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RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
WITH REPORTS.
1872-73.

IN CONVENTION

JUNE 5, 1872.

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 three o'clock, P. M.

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

The Roll of the City Council is called, as follows; and all the members being present, except Messrs. William Binney, and Nathaniel F. Potter, Jr., the oath of office is administered by the Mayor to the members present.

ALDERMEN.

First Ward,	-	-	Henry J. Angell.
Second Ward,	-	-	Lucian Sharpe.
Third Ward,	-	-	George B. Earle.
Fourth Ward,	-	-	George T. Spicer.
Fifth Ward,	-	-	William Spencer.
Sixth Ward,	-	-	Samuel S. Sprague.
Seventh Ward,	-	-	Amos W. Snow.
Eighth Ward,	-	-	Silas A. Sweet.
Ninth Ward,	-	-	Henry T. Root.

COMMON COUNCIL.

First Ward.

Allen J. Brown,
Elisha C. Mowry,

Reuben A. Guild,
Alfred Potter.

Second Ward.

William Binney,
Addison Q. Fisher,

Parley M. Mathewson,
Thomas E. Steere.

Third Ward.

Clinton D. Sellew,
William Ames,

Sturges P. Carpenter,
James C. Butterworth.

Fourth Ward.

Abner J. Barnaby,
William H. Fenner,

William W. Paine,
Charles F. Phillips.

Fifth Ward.

Nicholas Van Slyck,
John W. Angell,

William W. Rickard,
Gorham P. Pomroy.

Sixth Ward.

Nathaniel F Potter, Jr.,
Nelson W. Aldrich,

William S. Hayward,
Charles Sidney Smith.

Seventh Ward.

Lemuel S. Harris,
Jerothmul B. Barnaby,

John H. Joslin,
James T. Murray.

Eighth Ward.

Ervin T. Case,
Raymond G. Place,

Edwin A. Smith,
Israel M. Hopkins.

Ninth Ward.

William Y. Potter,
James Ardern,

George H. Pettis,
George A. Johnson.

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

Prayer is offered by Rev. James G. Vose.

The Mayor delivers his Inaugural Address.

The following City Officers are elected :

Chief of the Police,	John M. Knowles.
Judge of the Municipal Court,	Amasa S. Wescott.
Clerk of the Municipal Court,	George B. Nichols.
Recorder of Deeds,	Gustavus A. Williamson.
City Auditor,	James M. Cross.
Register of Transfers,	Joseph W. Taylor.
Clerk in the Transfer Office,	Henry L. Holmes.
Clerk of the Highway Department,	George E. Thompson.
City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes.
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Assessor of Taxes, (for three years,)	Christopher T. Keith.

Presidents of the Fire Department :

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

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

Assistant Engineers :

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

Edwin M. Snow,	Henry J. Angell,
William J. King,	Amasa R. Tourtellot,
Charles Anthony,	J. Lewis Diman.

Commissioners of the North Burying Ground :

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

Nathan Smalley.

- Pound Keeper at the Asylum, Thomas E. Payson.
 " " at N. B. Ground, Nathan Smalley.
 " " at Ninth Ward, William W. Austin.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Franklin Olds.

Advising Committee on Bridges, Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseer of Bridges, Obadiah Slade.

Overseers of the Hospital, Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseer of the City Pumps, Oliver E. Greene.

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

Samuel Lewis, Stephen P. Henry.

Port Wardens:

Shubael H. Cady, Nathaniel Crowell. Philander Crosby.

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon,
 Fence Viewer,

George H. Burnham,
 Lyman Arnold.

Undertakers :

Michael G. Barron,
 Thomas E. Barron,
 James Boyce,
 William O. Briggs,
 John L. Clarke,
 George W. Hopkins,
 John G. Hopkins,
 Horace B. Knowles,
 Henry Lynch,
 Thomas R. Mathews,

Thomas McMurrough,
 Meric Nichols,
 Everett R. Osgood.
 Thomas E. Payson,
 Patrick Quinn,
 Nathan Smalley,
 Benjamin P. Swarts,
 Gardner T. Swarts,
 Orin Sweet,
 William Wallace.

Constables :

George Allen,
 Silas J. Allen,
 Lucian J. Arnold,
 Charles Barröws,
 Michael Craddock,
 John A. Creighton,
 John H. Cokely,
 John H. Gould,

Thomas W. Hayward,
 John Laughlin,
 George Lawless,
 Alexander M. Massie,
 Samuel Merry, Jr.,
 William H. Pullen,
 Randall B. Wilcox,
 George W. Wightman,

Charles Whitmarsh.

Police Constables, without power to serve civil process :

William C. Atwood,	Lothrop Lewis,
Gideon Angell,	William R. Mathews,
Reuben A. Arnold,	Hector McKenzie,
Richard Barrett,	Henry J. McElroy,
Jeremiah H. Bates,	David C. Moore,
George Benford,	Joseph Nutting,
Almon G. Bennett,	John Nickerson.
John B. Benson,	John R. Oaks,
James W. Braman,	Thomas E. Payson,
Daniel G. Briggs,	Henry A. L. Potter,
William Lloyd Bowers,	George G. Richmond,
Alden M. Brown,	Fitz James Rice,
Pardon H. Brown,	Nathan Smalley,
Welcome G. Comstock,	Thomas Swan,
Amos M. Clark,	Nathan J. Shepley,
Samuel T. Cory,	Orin Sweet,
Franklin H. Davis,	John Slocum,
Barak Evans,	Richmond J. Stone,
William W. Fletcher,	John Short,
William H. Gale,	Stephen S. Salsbury,
Philip C. Gray,	Preserved Thatcher,
Daniel Hill,	Silas G. Tripp,
Nathaniel F. Hallett,	Thomas Wilbur,
James N. Holmes,	Thomas W. Walcott,
Oliver P. Hopkins,	J. Marshall Washburn,
Daniel Joslin,	Gilbert O. Westcott,
William Lewis,	William H. Wickes,
	John H. White.

Packers and Inspectors of Fish :

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

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspectors of Saleratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Chain Cables, Thomas Wyatt,

Inspector of Beef and Pork, Henry M. Kimball,
 Sealer of Leather, Hiram B. Aylesworth,
 Viewer of Hoops, Peleg S. Sherman.

Surveyors and Cordors of Wood :

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

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

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

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

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

Measurers of Grain, Bran, Salt and Sea Coal :

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

Weigher of Hay in Bales,	Robert Sherman.
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Weighers of Hay :

George A. Whipple,	Albert B. H. Pike,
Jabez C. Olney,	Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Weighers of Anthracite Coal :

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

Richard H. Morgan,	Frank L. Sheldon,
Charles S. Mathewson,	Charles Dyer,
Samuel R. Simmons,	Charles H. Cowell,
Nathaniel W. Pierce,	Newton Earle,
Frank Brastow,	Edward L. Dennis,
Christopher Rhodes,	Frank H. Brown,
Stephen Tripp,	Samuel C. Davenport,
Stephen Thurber,	Charles G. Morgan,
Theodore B. Pierce,	Morris B. Deming,
Oliver A. Lockwood, Jr.,	John S. Kellogg.
Gauger General,	Edward G. Farmer.

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

Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law :

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

No. 1. Joint Standing Committees :

IN COMMON COUNCIL, JUNE 3d, 1871.

The following appointments of members of the Several Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Common Council, having been made, it is RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, for the addition of an Alderman to each of said committees.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk,

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, the same day.

Read, and the following named Aldermen added.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

Finance,

Messrs. Mathewson, Butterworth, Pomroy, J. B. Barnaby,
Alderman Spencer.

Highways,

Messrs. Joslin, N. F. Potter, Jr., Pomroy, A. J. Brown,
Alderman Snow.

Education,

Messrs. Van Slyck, W. Y. Potter, Place, Guild,
Alderman Sharpe.

Fire Department,

Messrs. Fenner, Harris, Sellew, Hayward, Alderman Spicer.

City Property,

Messrs. Fisher, Ardern, Carpenter, Hopkins, Alderman Earle.

Police.

Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, Case, Steere, Angell,
Alderman Angell.

Ordinances,

Messrs. Binney, Case, Mowry, Rickard, Alderman Snow.

Claims,

Messrs. Mowry, C. S. Smith, Paine, Ames, Alderman Root.

Printing,

Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, Phillips, E. A. Smith, Pettis,
Alderman Angell.

North Burying Ground,

Messrs. Phillips, Pettis, Alfred Potter, Alderman Earle.

Harbor,

Messrs. N. F. Potter, Jr., Rickard, Carpenter,
Alderman Sprague.

Railroads,

Messrs. W. Y. Potter, Murray, C. S. Smith,
Alderman Sprague.

Sewers,

Messrs. Harris, Paine, Johnson. Alfred Potter,
Alderman Sweet.

City Debt,

Mr. Binney.

