage, necessitated a grade for Dyer street, at the junction of Custom House and Pine streets, about two feet below the grade of South Water street, on the opposite side of the river. The bridge could not wisely be conformed to these inequalities under any

circumstances ; but a higher necessity controlled the present grade of the bridge, viz.: that of keeping the structure level with Weybosset bridge, so as not to diminish the already too scant room for the current beneath it, when swollen either by freshets on the rivers or floods from the sea.

Before closing this report, we beg to make record of our high appreciation of the able, prompt and efficient service rendered us by the city engineer, C. E. Paine, Esq., to whom much of the credit of this public improvement is due.

With many thanks to his honor the mayor, and other officers of the government for their ready and hearty co-operation in this work, we hereby resign it to your care.

A. C. BARSTOW,	} Bridge Commissioners.
STURGIS P. CARPENTER,	
ABNER H. ANGELL,	

PROVIDENCE, December 13, 1875.

No. 765. Resolution of thanks to the Commissioners to build a Bridge across Providence River.

[Approved December 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council be hereby tendered to Messrs. Amos C. Barstow, Sturgis P. Carpenter and Abner H. Angell, commissioners appointed by the council to erect a bridge across Providence river, south of Weybosset bridge, for the thoroughly satisfactory manner in which they have executed the duties of their commission, as shown in the judicious character of their contracts, resulting in the erection of a fine and substantial structure at a cost considerably less than the estimates.

No. 766. Resolution to enclose City Land at
Central Bridge.

[Approved December 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to cause the land belonging to the city and lying outside of the highway at Central bridge to be suitably enclosed.

No. 767. Report of the Committee on Education
presenting plans for a High School.

[Presented December 16, 1875.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The committee on education, who were by resolution No. 462 current series, directed to procure plans and estimates for a high school building, to be erected on lot on Summer, Pond and Spring streets; provided said building shall not cost to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, beg leave to report, that they have given the matter careful attention and consideration, and while keeping in mind the amount prescribed in the resolution, believe that it was expected of them to procure plans which in the judgment of the committee, were necessary for a building to answer not only the demands to be made upon it at the present time, but for many years to come. The committee, early in their endeavors to procure proper plans, became convinced that a building to answer the requirements of a high school, could not be built for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The committee would respectfully represent, that a building limited to cost that amount could possibly be erected to meet the present demands of our high school, but would not be of sufficient capacity to accommodate even the demands that would be made upon it at the time of its completion.

Many will probably seek admission to the new building because of its situation and its better adaptability to its purpose, that would not apply if the situation remains unchanged.

Respecting the plans we present with this report, the committee would say, that they have consulted many of our best educators, and others in the matter, persons whose opinions and suggestions in the premises are to be valued, and all concur with the committee in saying that if the plans submitted are adopted and the building erected, our city will have a model high school, equal to that of any city in the country.

The executive committee of the school committee have made a critical examination of the plans and heartily join your committee in recommending the same. The following is a description of the building proposed,

DESCRIPTION.

The building is designed to be of brick with stone dressings, and is in the form of a parallelogram, 151 feet long by 129 feet wide, and three stories of 15 feet each in height, with fronts on Summer, Spring and Pond streets.

The scholars' entrances are on Summer and Spring streets, the girls school entered from Summer, and the boys from Spring street. The entrance for teachers and visitors is in the centre of the Pond street front : all the entrances are covered with brick and stone porches and approached by easy granite steps.

The first floor is arranged with a main central hall 18 feet wide and the entire length of building from east to west, with four school rooms opening from the same, each 34 x 44, feet, and connecting with the school rooms are recitation rooms and wardrobes.

On each side of the Pond street entrance are located the male and female principals' rooms, with wardrobes and closets attached, and on the south side between the east and west school-rooms, is the philosophical lecture room with library, cabinet and store room opening from the same, and a stair case leading directly to chemical lecture room in basement.

The stair cases for pupils are located at each end of building at side of main hall, and the stair case for teachers and visitors at the side of hall, at the Pond street entrance.