City Engineer's Department,

Mr. Binney.

No. 2. Joint Committee on Accounts :

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 3, 1872.

WHEREAS, Messrs. William W. Paine, James T. Murray, Clinton D. Sellew, Elisha C. Mowry, and Thomas E. Steere, have been elected by ballot, members of the Joint Committee on Accounts, on the part of the Common Council: RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, same day.

Read, and Aldermen Henry J. Angell and Amos W. Snow elected, on the part of the board.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 3. Resolution appointing Joint Committee on the Harbor :

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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

No. 4. Resolution to Contract for the City Printing:

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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

No. 5. Justices of the Police Court.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 3, 1872.

WHEREAS, Messrs. Elias M. Jenckes and Stephen Essex, have been selected from the Justices of the Peace, to compose the Police Court, it is therefore RESOLVED That said selection be communicated to the Common Council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 3, 1872.

RESOLVED, That from the Justices assigned to keep the peace within the City of Providence, Stephen Essex and Elias M. Jenckes, be, and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court during the present municipal year.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

 No. 6. Resolution referring subjects in the Mayor's Address to the Standing Committees.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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. 7. Resolution relating to re-organizing the Fire Department.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the portion of the Mayor's Address delivered this day, relating to the re-organization of the fire department, be referred to a committee, to consist of Messrs.

Mowry, Binney, Ames, Fenner, Van Slyck, C. S. Smith, Murray, Place, and W. Y. Potter, being one from each ward of the city, with Aldermen Sharpe, and Root, to examine and report thereon.

No. 16. Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem City Bonds due in 1893.

(Presented June 3, 1872.)

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

The undersigned, Trustees of the Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the five per cent. city bonds, payable in 1893, report as follows :

They have in their possession,

4	Five per cent. Registered Bonds of the City of Providence, due 1893, - -	\$18,000 00
13	United States 5-20 Bonds, bearing six per cent. interest, payable in gold, - -	\$40,000 00
1	Six per cent. Registered Bond of the City of Providence, due in 1885, - -	\$5,000 00
10	Six per cent. Bonds of the City of Providence, due in 1876, - - -	\$10,000 00
20	Six per cent. State of Rhode Island Bonds,	\$20,000 00
5	Six per cent. First Mortgage Bonds of Providence, and Worcester Railroad, -	\$5,000 00
	Cash on deposit in Mechanics National Bank, Providence, - - - -	\$2,680 64
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Total,	- - - - -	\$100,680 64
	Increase, - - - -	\$10,418 33

JAMES Y. SMITH, }
 AMOS C. BARSTOW. } *Trustees.*

No. 17. Report of Committee to Purchase Land on
the North Side of Wickenden Street.

(Presented June 3, 1872.)

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

The joint special committee who were by resolution approved March 25, 1872, authorized and directed to purchase a certain lot of land on the northerly side of Wickenden street, near the corner of Traverse street, at an expense not exceeding eleven thousand dollars, provided a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be first obtained ; report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have purchased of Mr. Arba B. Dike, the lot referred to in the above resolution, at a total cost to the city of ten thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars, (\$10,725,) the deed of which is on record.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

CLINTON D. SELLEW, Chairman.

Report of the Joint Committee on Finance.

(Presented June 3, 1872.)

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL :

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of the City Auditor, and Treasurer, report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

For the committee,

LEWIS DEXTER, Chairman.

No. 19. Resolution relating to the Annual Report
of the School Committee.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Annual Report of the School Committee and the accompanying documents, this day presented, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing.

No. 20. Resolution for Printing the Mayor's Address
and the City Manual.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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

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

No. 21. Resolution for Printing Certain Reports.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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

The Annual Report of the Gauger General.

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

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

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

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

 No. 22. Resolutions limiting the number of City Documents.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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. 23. Resolutions for celebrating the Fourth of July.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Ames, Hayward, and Hopkins, of the Common Council, with Alderman Sharpe, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American independence.

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

No. 24. Resolution relating to the Bond of the City Treasurer.

(Approved June 3, 1872.)

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

No. 25. Resolution to Contract for Stationery.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

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. 26. Resolution to exchange or sell land on Doyle Avenue and North Main Street.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to convey by deed, of the City of Providence, to the heirs of Stephen Martin, three hundred and sixty-seven square feet of the land now belonging to the city, adjoining and directly in the rear of the engine house estate at the corner of North Main street and Doyle Avenue, provided, said heirs of Stephen

Martin convey to the City of Providence an equal amount of land belonging to them and adjoining said engine house estate on the north, and provided, further, that said heirs of Stephen Martin give a title to the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor. And the City Treasurer is further empowered, by this resolution, to convey to the heirs of Stephen Martin the remaining portion of the land belonging to the city, on Doyle Avenue and adjoining the land above conveyed, the same containing fourteen hundred and twenty-one square feet, upon said heirs of Stephen Martin paying into the city treasury twelve hundred and seven and eighty-five one-hundredths dollars.

No. 27. Resolution for curbing Orms Street.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Orms street, from Charles street to State street, at the grade established by the Board of Aldermen; said work to be done forthwith.

No. 28. Message from the Mayor, with a communication from the Grand Army, relating to Memorial Day.

(Presented June 10, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 10, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I transmit herewith, a communication received from the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of this state, relative to the appropriation made by the City Council for decoration day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

COMMUNICATION FROM GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 PROVIDENCE, June 10, 1872. }

TO THE HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :—

GENTLEMEN : In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I desire to tender you their sincere thanks for the liberal appropriation of funds to assist in carrying out our programme on Memorial Day, and for the kind co-operation of the city officers in rendering our celebration a success. I assure you that your kindness and liberality is heartily appreciated by the veteran soldiers and sailors of this city.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
 E. H. RHODES, Department Commander

No. 29. Message from the Mayor relating to the law-suits of Henry C. Clark against the City.

(Presented June 10, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
 CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 10, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I desire to call your attention to the suits of Henry C. Clark against the city now pending in the supreme court, in which he claims damages to his property on Dorrance street wharf, in consequence of the discharge from the Dorrance street sewer.

The supreme court have sustained the claims of Mr. Clark, as a matter of law, and the question now at issue is simply one of damages. It seems to me that the interests of the city would be better protected by referring the subject matter of these suits to a board of referees, to be appointed in the usual manner, under a rule of court.

It is important that this matter should be attended to at once, as these suits are set down for trial during the present week.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 30. Resolution agreeing to a reference of the law-suits of Henry C. Clark against the City.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to agree to the reference of the suits at law of Henry C. Clark against the city, now pending in the supreme court of this state, under a rule of court.

No. 31. Resolution Appointing a Referee in the law-suits of Henry C. Clark.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Edward D. Pearce be appointed as one of the referees in the suits of Henry C. Clark against the City of Providence.

No. 32. Message from the Mayor relating to the apparatus in the office of the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

(Presented June 10, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 10, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I am informed by the Sealer of Weights and Measures that the apparatus in his office is in such bad order as to be unfit for use. I suggest that the Committee on City Property be authorized to repair the same.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 33. Resolution to put in order the Apparatus in the Office of the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

(Approved June 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to put the apparatus, in the office of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, in proper order for use, the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 35. Report of Committee on Roger Williams Park, with a Resolution to clear and open the same.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, JUNE 10, 1872. }

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

The special committee appointed to procure plans for laying out Roger Williams Park, to whom was referred by the Common Council, a resolution in relation to a temporary bridge over one of the brooks in the park, report that the said park, being now public ground, is under the charge of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and he has built the bridge contemplated in the resolution.

Your committee deem it proper that the park grounds should be cleared of leaves, in order to prevent damage to the trees, which may be caused by fires set by accident or design during the approaching hot season.

The park is already being resorted to by a large number of our citizens, and your committee therefore recommend that they be authorized to cause the underbrush to be removed and drive ways opened to the various portions of the park. This work can be done at small expense, and they therefore ask for the passage of the accompanying resolution.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the committee appointed to procure plans for the lay out of Roger Williams Park, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the grounds in said park to be cleared of leaves and underbrush, and to open such drive-ways as may be expedient, provided, that the cost thereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars, the same to be paid from the appropriation for public grounds.

No. 36. Resolution fixing the Salary of Deputy Superintendent of Health.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the salary of the Deputy Superintendent of Health is hereby fixed at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

No. 37. Report of Special Committee to purchase land for a School House on Point and Plane streets, with Resolutions to purchase the estate of Bridget O'Donnell.

(Approved June 10, 1872)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Joint Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the resolution for purchase of land on Plane street,

Report, that there is in said parcel of land, sixteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-five feet, with five buildings upon the same; that the commissioners awarded for the same, the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars, which allowance was at the rate of fifty cents a foot for the land; that Bridget O'Donnell, the owner of said land, &c., has appealed

from said award: that at first, the sum of fifty thousand dollars was demanded, that afterwards, said demand was reduced to thirty-five thousand, but after much effort, the city now holds her offer in writing to sell the same for twenty-five thousand dollars, which sum, in view of the price of land in that neighborhood, the committee think, will be likely to be obtained from a jury for nothing but an easement.

Wherefore they recommend the passage of said resolution.

N. VAN SLYCK, Chairman.

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education, be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase in fee simple, the sixteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-five feet of land, near the corner of Plane and Point streets, taken by the city for school purposes, and belonging to Bridget O'Donnell, at a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, upon the title to the same being certified as perfect by the City Solicitor.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the above purpose, to be charged to the loan account.

No. 38. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Charles Greene, to raise two certain buildings located on Prairie Avenue, pursuant to his petition.

Nos. 39 & 40. Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved June 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Charles Greene, to move two certain wooden buildings 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, each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 42. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 17, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Silas Burgess to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 10, 1872.

The following city officers are elected:—

Deputy Superintendent of Health, William H. Palmer.

Police Constables without power to serve civil process:

William Batcheller,

Frank F. Morrow,

Richard B. Smith,

Merrick N. Davidson.

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

Voted, That the subject of inspecting, weighing and measuring grain, be referred to the Joint Committee on Ordinances, with the City Solicitor, to examine and report what action is necessary.

No. 42. Resolution relating to the salary of Moses B. Lockwood.

(Approved June 18, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the salary of Moses B. Lockwood, recently deceased, as Water Commissioner, be paid to the end of the current quarter.

No. 43. Resolution to pay Patrick Baxter.

(Approved June 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Patrick Baxter the sum of sixty-three dollars and fifty cents, being in full for damage sustained by him by the overflow of the sewer in Exchange place, June 17, 1870, to be paid out of the appropriation for contingences whenever said Patrick shall give a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 44. Resolution for settling claim of the Yearly Meeting of Friends.

(Approved July 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Snow and Spencer with Messrs. Butterworth, Mathewson and Rickard, of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, with full power in their discretion, to adjust and settle the claim of the Friends' Yearly Meeting for damages sustained by them in the extension and opening of Thayer street, now pending in the Supreme Court. And the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the order of said committee such sum as may be agreed upon.

No. 45. Resolution relative to making assessments
for Sewers.

(Approved July 8, 1872)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the City Engineer's Department be and they are hereby directed to devise and report as soon as possible, some equitable mode of making assessments for sewerage.

No. 50. Message from the Mayor relative to the suit
of the heirs of William Randall.

(Presented July 8, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, JULY 8, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Hon. Edward P. Knowles and the heirs of William Randall have certain suits against the city, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas, in which the title to a portion of the land of the north burial ground is in dispute.

These cases, I am informed, can be amicably settled without serious loss to the city, and I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed with full power to settle the above controversies.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 52. Communication from the City Auditor.

(Presented July 8, 1872.)

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, JULY 8, 1872.

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN: An estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the City of Providence for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1873, required by ordinance to be submitted to the City Council on or before the second Monday in July in each year by the City Auditor, is necessarily delayed, as several of the committees have failed to hand in their estimates.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. CROSS, City Auditor.

No. 53. Resolution transferring \$15,000 to the appropriation for interest.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for opening streets to the appropriation for interest.

No. 54. Resolutions relating to the oration delivered July 4th by Walter B Vincent.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the City Council be and they are hereby tendered to Walter B. Vincent, Esq., for the eloquent oration delivered by him at the late municipal celebration of the ninety-sixth anniversary of American independence.

RESOLVED, That the Committee of Arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration be and they are hereby authorized to request of Mr. Vincent a copy of the oration delivered by him on that day, and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the use of the City Council.

No. 55. Resolution for altering the Gymnasium at the High School into a recitation room.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to cause the building at the High School, now used as a gymnasium, to be finished inside and fitted for a recitation room; also, to connect the said building with the High School building by a suitable covered way. The aforesaid work to be done at a cost not exceeding seven hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 56. Resolution relating to the School House on Greenwich street.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to build a recitation room at the Greenwich street school house, for the use of the grammar schools, to cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, and to be paid out of the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 57. Resolution relating to Vacation Schools.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for public schools, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining six vacation schools; and the School Committee are hereby authorized to establish such schools.

No. 58. Resolution for hiring a School Room in the Ninth Ward.

(Passed July 10, 1872.)

(Vetoed by the Mayor.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education be hereby authorized and directed to hire, for school purposes, a suitable room and grounds in the ninth ward, to be used for a grammar school for the ensuing year, the cost of the same not to exceed one thousand dollars, and to be paid out of the appropriation for public schools.

No. 59. Resolution relating to Desks in the School House on Square street.

(Passed July 10, 1872.)

(Vetoed by the Mayor.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to place suitable single desks, for grammar scholars, in the two rooms of the Square street school house, the cost of the same not to exceed six hundred dollars: to be paid out of the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 60. Resolution for establishing an Intermediate School on Messer street.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to establish an Intermediate school on Messer street.

No. 61. Resolution relating to a Ward Room for the Ninth Ward.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to examine and report upon the expediency and cost of fitting the building now owned by the city, at the corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue, for a ward room for the ninth ward.

No. 62. Resolution relative to Leasing Real Estate.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be and they are hereby instructed to report to the City Council any real estate belonging to the city, not used or required for city purposes, and not now under lease, and whether it be expedient to offer such property for lease at public auction.

No. 63. Resolution for purchasing Leffingwell Gas Regulators.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase Leffingwell Gas Regulators, and to place the same in such buildings owned or occupied by the City of Providence as he may be directed by the Committee on City Property; the cost of such regulators not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 64. Resolution relative to supplying Charitable Institutions with Water.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That so much of the Mayor's inaugural address, delivered June 3, 1872, as relates to supplying charitable institutions of the city with Pawtuxet water, be and the same is hereby referred to Messrs. Fisher, E. A. Smith and Ardern, of the Common Council, with Aldermen Angell and Sweet, to examine and report thereon.

No. 65. Resolutions to lay a Sewer across the land of James Blessington.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Sewers are hereby authorized to cause a brick drain to be constructed across the land of James Blessington, at the corner of Eddy street and Pavilion avenue, at an expense not exceeding the sum of three

hundred dollars, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for sewers.

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

No. 66. Resolution requesting the Committee to settle with John H. Lonsdale to report.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee appointed July 10, 1871, to settle with John H. Lonsdale for damages sustained in changing the grade of North Main street, be hereby requested to report at the next meeting of the council, the terms of the agreement.

No. 67. Resolution to pay William V. Wallace.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Dr. William V. Wallace, the sum of five hundred and seventy-five dollars, being in full for damages sustained by him by reason of obstructions in the Meeting street sewer : said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies whenever he shall give a receipt for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 68. Resolution to pay Samuel S. Gordon and Arnold G. Horton.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Samuel S. Gordon and Arnold G. Horton the sum of seventy-five dollars, being in full compensation for loss

of boat and fishing implements belonging to them, resulting from the celebration of the introduction of Pawtuxet water, November 30, 1871; said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies whenever a receipt shall be given therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 69. Resolution for the Curbing of America Street.

(Passed July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissions be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on the west side of America street, from Asia street to Atwell's avenue.

No. 70. Resolution for the Curbing of Vineyard Street.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Vineyard street, from Potter's avenue to the west side of Hawthorne street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

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

- No. 71. Benjamin M. Bourn, Summer street.
 72. John Cullen, Jr., No. 50 Ship street.
 73. Patrick McKenna, Conduit street.
 74. Mary A. Mathews, corner of Brook and Wickenden streets.
 75. Terance Lunny, rear of No. 25 Bishop street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

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

- No. 76. Horatio N. Angell.
 77. James H. Titus.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day each of said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved July 10, 1872.)

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

- No. 78. William H. Angell.
 79. Benjamin M. Bourn.
 80. Amos Fuller.
 81. Francis Hackett.
 82. John Harvey.

No. 83. Resolutions to lay out Superior Street.

(Approved July 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Superior street, from Cranston street to Dexter street, and forty feet wide, as follows: Beginning at Cranston street, and from thence running easterly as the street is now laid out and mapped, to Diamond street; thence for the northerly line, forty feet southerly of the northerly line of land of Michael Doonan and Walter S. Burges to Dexter street, opposite Sprague 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. 84. Resolution in relation to Anthony Street.

(Approved July 29, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby requested to report at the next meeting of the City Council, the estimated expenses for setting curbing and paving the gutters on Anthony street.

No. 90. Report of Committee of Arrangements to observe Decoration Day.