The second floor has the main central hall 18 feet wide, as below, and five school rooms 34 x 44 feet, with wardrobes and recitation rooms connecting with the same, and a general recitation room in the centre of north front for the general uses of classes in the languages, and other purposes, as may be desired.

The third floor is used principally for a general assembly hall 64 x 108 feet, with high ceilings and fully lighted, and reached at each end by the principal staircases, and in the centre by the teachers and visitors staircase. Connected with the hall are ante-rooms for the male and female pupils.

On the south side, third story, are two rooms and ante-rooms which can be used for lecture rooms or other purposes, and in the centre between these, a room 38 x 40 feet, to be used for drawing lessons. In the basement are located the chemical lecture rooms with professor's and working laboratory attached, and store room for chemicals, boiler and coal rooms, store rooms and general water closets, and large rooms for exercise during recess, or for gymnasium.

In general, the exterior is that of a plain building with slight breaks on the fronts and corners, to give the same an easy effect and distinctly mark the location of the school rooms.

The roofs are a plain hipped roof, with cresting around flat on same, and the sharp pitch slated.

The bell tower on Pond street front springs from the roof, and is finished with slate and galvanized iron.

The interior is designed to be finished in ash in the plainest manner, the sides of rooms ceiled five feet high. The whole of building to be warmed with steam, and to have a thorough and complete system of ventilation.

The estimated cost of this building is one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000).

In conclusion your committee would say that they believe the plan presented will commend itself to the city council, the

building being a plain solid structure, devoid of unnecessary ornamentation, and well adapted in appearance and its internal arrangement for the use intended.

The committee would call your attention to the fact, that the building described will cover an area in feet equal to the Butler Exchange and nearly equal to that of our new city hall. This, we think, will prove to you, that it is next to impossible to erect the school at the sum specified by the resolutions, particularly when you take into view that the building is to have three stories, a basement, together with the many partitions and walls required to divide the building into the desired number of rooms.

We submit herewith the resolutions ordering the erection of the building and recommend their passage.

For the committee,

HENRY R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 768 Message from the Mayor relating to Insurance
on buildings at the North Burial Ground.

[Presented, December 23, 1875.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Dec. 23, 1875. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The buildings upon that portion of the north burial ground estate, known as the Corliss purchase, are insured for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, the policies for which expire on the 29th instant.

There are no other buildings owned by the city that are insured against loss by fire, and in view of this fact the commissioners of the north burial ground deemed it inexpedient to renew the policies, unless instructed to do so by the city council

It will be remembered that the notes given for the Corliss purchase do not mature until 1880, and it may be deemed proper to keep the buildings insured until that time, and provide that in case of loss, the insurance shall be paid to the

board of commissioners of sinking funds, to be applied to the sinking fund for the burial ground.

I recommend that action be at once taken in the matter without the delay which a reference to a committee would involve, in order that a decision may be arrived at prior to the expiration of the policies.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 769. Resolution for effecting Insurance on buildings at the North Burial Ground.

[Approved December 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the north burial ground are hereby instructed to cause the buildings in said ground, purchased of William Corliss, to be insured for the term of five years, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, with a proviso that in case of loss, said sum be paid to the commissioners of sinking funds.

No. 770. Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds, relating to indebtedness of Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co., and to the Sinking Fund to redeem bonds exchanged with said company.

[Presented December 27, 1875.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make report that at a meeting of the board, held on the eighteenth instant, the city treasurer presented an account showing that the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company was indebted to the city for the interest paid by the city, January 1st, 1858, and July 1st, 1858, upon the bonds of the city of Providence, given in exchange for the bonds of said railroad company,

the amount thereof not having been repaid to the city as required by the act authorizing the exchange of said bonds; and also for the sum paid by the city on the judgment obtained by Geo. W. Long & Co., in their suit against the city for the interest on said city bonds due July 1, 1857, with the costs thereon and the expenses of defending said suit, no part of which had been paid by said railroad company. The whole of said indebtedness from said company, with interest on the respective sums, amounted on the eighteenth instant, to eighty-two thousand four hundred ninety-one and 2-100 dollars. The city treasurer also presented a resolution of the city council, approved August 12, 1872, directing the former trustees of the sinking fund to redeem the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, to "pay from the funds in their possession, as such trustees, all interest warrants due upon the bonds of the city issued to said company, which have not been paid by said company, or by money furnished by said company."