(Presented July 29, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The Joint Committee appointed on the twenty-third day of April, A. D. 1872, to make arrangements for a suitable observance of decoration day, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have expended the sum appropriated as follows :

Paid American Band, for services,	-	-	\$158 00
“ Providence Band,	“	-	132 00
“ Gilmore’s Band,	“	-	110 00
“ A. C. Barstow, for use of Music Hall,	-	-	75 00
“ T. W. Hart & Co., for carriages,	-	-	60 00
“ S. Gage,	“	“	40 00
“ E. W. Billings, for flags,	-	-	15 00
“ Page & Rowley, for horses,	-	-	10 00
Total,	-	-	\$600 00

being the full amount of the appropriation, vouchers for which accompany this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

E. T. CASE, Chairman.

No. 91. Report of Committee of Arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July.

(Presented July 29, 1872.)

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

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the fourth of July, 1872, have the honor to report, that they have completed the

duty assigned them, and submit herewith a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the committee, accompanied by the proper vouchers :

RECEIPTS.

From City Treasurer, amount appropriated by City Council, - - - - \$3,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

American Band, - - - -	\$675 00
Emmett Brass Band, - - - -	250 00
Alfred Parker's Drum Band, - - - -	96 00
Edwin Baker, ringing Chimes, - - - -	25 00
John M. Knowles, ringing Church Bells, - - - -	78 00
Henry Carter, Organist, - - - -	25 00
Marine Corps of Artillery, - - - -	300 00
Providence Horse Guards, - - - -	125 00
First Light Infantry, - - - -	125 00
First Light Infantry Cadets, - - - -	50 00
United Train of Artillery, - - - -	125 00
Rhode Island Guards, - - - -	75 00
Burnside National Guards, - - - -	60 00
Kea rney Cadets, - - - -	60 00
Wolf Tone Guards, - - - -	60 00
Slocum Light Guard, - - - -	50 00
W. B. Vincent, Esq., Oration, - - - -	50 00
E. L. Shattuck, - - - -	10 00
Col. E. H. Rhodes, expenses of Marshal and Aides, - - - -	37 00
Music Hall, - - - -	85 00
T. W. Hart & Co., - - - -	88 00
Noah D. Payne, - - - -	51 00
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, - - - -	45 00
Providence Press Co., - - - -	44 63
General Advertiser, - - - -	13 00
A. C. Greene, - - - -	83 00
Hammond, Angell & Co., - - - -	2 00
J. H. Welch, Decorations, - - - -	25 00
Spencer P. Read, - - - -	38 75

G. Greene,	-	-	-	-	-	15	00
Earl Carpenter & Sons,	-	-	-	-	-	6	85
G. & C. P. Hutchins,	-	-	-	-	-	13	75
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$	2,786 98
Balance returned to City Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	-	213	02
							<u>\$3,000 00</u>

Respectfully submitted:

WM. AMES, for the Committee.

No. 92. Report of Committee on Highways relative to the cost of a Derrick on the Dorrance Street Wharf.

(Presented July 29, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The Joint Committee on Highways, as instructed by a resolution approved January 8, 1872, to report the cost of a derrick and bin for the landing and storage of highway materials on the property on Dorrance street owned by the City, respectfully report, that a bin the whole size of the lot, with a suitable derrick, can be erected for twelve hundred dollars.

For the Committee

JOHN H. JOSLIN, Chairman.

No. 93. Resolution of thanks to Rev. Kingsley Twining.

(Approved July 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the City Council of the City of Providence be hereby tendered to the Rev. Kingsley Twining, for his voluntary services rendered at the late municipal celebration of the anniversary of American independence

No. 94. Resolution transferring \$24,400 to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

(Approved July 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty four thousand four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 95. Resolution relating to the Cove.

(Approved July 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Cove Land Commissioners be and they are hereby requested, to report to the City Council, what action they recommend towards abating the present nuisance arising from the Cove during low tide.

No. 96. Resolution accepting a Flag Staff at the corner of Jefferson and Smith Streets.

(Approved July 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City accept the flag staff erected by N. W. Westcott and others, at the corner of Smith and Jefferson streets, agreeably to their petition, as city property, and that the Superintendent of Hacks be, and he is hereby directed, to take charge of the flag &c., belonging to the same.

No. 97. Resolution granting the Citizens Gas Light Co., permission to lay pipes.

(Approved July 31, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That consent be hereby given to the Citizens Gas Light Company to lay pipes in the streets of this city, they in all cases complying with the provisions of all ordinances in relation to streets and highways; provided that nothing in this consent be construed to prevent the city from building culverts, sewers, laying water pipes, or otherwise improving any highway; but in all cases when said pipes are in the way of constructing any culvert, sewer, laying water pipes or other improvement, they shall be removed by said Gas Company.

No. 98. Message of the Acting Mayor relating to the Japanese Embassy.

(Presented August 2, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 2, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am informed that the Japanese Embassy and suite, now in Boston, intend visiting this city on Monday the fifth instant.

They propose to spend a few hours with us in observing the working of some of the large manufacturing establishments of the city, and will probably be accompanied by some members of the Boston committee of reception.

Deeming it to be highly proper that some action of the City Council should be had in reference thereto, I have convened you at this time, trusting that you will appoint a committee to extend to these distinguished strangers the civilities that their high position and the reputation of the city appear to demand.

AMOS W. SNOW, Acting Mayor.

No. 99. Resolution to extend the Hospitalities of the City to the Japanese Embassy.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Mayor, with Aldermen Angell, Sharpe and Root, the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Fisher, Ames, Case, Hayward and Phillips, of the Common Council, be hereby appointed a committee to extend the hospitalities of the city to the Japanese Embassy on the occasion of their contemplated visit to this city; and said committee are hereby authorized to draw on the City Treasurer for the expenses thereof.

No. 100 Resolution for Removing Obstructions at the corner of Lockwood street and Prairie avenue.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to remove all obstructions from the highway at the northwest corner of Lockwood street and Prairie avenue.

No. 101. Resolution relating to the Suits of the Heirs of William Randall.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Sharpe, Snow and Sprague, with Messrs. Hayward, Paine, Place, W. Y. Potter and Carpenter, of the Common Council, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with Edward P. Knowles and others, heirs of William Randall, in relation to certain suits now pending in

the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Providence, between them and the City of Providence, and ascertain upon what terms settlement thereof can be made, and report the same to the City Council.

No. 102. Resolution for building a Sewer in Prairie Avenue.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Sewers are hereby authorized to cause a culvert to be constructed in Prairie avenue south of Thurber avenue, the expense of which shall not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for sewers.

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred dollars be hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

No. 103. Resolution for Removing Stone from the Dexter Donation lands on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the stone left on the Dexter Donation lands on Doyle avenue, by the highway department, to be removed forthwith.

No. 104. Resolution relating to a Ward Room for the
Ninth Ward.

(Approved August 2, 1872)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice of the Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby directed to make such necessary alterations in the building, corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue, belonging to the city, as is required to make it convenient for a ward room for the ninth ward; the cost to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 105. Resolution relating to John H. Lonsdale.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to do the work agreed to be done on the part of the city by the joint special committee of the City Council, appointed on the 10th day of July, 1871, to settle the claim of John H. Lonsdale for damages sustained by him in changing the grade of North Main street; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 106. Resolution granting permission to move a
building.

(Approved August 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Daniel Perrin to move two certain wooden buildings, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

No. 107. Resolution transferring \$7,500 to the appropriation for paving.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing, and two thousand five hundred dollars from the appropriation for highways, making in all seven thousand five hundred dollars, to the appropriation for paving.

No. 108. Resolution relating to the fence of the R. I. Hospital.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby requested to report to the City Council by what authority the Rhode Island Hospital maintains a close fence in front of Hospital Park, on Lockwood street.

No. 109. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

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

Medbury M. Heath, -	-	-	-	\$88 00
Ormond Easton,	-	-	-	88 00
Frank M. Brayton,	-	-	-	77 00
Stanton A. Gray,	-	-	-	88 00
Charles D. Nichols,	-	-	-	82 50

No. 110. Report of Committee on the City Debt, and Resolution relating to interest due from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 12, 1872. }

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

The committee on the city debt report, that the City Solicitor has called their attention to the statute authorizing the city to loan its credit to the Hartford Providence and Fishkill Railroad, by which it is clearly declared that the interest received from the railroad company shall be first applied to the payment and satisfaction of the interest accruing upon the city bonds issued to the railroad company, and the balance appropriated to a sinking fund for the redemption of the railroad bonds.

Under this provision it is clear that it is the duty of the trustees of the sinking fund to pay from the moneys in their hands, the unpaid coupons held by the city, and your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of a resolution herewith presented, directing such payment to be made by the trustees.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman

RESOLVED, That the trustees of the sinking fund to redeem the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, held by the city, are hereby directed 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.

No. 111. Message from the Mayor relating to Desks
in the School House on Thurber's avenue.

(Presented August 12, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 12, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The contract for the furniture for the school house on Thurber avenue, was made for primary and intermediate scholars. If it is intended to use the building for grammar scholars, or would seem to be most expedient, the Superintendent of Public Buildings should receive immediate instruction to that effect, or he will be compelled to proceed in the execution of the present contract. I recommend the passage of a resolution directing the change in desks to be made.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 112. Resolution relating to Desks in the School
House on Thurber's avenue.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby directed to place desks for grammar scholars in the school house on Thurber avenue.

No. 113. Report of the Special Committee to pro-
cure plans for a monument to Roger Williams.

(Presented August 12, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 12, 1872. }

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

The committee of the City Council appointed by resolution approved February 19, 1872, to procure plans and estimates

for a monument to be erected to the memory of Roger Williams in the Williams burying ground, in Roger Williams Park, make this report :

On the 17th of April last, they caused an advertisement to be published in the newspapers employed to do the city printing, a copy of which is herewith presented marked A, calling for plans and estimates in accordance with the foregoing resolution, stipulating that the plans should not bear the name of the artist, but instead thereof, a sentence or motto which should also be endorsed on a sealed envelope, enclosing therein the name of the artist. These envelopes to remain unopened until the City Council accept one of the designs or reject them all.

In response to the advertisement, the committee have received eighteen designs by fifteen different artists. All of these have been placed in the chamber of the Common Council. Two or three of the designs are unaccompanied by an estimate of their cost.

In a subsequent report the committee will present, in printed form, the description of the several monuments, as given by the artists, together with the estimate of cost and other particulars.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

No. 114. Resolution for paving Sprague Street.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Sprague street, from Greenwich street to Dexter street, a distance of about one thousand feet, to be curbed and paved with granite blocks.

No. 115. Resolutions for building a bridge on Elmwood avenue over the Railroad.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Overseer of Bridges, acting under the direction of the advising committee on bridges, be and he is hereby directed to cause a bridge to be constructed over the old bed of the Stonington railroad at Elmwood avenue: the cost of the same to be paid out of the appropriation for bridges.

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to cause Elmwood avenue and the approaches to the bridge across the old bed of the Stonington railroad, to be graded.

No. 116. Resolution for building a Harbor Wall.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property are hereby directed to cause a substantial retaining wall to be constructed at the harbor line, upon the easterly boundary of the land owned by the city on the west side of the river, south of the land of American Screw Company.

No. 120. Communication from the Water Commissioners relating to Grades for public streets.

(Presented August 12, 1872.)

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
 Providence, August 12, 1872. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned respectfully submit herewith, a copy of a communication from the Chief Engineer in relation to the es-

tablishment of grades for Public street, which shall provide for suitable depressions for sewerage, and also, in relation to putting the street in a condition for laying thirty inch water pipes therein. His recommendations are approved by them.

JOSEPH J. COOKE,
CHAS. E. CARPENTER,
WILLIAM CORLISS, } *Water Commissioners.*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

PROVIDENCE WATER WORKS,
CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, No. 2 College Street. }

Providence, R. I., Aug. 12, 1872.

TO THE HONORABLE WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Gentlemen:—It has come to be very desirable to have the thirty inch main water pipe laid on Public street.

This work has been delayed for some time in order that permanent grades might be established on the street so as to avoid any need for change in the location of the pipe hereafter.

I learn from the City Engineer, that the present proposed grade is liable to be changed in three different places, but that no general plan has been devised for the street, because suggestions are expected from yourselves, as a committee on the drainage of the ninth ward, in regard to the effect which the grades would have upon such drainage.

Under your direction I have considered this subject, and find that two main depressions are needed on the street, one between Mashapaug street and Austin street, and one near the point where Taylor street, if produced, would intercept Public street. From these depressions public highways should be laid out, running in a southerly direction and following the general valley lines to suitable outlets for the main sewers.

It seems desirable that these passages should be laid out as highways rather than as lines of drainage through private property, on account of the advantage to the city from highways in these locations.

Beyond the general depressions above indicated, I have no suggestions to make in regard to the grades of Public street.

In addition to such action as is necessary to establish the grades, there should be provision for bringing the present surface to the established grades so that the pipe may be properly laid and protected.

Yours very respectfully,

J. HERBERT SHEDD, Chief Engineer.

No. 121. Resolution relating to Water Rates for certain Charitable Institutions.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to reduce the rates of Pawtuxet water one-half from the regular price, to such of the following charitable institutions as may apply for its introduction viz.: Rhode Island Hospital, Children's Friend Society, Colored Shelter, Old Ladies' Home, Young Woman's Christian Association or Boarding Home, Orphan's Catholic Home, Sisters of Mercy, Broad street, and the Nursery.

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

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

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

No. 123. Resolution transferring \$13,600 to the appropriation for Contingencies.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 124. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Washington street.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid in Washington street, from a point near Jackson street, to connect with the drain in Dorrance street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807, of the public laws.

No. 125. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Waterman street.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Waterman street, from Prospect street to Benefit street in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 126. Resolution for Paving Bowen street.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the roadway paved with cobble stone, on Bowen street, from North Main street to Canal street.

No. 127. Resolution for curbing Plenty and Broad streets.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved around the estates of Cyrus Harris and Daniel T. Lyman, on Broad and Plenty streets.

No. 128. Resolutions requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Elmwood avenue.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Elmwood avenue as delineated in the deeds of Daniel Field, Joseph J. Cooke and Elijah C. Baker, as a public highway.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to extend Elmwood avenue, from its present termination, southerly across the railroad of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, to connect with the land of the City of Providence, called the Roger Williams Park.

Resolutions granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

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

No. 129. Thomas W. Chace, rear of the corner of Page and Broad streets.

130. George H. Paddock, No. 8 Fremont street.

131. Fenner Williams, No. 36 Bay street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

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

- No. 132. Thomas W. Chace.
 - 133. John Keeffe.
 - 134. Michael Miley.
 - 135. Calvin Stone.
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No. 136. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved August 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Conner Carrigan 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.

IN CONVENTION.

AUGUST 12, 1872.

No. 137. A Message from the Mayor is presented and read as follows.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 12, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I transmit herewith the resignations of Messrs. Henry Anthony and Elisha Dyer, of the office of trustee of the sinking fund for the redemption of the city loan due in 1885. Mr. Amos D. Smith, who was associated with the above gentlemen in the management of the said sinking fund, resigned his office in March last, and on the fourteenth day of that month, the City Council elected Mr. William Binney to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Mr. Binney has refused to accept the appointment, because the trustees are required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, as he is unwilling to place himself under obligations to other parties to enable him to accept a mere honorary appointment, involving great labor and responsibility.

The sinking fund now amounts to more than three hundred thousand dollars, and it is important that the City Council take immediate action in reference to filling the vacancies in the board of trustees for the management thereof. The difficulty arising in the case of Mr. Binney, has been experienced heretofore, in the refusal of parties to take the appointment when requested by the City Council, alleging for their refusal the same reason given by Mr. Binney.

If the present trustees would retain their places until the January Session of the General Assembly, a change in the act could then be made, and the objectionable feature repealed.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

RESIGNATION OF HENRY ANTHONY.

Providence, July 29, 1872.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The undersigned hereby most respectfully resigns his office of trustee of the sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds of the City of Providence, payable in 1885, with his best wishes for the continued success of the fund, which his health will not permit him longer to labor for.

Yours very truly,

HENRY ANTHONY.

RESIGNATION OF ELISHA DYER.

Providence, July 29, 1872.

DEAR SIR:—Acknowledging the courtesy of the appointment, I hereby resign my position as one of the trustees of the city sinking fund; the constant and absorbing nature of the duties about me requiring this action.

Very respectfully yours,

ELISHA DYER.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

VOTED, That Messrs. Anthony and Dyer be requested to withdraw their several resignations, temporarily.

A communication from the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, nominating several gentlemen as trustees to hold the mortgage to be executed by said company, as security for the payment of the bonds of said company, to be guaranteed by the city, is presented and read, whereupon it is—

VOTED, That the election of said trustees be postponed to August 26.

The following officers are elected :

Weighers of Cotton,	
Joseph Hanlon,	Henry K. Potter.
Police Constables without power to serve civil process,	
Moses A. Claffin,	George E. Carleton.

No. 138. Resolution for building a Stone Bridge at Nash lane.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Overseer of Bridges, acting under the advice of the advising committee on bridges, be hereby directed to cause a stone bridge to be built across the Moshassuck river at Nash lane. The cost of the same to be paid from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 139. Message from the Mayor relative to re-organizing the Fire Department.

(Presented August 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AUGUST 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In my last annual message I called your attention to the necessity of a re-organization of the fire department in consequence of the introduction of water. On the eighth of June last Sockonosset reservoir was completed, and since that time there

has been an ample supply of water for the use of the fire department.