The mayor presented to the board at the same time, the coupons in his custody belonging to the bonds of said railroad company, of the respective dates of July 1, 1857, and January 1, and July 1, 1858, "which had not been paid by said company, or by money furnished by said company."

The board of commissioners of sinking funds, all of the the members thereof being present, having considered the various matters presented by the city officers, and having given due attention to the acts and ordinance under which said exchange of bonds was made between the city and said railroad company, unanimously directed their treasurer to receive and hold said coupons, and to pay over and deliver to the city of Providence from the said sinking fund, seventy-five bonds of the city, given in exchange for the bonds of said railroad company for \$1000 each, at par and interest thereon from July 1st last to the 18th instant, and for the balance of the amount due to the city, being five thousand four hundred twelve and twenty-two one hundredths dollars, to pay in cash therefor from the funds belonging to said sinking fund, which

yet, be not so expensive as to be doubtful of future accomplishment. As there are various owners of contiguous land, it would seem to be the most practicable course to deal with each one separately, where such action will not be injurious to future operations. With these considerations in mind, your committee herewith submit a lithographic plan showing the park as it now is, and also some proposed alterations in the boundaries which it would appear to be desirable sooner or later to effect. The west line seems most imperatively to demand rectification, for by the lay out of Elmwood avenue, a triangle of about 170,300 square feet has been detached from the main body of the park, being located upon the west side of said avenue. This detached triangle is useless for park purposes, but is available for future exchanges of land, while it is extremely doubtful if it can be disposed of for any other use, as the will of Betsy Williams provides "that said farm shall never be sold, excepting, however, such small portions thereof as it may be desirable to sell or to exchange 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."

Upon the east side of said avenue, the dividing line begins a little northwest of the Roger Williams burying ground, and runs at a very sharp acute angle with said avenue, southerly or southeasterly, along the west line of said burying ground and the projection thereof, cutting off the frontage of the park on said avenue, for about 1,125 feet. This triangle or gore belongs to Messrs. Lodowick Brayton and George P. Tew, and contains about 342,155 square feet. The acquisition of this gore by the park would be of great advantage in several ways. It would make available a sharp point of the park lying contiguous to it:—it would bring the park out to the line of the avenue:—it would promote the utilization of a live stream of water for pond purposes:—it would insure the use of a gravel bank, all important for the park, it being the only one there, and which is now used only by the courtesy of the owners:—it would prevent the possibility of houses being backed up

against the park, and especially against the Roger Williams burying ground, a possibility which, when realized, would be a perpetual eye sore and a permanent injury to the park in any aspect, and especially so, should the new Roger Williams monument be located in said burying ground.

The park triangle on the west side of the road, is worth more for building purposes than the Brayton and Tew gore on the east side thereof, and your committee have for a long time been in communication with those gentlemen to ascertain if they would agree to any exchange which would be equitable and advantageous to both parties. Your committee are now able to report that Messrs. Brayton and Tew will give three square feet of their land in exchange for one square foot of the triangle on the west side of the avenue.

The whole of the triangle on the west of Elmwood avenue will not be required for the proposed exchange, and the land remaining will be left in a compact, desirable shape, available in part for a depot should public convenience ever demand it, or for the purpose of future exchanges. The lithographic plan before referred to, will afford an accurate delineation of the proposed exchange.

Inasmuch as the owners now consent to the exchange, which cannot fail of being of advantage to the park, your committee unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. HILTON, Chairman.

No. 772. Resolution authorizing an exchange of land at Roger Williams Park.

[Passed December 27, 1875.]