In the portion of the city protected by the five steam fire engines located respectively on Haymarket, South Main, Dorrance, Richmond and Summer streets, there are now in use, two hundred and twenty-one fire hydrants, each capable of throwing six streams of water, and affording ample protection to all the property which has heretofore been protected by the five steamers referred to. I was surprised to observe as one of the estimates upon which the recent tax was ordered, that the committee on the fire department had asked for \$92,500 to maintain that department in the year to come, or in other words, they ask for an increased appropriation in consequence of the introduction of water. Since the system of hydrants has been in use, several of our steamers have been retained merely for show. They are costing upwards of five thousand dollars each per annum, a burden which should no longer be imposed upon our citizens. I deem it my duty, therefore, to prevent, if possible, any further waste of the public money in this direction, by informing you, that after drawing the warrants for the payment of the expenses of the department for the current month, I shall make no other drafts upon the city treasury for the payment of the expenses of the fire department under its present organization, but shall refer all bills transmitted to me for payment, to the City Council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 140. Message from the Mayor relating to the offices of Recorder of Deeds and City Clerk.

(Presented August 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I deem it necessary to invite your attention to the condition of the recorded plats in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in

this city. A large number of estates in this city have been conveyed, from time to time, solely by reference to the number of the lot on a plat recorded in the above office. These plats, by constant handling, are being rapidly destroyed and obliterated, and unless prompt measures be taken for their preservation, will soon be utterly worthless. I suggest the appointment of a committee to examine the subject and report some plan for protecting these valuable documents from destruction. In this connection, I would suggest that the City Clerk be removed from the occupancy of a portion of the recorder's office, and the use of the entire room be given up to the land records.

The City Clerk can be better accommodated in a room by himself, and the important papers in his custody so arranged as to be easy accessible when wanted for reference, which they cannot be in the limited room now allowed to him.

I would also suggest that an appropriation be made for printing suitable indexes to the records of land titles. The city derives a large annual income from the fees paid for recording evidences of title, and, certainly, a portion of it, at least, should be expended in making the records as complete as possible.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 141. Resolution relating to the Offices of Recorder of Deeds and City Clerk.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, this day presented, in relation to the condition of the recorded plats in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, removal of the City Clerk's office, and printing suitable indexes to the land titles, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Fisher, Mowry and Guild of the Common Council and Alderman Snow, to examine and report thereon.

No. 142. Message from the Mayor relating to the Sewers in Manchester and Point streets.

(Presented August 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The amount of water now turned into the Manchester street sewer is greater than the sewer was intended to contain, and in heavy rainfalls, cellars are filled and the city made liable in damages therefor.

This may be remedied by extending the main sewer on Point street westward to Parsonage street, and building the Langley street branch up to Hospital street, both of which should be done before winter sets in.

I ask your immediate attention to the subject.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 143. Resolution relating to the Sewers in Manchester and Point streets.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, relative to the Manchester street sewer, be referred to the Joint Committee on Sewers.

No. 144. Message from the Mayor relating to Page Street.

(Presented August 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Page street, in this city, extending from Clifford to Broad street, is forty feet in width, except at its junction with Broad

street, where a single estate reduces the width to twenty-seven feet. Upon this estate permanent improvements are now being made, and I suggest whether it is not worthy of your consideration to endeavor to secure the portion of this estate needed to make this street of uniform width its entire length.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 145. Resolution relating to Page street.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, this day presented, relative to the widening of Page street, be referred to the Joint Committee on Highways.

No. 148. Resolution transferring \$1,000 to the appropriation for the City Engineer's department.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the appropriation for opening streets to the appropriation for the City Engineer's department.

No. 149. Resolution for selling Buildings on the School House land on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby, directed to sell the buildings upon the land taken and purchased for school purposes, on the corner of Plane and Point streets; all the buildings upon the land purchased of Bridget O'Donnell and James Russell to be sold without leave to move the same.

No. 150. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Barnes street.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause a main drain, or common sewer, to be constructed in Barnes street, from Prospect street to Thayer street, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 807, of the public laws.

No. 151. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Thayer street.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain, or common sewer, to be constructed in Thayer street, to Barnes street in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 152. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Pine street.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pine street, from Chestnut street to Dorrance street, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 153. Resolution granting permission to raise a
Building.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Eliza W. Potter to raise a certain building, located at No. 127 Seymour street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 154. Resolution granting permission to move a
Building.

(Approved August 26, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Hugh O'Donnell 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.

IN CONVENTION.

AUGUST 26, 1872.

The following officers are elected :

Trustees to hold the mortgage made by the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, to secure the bonds of said company, guaranteed by the city.

James Y. Smith,

Royal C. Taft,

Lodowick Brayton.

Police constable without power to serve civil process :

Hugh Johnson.

Weigher of Cotton :

Albert I. Winsor.

Message from the Mayor relative to the enforcement
of the Liquor Law.

(Presented to the Board of Aldermen August 26, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 26, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

In my communication to you on the 12th instant, I informed you "that the seizure of stocks of liquors by officers of the city would undoubtedly involve the city in litigation and perhaps result in verdicts against the city," and that in view of this fact, I had deemed "it my duty to call upon the state officers to aid the police department in the enforcement of this portion of the state law." By my direction twelve complaints against illegal sellers of liquor in this city were made to the sheriff of Providence county in accordance with the provisions of the statute, and with the request that he would seize the stocks of liquors held by the several parties. On the 16th instant, I was informed that the sheriff had returned the several complaints and declined to make the seizures as requested. I therefore addressed to him the following letter :

[COPY.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, Aug. 16, 1872. }

CHRISTOPHER HOLDEN, ESQ., SHERIFF OF PROVIDENCE COUNTY :—

DEAR SIR—I am informed that you decline to make seizures of liquors in this city, upon the complaints which, under my direction, were made to you. Will you be kind enough to inform me whether this information is correct, and oblige,

Yours truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

On the 20th instant, I received his reply thereto, in the words following :—

[COPY.]

PROVIDENCE, August 20, 1872.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :—

DEAR SIR—Yours of the 16th, came duly to hand. I answer, I would say, that I see no good reason why I should be called upon to execute the laws in the City of Providence, as I presume you have an ample force for doing so without calling upon me. As the city charter, section seven, (7) clause two, (2) makes it your imperative duty to be at all times vigilant and active in causing the laws to be executed and enforced, I see no good reasons why I should be called upon to enforce this law.

Yours truly,

CHRISTOPHER HOLDEN, *Sheriff*.

I am aware that the same power given to the sheriffs to seize liquors is vested in the Chief of Police, of this city; but I do not understand by this that the Sheriff is exempted from performing, within the limits of this city, a duty specially required of him by the statute, and which he is willing to perform in any other portion of the county.

I am also aware that the sheriff and his bondsmen would probably be held responsible for any stock of liquors seized by him or his deputies, but the General Assembly would undoubtedly indemnify any state officer who should suffer injury in person or property in consequence of the discharge of a duty imposed upon such officer by the statute, while they would not make good any loss accruing to the city by reason of the enforcement of a statute by the Chief of Police.

In the performance of his duty under this statute, as in other matters, the Chief of Police holds himself subordinate to the chief executive, and under my instructions has made no seizures of liquors.

Since the former seizure clause, as it was termed, was overthrown by the courts, the provisions of the present clause have not been contested, because the stocks seized have been of too little value to contend for.

In the present condition of the liquor traffic in this city, each step taken by the authorities, I am unofficially advised, is to be contested as far as possible, and the evidence of this is seen in the fact, that although three and four complaints have

been made against the same person, and fine and imprisonment imposed on him in the lower court, an appeal has been taken, and he pursues his business in the same open manner as though no notice had been taken of him by the government.

By the authority of the city charter, the Mayor and Aldermen "exercise the executive powers of the city generally and the administration of police," and by the laws in relation to the liquor traffic, the manner in which it shall be conducted in this city is vested in the Board of Aldermen.

In view of the facts I have set forth, I am unwilling to assume the responsibility of directing the Chief of Police to proceed to seize the numerous stocks of liquors held illegally in this city unless directed so to do by you, who are associated with me in the administration of police, and in whose control alone the liquor traffic is. If you decide that it is expedient and necessary to attempt the suppression of the illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors in this city by the execution of the seizure clause, I will at once proceed to its enforcement, but not otherwise.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 155. Resolutions for laying out Lippitt street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That, in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Lippitt street, from its present westerly termination to Randall street, and of a uniform width of forty-five feet, by the following metes and bounds; beginning for the northerly line, at an angle in the northerly line of said Lippitt street, about 1,027 1-2 feet westerly from Camp street; thence westerly in a direct line about 342 feet to the easterly line of North Main street, passing through the south-east corner of the main part of the dwelling house now occupied by Jesse Hopkins; thence in a direct line about 650 feet to the south-easterly line of Randall street,

ranging to a point forty-five feet, measuring at right angles with Lippitt street, from the present south-easterly corner of Charles and Randall streets. The southerly line of said extension to be parallel with, and forty-five feet from the northerly line and extending from the present termination of Lippitt street to Randall 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 commississioners 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.

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 No. 156. Message from the Mayor relating to the suits of Henry C. Clark.

(Presented September 2, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
 CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 31, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The referee appointed on the part of the City in the suits of Henry C. Clark against the city, is unable to accept the appointment. In order to arrange upon a suitable board of

referees in the above cases, Mr. Clark and his counsel met the counsel for the city in my office, and it was agreed by all parties to recommend as proper referees, Messrs. Jesse Metcalf, of North Providence and Franklin H. Richmond and Henry L. Kendall, of this city.

I suggest, therefore, that these gentlemen be approved by the City Council as referees in the suits of Mr. Clark against the city.

No. 157. Resolutions relating to the suits of
Henry C. Clark.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby approve of the appointment of Messrs. Jesse Metcalf, of North Providence, and Franklin H. Richmond and Henry L. Kendall, of this city, as referees in the law suits of Henry C. Clark against the City of Providence.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Alderman Snow, with Messrs. Mathewson, Pomroy and Ames, of the Common Council, be hereby appointed a joint special committee, with power to fill any vacancy in said board of referees.

No. 158. Resolution for a reference of the suits of
Henry C. Clark.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to execute the annexed agreement for a reference of the suits of Henry C. Clark and Clark and Webb, trustees, against the city.

SUPREME COURT, 1872.

PROVIDENCE, SC.

CLARK & WEBB, TRUSTEES,	}	No. 7,513.
<i>vs.</i>		
BENJAMIN TRIPP, CITY TREASURER.		

HENRY C. CLARK,	}	No. 8,210.
<i>vs.</i>		
BENJAMIN TRIPP, CITY TREASURER.		

It is agreed that the questions of the amount of damages which the plaintiffs, in each of the above entitled actions have sustained, and all other claims for damages by said Henry C. Clark against the City of Providence, in consequence of the Dorrance street and Ship street sewers, so called, and the discharge of said sewers into the Dorrance street dock, so called, and the adjacent waters, up to the date of the referees' report, be and the same hereby are referred to Henry L. Kendall, Jesse Metcalf and Franklin H. Richmond, whose award, or that of either two of them agreeing in the premises, shall be final and conclusive between said parties; judgment to be entered in said cases on the coming in of said report in favor of the plaintiffs therein for the amount of said awards with costs.

No. 159. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Sewer in Pearl street.

(Presented September 2, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, September 2, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Highway Commissioners have called my attention to the fact that the Pearl street sewer is not capable of receiving the surface water intended to flow into it in heavy storms.

As the city has already been subjected to heavy damages from this cause, I suggest that prompt action be taken to remedy the existing difficulty.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 160. Resolution relating to the Sewer in Pearl street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor, dated September 2, 1872, in relation to the sewer in Pearl street, be referred to the Joint Committee on Sewers to examine and report thereon.

No. 161. Resolution for a Sewer in Thayer, Power and Brook streets.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from Barnes street through Thayer, Power and Brook streets to the river, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 162. Resolution for a Sewer in Dorrance street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Dorrance street, from Westminster street to the river, in accordance with chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 163. Resolution transferring \$3,000 to the appropriation for Sidewalks and Curbing.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for highways to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 164. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Waterman street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out and extend Waterman street of a uniform width of fifty feet, from its present easterly termination to East River street.

No. 165. Message from the Mayor relating to the Water Commissioners.

(Presented September 9, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, September 9, 1872.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The ordinance establishing a board of water commissioners provides that the commissioners shall hold office for three years from the date of their election unless the water works shall be completed prior to that time. The three years of service will expire on the 27th instant.

At the May session of the General Assembly, authority was given to the City Council to extend the term of office of the commissioners until July 1, 1873, and I forward herewith a draft of an ordinance prepared by the City Solicitor, which I recommend be passed, and under which the term of office will be extended in accordance with the authority given as above.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 167. Message from the Mayor relating to the Recorder of Deeds.

(Presented September 9, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, September 9, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The great increase of work in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in the past few months, required additional assistance to prevent an accumulation of papers unrecorded, which, under my advice, was employed. An appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars will be sufficient to defray the expense of such assistance up to the close of the present fiscal year, and I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution making such an appropriation.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 168. Resolution for additional assistance to the Recorder of Deeds.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of additional assistance employed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds: to be paid from the appropriation for contingencie.

No. 174. Resolutions for moving the offices of the Superintendent of Health and City Clerk, and for preserving the plats and printing Indexes to the records of land evidence.

(Approved September 9, 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 of 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 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, agreeably to the report of the special committee herewith submitted.

No. 175. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a part of Harrison street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

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

No. 176. Resolutions for widening Page street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen Page street, by extending the present westerly line in a direct range through the estate of Thomas W. Chace to Broad street, making said Page street, of a uniform width of forty feet.

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

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening 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. 177. Resolution for Sewers in Point, Hospital, Langley and Eddy streets.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Point street from Parsonage street to Eddy: and also, a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Hospital street from a point near Lake street, to Langley street, and through Langley and Eddy streets to Manchester street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 178. Resolution for a Sewer in Eddy street.

(Approved, September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Eddy street, from Elm street to Point street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 179. Resolution for a Sewer in Pearl street.

(Approved, September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pearl street, from Broad street to Mumford street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 180. Resolution relating to land of Thomas W. Chace, and the widening of Page street.

(Approved September 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and the chairman of the joint committee on city property, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to agree with Thomas W. Chace, upon a price for so much of his land on Broad street as may be taken by the city upon the widening of Page street, and to pledge the city to pay him the sum agreed upon, upon the taking of his land, or in the event of not taking his land to pay him damages therefor.

IN CONVENTION.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1872.

The following officers are elected :

Engineer to examine the Providence and Springfield Rail- road,	Samuel B. Cushing.
Constable,	J. Crawford Potter.
Police Constable, without power to serve civil process,	James E. Babcock.

No. 181. Resolution for Sewers in Williams, Governor, Bower and Ives street, and through private land.

(Approved September 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Williams street from the highest point east of Hope street to Governor street, and through Governor, Bower and Ives streets to India street, and from thence, across the land of the Union Oil Company, to the river, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 183. Resolution relating to an Appropriation Bill.

(Approved September 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Finance be hereby instructed to report, on or before the twenty-third day of September instant, a bill making appropriations for the support of the city government for the financial year ending September 30, 1873.

No. 184. Resolution to settle with Allen Greene concerning the boundary line of Prospect square.

(Approved September 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed in their discretion, to settle with Allen Greene, at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars, concerning the boundary line between his estate and the city's at the west side of Prospect Park, as will allow the city to prosecute the work on the wall now commenced; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay out of the appropriation for Prospect Park, such sum as may be agreed upon between the parties, when said Greene shall give such conveyance and guarantee as shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved September 11, 1872.)

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

- No. 185. Edwin L. Howland, No. 39 Wood street.
 - 186. Edwin M. Waldron, No. 33 Knight street.
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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September 11, 1872.)

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. 187. William H. Charnley.
 - 188. William V. Daboll.
 - 189. Mark A. Heath.
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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September 11, 1872.)

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. 190. Daniel Coakley.
- 191. Patrick Cuddy.
- 192. James M. Cupit.

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. 193. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to widen East Avenue.

(Approved September 23, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out and widen East Avenue, from Olney street to North street, of a uniform width of sixty feet, by lines parallel with the present lines of said avenue, and adding thereto equal quantities of land from either side thereof.

No. 194. Resolution relating to the sale of merchandise at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to enforce that portion of the city ordinances which prohibits the use of the public streets of the city for the sale of merchandise, &c., upon the grounds and portions of streets immediately adjacent to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

No. 195. Resolution relating to School House on Potter's Avenue.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on City Property, be hereby directed to cause the lot at the Potter's avenue school house to be properly brought to a grade and fenced. Said work to be done forthwith, and the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 196. Resolution to pay Benjamin W. Snow.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Benjamin W. Snow, the sum of fifty dollars, in full compensation for all damages sustained by him in his yacht Meteor and boat on the occasion of the celebration of the introduction of water, November 30, 1871, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever he shall give a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 197. Resolution for curbing Governor Street.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Governor street, from Power street to Bower street.

No. 198. Resolution for curbing Messer Street.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutter paved on Messer street, from Willow street to Hudson streets.

No. 199. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Henry F. Davis to raise a certain building located at No. 9 Hudson street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September, 25, 1872.)

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. 200. Wheeler M. Blanding.
 201. John H. Collingwood.
 202. Peleg C. Sanford.

 No. 203. Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September 25, 1872.)

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. 203. Horatio N. Angell.
 204. Welcome A. Collins.

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

 No. 205. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved September, 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Charles W. Atwood to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his peti-

tion, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and provided, that the same do not obstruct railroad or other travel.