WHEREAS, The last will and testament of Betsy Williams, late of the city of Providence, deceased, bequeathing to the

said city certain land for public purposes, (said land being now designated as Roger Williams park,) provides that whenever it may be desirable to sell or exchange portions of said land for the purpose of straightening any dividing line or lines, or of leaving the main body of the farm in better shape, certain portions of said land may be alienated for such purpose, and

WHEREAS, Messrs. Lodowick Brayton and George P. Tew, owners of an estate adjoining said farm or park upon the west, have made a proposition to exchange land with the city upon the following terms, to wit :

They conveying to the city a certain tract of land on the easterly side of Elmwood avenue, being all their land lying north of a line drawn at right angles with Elmwood avenue and running easterly, passing through a point sixty feet northerly from the most southerly angle of said park, and lying between said avenue and said park ; they also conveying for the purposes of a public highway, a strip of land sixty feet in width, adjoining southerly the above described line, extending from said Elmwood avenue easterly to said park.

In consideration of this conveyance to said city, they propose that the said city should convey to them all that portion of the said farm or park included between the westerly line of said Elmwood avenue, as proposed to be laid out across said park, and the continuation northerly of a line drawn parallel with and five hundred and ten feet westerly from the westerly line of Elmwood avenue as now laid out, through land of the said Brayton and Tew ; said portion thus conveyed being bounded southerly on land of Brayton and Tew ; said city reserving from the land thereby conveyed for the purposes of public highways, a strip of land sixty feet in width adjoining easterly the westerly line of said land so conveyed, extending from said Elmwood avenue southerly to land of said Brayton and Tew, and also a strip of land eighty feet in width, extending from said Elmwood avenue westerly, opposite the proposed entrance to said park ; said Brayton and Tew further agreeing to convey for the purposes of a public highway, a strip of land eighty feet in width, extending from the easterly

line of land of the Stonington railroad company, and at right angles therewith, easterly to the southwesterly line of said park; the centre line of said strip of land continued to intersect the easterly line of Elmwood avenue at the centre of the proposed entrance to said park.

In further consideration of the first mentioned conveyance to said city, Messrs. Brayton and Tew propose that the city shall convey to them such land lying westerly of the line parallel with and 510 feet westerly from the westerly line of Elmwood avenue, as may be necessary to make the area of the land conveyed to them one-third of that conveyed by them to said city, (not including in their part any land conveyed for highways,) the northerly line of the land last conveyed to be parallel with the lines of the above-mentioned eighty feet highway, and said land to adjoin northerly the land of the said Brayton and Tew.

Now, therefore, in order to leave the main body of the farm or park in a better form than it now is, and to carry out the proposition thus made by said Brayton and Tew,—

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to convey to Messrs. Lodowick Brayton and George P. Tew, such portions of the land bequeathed to the city by Betsy Williams, and lying westerly of Elmwood avenue, as now opened across said land, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of an agreement made by them with said city and above referred to, whenever he shall receive from said Brayton and Tew a conveyance by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, of the land proposed to be conveyed by them to said city, and lying on the easterly side of said Elmwood avenue, together with conveyances by deed, satisfactory to said solicitor, of the land proposed to be conveyed by them for public highways, as above referred to.

No. 773. Resolution for curbing a portion of Humboldt avenue.

[Approved December 27, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set, and the gutters paved on Humboldt avenue, from Arlington avenue to Elmgrove avenue.

No. 774. Resolution to construct a fence and steps at Prospect Square.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property, is authorized to build a protecting fence on the line of Congdon street at Prospect square, and to build a flight of wooden steps connecting said square with the estate of the late Welcome Congdon, provided that both fence and steps do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 775. Report of the City Solicitor upon the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad.

[Presented December 27, 1875.]

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Dec. 13, 1875. }

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

In obedience to the resolution by you passed directing the city solicitor to report what action is necessary to be taken to

secure the rights and interests of the city of Providence in case the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company are not paid at their maturity, on the first of January next, I hereby report, that the remedy is to foreclose the mortgage given to secure the payment of said bonds, and to that end the city council should request the trustees under said mortgage to immediately, after non-payment, take such steps to foreclose said mortgage as they may be advised are proper.

I am yours, &c.

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 776. Resolution to set the curbing on Royal street.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Royal street from Knowles street to North Main street.

No. 777. Resolution to sell building on Bacon street.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee of the city council on city property, are hereby directed to sell at public auction, the house No. 64 Bacon street, after duly advertising the same. Said house to be torn down or removed from the premises, in the discretion of the committee.

No. 778. Resolution to pay Clara B. Harvey.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Clara B. Harvey, thirty dollars, the amount equitably due

her in settlement of her account to December 31, 1875, for additional compensation as an assistant teacher in the public schools.

No. 779. Resolution to pay Cordelia A. Roper, \$15, for flooding.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Cordelia A. Roper, the sum of fifteen dollars, in full compensation for all claims for damage to her premises from overflow of the Pond street sewer, on her signing a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 780. Resolution to pay Mary J. Gardner \$80.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Mrs. Mary J. Gardner the sum of eighty dollars, in full settlement for all claims for damage from overflow of her premises on Washington street, on her signing a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 781. Resolution abating \$20.30, from tax of Edward Holden.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Edward Holden, the sum of twenty dollars and thirty cents, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

No. 782. Resolution abating tax of Henry A. Chace.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Henry A. Chace, of Cranston, the sum of fifty dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

No. 783. Resolution abating tax of Thomas Clinton.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Thomas Clinton, of Hebronville, Mass., the sum of seventy-one dollars and five cents, being the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

No. 784. Resolution abating tax of Mary Sampson.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Mary Sampson, the sum of eleven dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against her for the year 1875.

No. 785. Resolution abating \$9.58 from the tax of
John Oldfield.

[Approved December 30, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to John Oldfield, the sum of nine dollars and fifty eight cents, being the amount of a tax paid by mistake.

No. 786. Resolution to employ labor on the Highways and appropriating \$5,000 for the same.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to employ on such street grading as can be done at the present time without disadvantage, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar per day, such men as the overseer of the poor may recommend as deserving and needing assistance, and to enter upon such work at once.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for highways, for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolution, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 788. Message from the Mayor relating to the Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co., held by the city.

[Presented January 1, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, Jan. 1, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The bonds issued by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, held by the city of Providence, and due this day, have not been paid.

The New York and New England Railroad Company have tendered at the city treasury, the amount due to the city from said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, not deducting therefrom the amount of the sinking fund, held by the board of commissioners of sinking funds, for the redemption of the bonds issued by the last named company, and demanded the surrender to them of said bonds.

The city treasurer offered to receive said money and place the same amount to the credit of said New York and New England Railroad Company, but declined to deliver said bonds as requested.

The same tender and demand was made upon the mayor, and was in like manner refused.

The coupons due upon said bonds this date, were paid by the trustees of the railroad under the mortgage.

I recommend that the trustees be directed to foreclose the mortgage upon the road given by said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 789. Resolution to take steps to foreclose the Mortgage on the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the trustees under the mortgage given to the city of Providence by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, be hereby requested to take such steps to foreclose said mortgage as they may be advised are for the best interests of the city.

No. 790. Resolution to purchase land on Seymour street, adjoining the School land on Square street.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby authorized and directed to purchase lot number seventy-nine on assessors plat of the city of Providence,

number forty-eight, located on Seymour street, containing three thousand and eighty square feet of land, at a price not to exceed fifteen hundred sixty-five dollars and fifteen cents, whenever a deed of the same satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained: said sum to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 791. Resolution to set the curbing on Gesler street.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Gesler street, between Knight street and the gangway next east of St. James church.

No. 792. Resolution to refund \$10.40 to Timothy Feeley.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Timothy Feeley the sum of ten dollars and forty cents, being penalties charged for non-payment for curbing caused by oversight in the office of the highway department.

No. 793. Resolution abating \$29, from the tax of Reynolds S. Wilcox.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Reynolds S. Wilcox, of North Providence, the sum of twenty-nine dollars, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

No. 794. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved January 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Alonzo W. Parish to raise a certain building, located on Square street, near Eddy street, pursuant to his petition.