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. 206. Resolution to paint the Point street bridge.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the special committee on the Point street bridge be hereby instructed to cause the shore spans of the bridge to be painted.

No. 207. Resolution to grade Brook street.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to cause Brook street, from Wickenden street to India street, to be brought to grade.

No. 208. Message from the Mayor with communication from the School Committee.

(Presented October 2, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, OCTOBER 2, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The papers forwarded to the City Council by direction of the school committee, show the great necessity which exists

for immediate action in reference to additional school buildings for the accommodation of the primary and intermediate scholars in the Eighth Ward. I recommend as the best means of remedying the existing difficulty, and providing for the future wants of the district, the immediate erection upon the lot owned by the city on Messer street, of a wooden building similar to the school house on Thayer street, and the purchase of another lot of land between Messer street and the westerly line of the city, and the erection thereon of another building like the one already referred to. Both of these buildings can be completed and ready for use before the spring term commences.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, October 2, 1872. }

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

In accordance with a request of the School Committee, I transmit herewith a copy of certain resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the committee, relative to the construction of so much of the salary ordinance as fixes the compensation of the teachers in the public schools, and also, a copy of certain other resolutions and a report from a sub-committee of the School Committee in reference to the necessity of additional school accommodation for primary and intermediate scholars in the Eighth Ward.

By order of the School Committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *President*.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the School Committee, a teacher entering upon his or her work at the beginning of the fall term, and teaching without interruption during the entire terms of the school year, is entitled to a year's pay in full, whether his or her appointment date from the close of the long summer vacation or from the beginning.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the School Committee, a teacher who resigns before the close of the school year, is entitled to pay, *pro rata*, for the number of weeks of actual service rendered without reference at all to vacations.

RESOLVED, That the President be directed to present the foregoing resolutions to the City Council, with a request that the ordinance fixing the salaries of officers of the city for the year ensuing the first Monday in June, 1872, may be construed or amended agreeably thereto.

RESOLVED, That the President be requested to represent to the City Council the wants of the primary and intermediate schools of the Eighth Ward, and also to submit the report of the fifth district committee presented to this committee by the chairman, Mr. Sumner.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the School Committee, two wooden buildings, of four rooms each, will accommodate, for the present, the primary and intermediate scholars in the Eighth Ward.

RESOLVED, That the President be directed to request the City Council to place a Robinson's Ventilator in the Messer street building.

REPORT OF FIFTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

In pursuance of an imperative duty growing out of a painful necessity, the committee of the Fifth District would call your attention again to the condition of things in the Eighth Ward.

In the immediate neighborhood of the Messer street school house more than three hundred children need school accommodations. Two hundred and sixty-four are now registered as attendants, while others have to be turned away for want of room.

Of the two hundred and sixty-four, one hundred and twenty two are crowded into the Messer street building, while there are accommodations for only one hundred.

The house is poorly ventilated, and these one hundred and twenty-two children, with their three teachers, are under the necessity of breathing impure air six hours every school day.

The Principal having charge of the school is doing the best she can in carrying on an intermediate school surrounded by primary scholars.

The Principal of the Primary Department hears her class in a room heated by a stove (when necessary,) which should be dismissed from service, it being so thoroughly used up

The only place left for the Assistant Primary Teacher is a small, dark, dingy entry without ventilation, unless the outer door is left open, which exposes teacher and scholars to all the changes of the weather, without any means of modifying the atmosphere.

The remaining one hundred and forty-two scholars are huddled together in seats crowded as near as possible, to give any seating room, in the vestry of the Church of the Messiah at Olneyville. This place is in no way adapted to school purposes.

First—it is an underground vestry, very damp and cold. In the winter it is extremely uncomfortable and unhealthy, as there are no proper and sufficient means of heating it.

Second—the place is dark, as well as damp and cold. The brightest days afford but a faint light in the room, and cloudy days make everything gloomy and uninviting.

Third—the ventilation is worse than at Messer street; and, to increase the evil, the outhouse is so near the school-room and so very offensive, the windows on that side of the vestry have to be kept closed all the time. Not only comfort is sacrificed, but health is jeopardized by such an atmosphere.

A narrow passageway connected with the outhouse is the only playground for the girls. The boys find their recreation in the street.

Such a state of things is by no means calculated to promote the best interests of the schools committed to our care either, in taste, government, scholarship or morals.

In view of the fact that the city owns a fine lot of land in the very place where this destitution calls for school accommodations, the committee would most earnestly and seriously inquire : Must the teachers and scholars in the Eighth Ward be compelled to suffer these inconveniences, privations, and injuries much longer ? Is there no remedy for these evils ? Will not the city officials having this matter in charge see that something is done immediately ?

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

O. SUMNER, Chairman.

No. 209. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor, dated October 2, 1872, in relation to the school accommodations in the Eighth Ward, with the accompanying communication from the President of the School Committee, be referred to the Joint Committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

No. 210. Resolution relating to a location for a school house, west of Messer street.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Education be and they are hereby directed, to ascertain and report upon what terms a suitable location for a primary and intermediate school can be obtained in that portion of the city lying between Messer street and the westerly line of the city.

No. 211. Message from the Mayor in relation to Eddy street.

(Presented October 2, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 2, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The time within which the City Council are authorized to act upon the report of the commissioners on the extension of Eddy street will expire on the fourth instant. I have therefore convened you at this time in order that you may be enabled to take action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 212. Resolution for a Sewer in Camp Street.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Camp street, from Olney street to Lippitt street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 217. Resolution relating to the Office of the Chief of the Fire Department.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be, and they are hereby, directed to examine and report upon the expediency of removing the Office of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to some more convenient place.

No. 218. Resolution for a Sewer in Clemence street.

(Approved October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Clemence street, from Happy street to Washington street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 219. Resolution for a Sewer in South street.

(Approved, October 2, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in South street, from Richmond street to Eddy street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 220. Resolution electing to lay out Eddy street to Cove street.

(Passed October 2, 1872.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, at the March term, 1872, to lay out Eddy street from Washington street to Cove street, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening, or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Monday, August 5, 1872: 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. 224. Resolution for a Sewer in Page street.

(Approved, October 4, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain, or common sewer, to be constructed in Page street from Broad street to Pine street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 225. Resolution for a Sewer in Transit street.

(Approved, October 4, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain, or common sewer to be constructed in Transit street, from Hope street to Brook street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 226. Resolution for a Sewer in Williams street.

(Approved, October 4, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Williams street, from Hope street to Brook street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 227. Resolution for a digest of the Canvassing
Laws.

(Approved October 7, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby directed to prepare a digest of the laws relating to canvassing the several ward lists of voters, and cause the same to be printed for the use of the several Boards of Canvassers and the City Council.

No. 228. Resolution to pay the Fire Department for duty in September, 1872.

(Approved October 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the pay roll of the fire department for the month of September, A. D., 1872, amounting to two thousand and sixty-three dollars and twenty cents, be hereby allowed, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the same when properly allowed by the committee on accounts, and certified by the City Auditor.

No. 231. Resolution electing to lay out Jackson street to Broadway.

(Approved October 9, 1872.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, at the March term, 1872, to lay out Jackson street from Fountain street northerly to Broadway, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening, or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Tuesday, August 13, 1872: 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. 232. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare and grade Meeting street, and construct a sewer therein.

(Approved October 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to declare Meeting street, from Prospect street to Congdon

street, a public highway ; to cause the same to be graded, and to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in said Meeting street, from its junction with Prospect street to Congdon street, and connect the same with the common sewer already ordered to be constructed in Meeting street, between Congdon and Benefit streets, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 233. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive and declare Grove street.

(Approved, October 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Grove street, from Knight street to Ridge street, and declare the same a public highway ; said street having been actually used as a public highway for more than twenty years.

No. 234. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive and declare Ring street.

(Approved October 9, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Ring street, from Knight street to Tobey street, and declare the same a public highway ; said street having been traveled and used as a highway for more than twenty years.

Resolutions granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved October 9, 1872.)

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

No. 235. Philip N. Chace, No. 19 West Friendship street.

No. 236. Thomas Donovan, No. 7 Gaspee street.

No. 237. Robert Muir, corner of South and Parsonage streets.

No. 238. John F. Parks, No. 54 Olney street.

No. 239. Resolution for purchasing a Ledge of Stone.

(Approved, October 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a ledge of rock in the harbor of this city for highway purposes, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for highways, and provided further, that the deed thereof shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 240. Message from the Mayor.

(Presented, October 14, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 14, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Matters of great importance requiring your immediate attention, have rendered it necessary for me to convene you at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 241. Message from the Mayor relating to Public Street.

(Presented October 14, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 14, 1872 }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

One of the main pipe lines of water supply for the city is to be laid from Greenwich street to Eddy street, through Public street, and it is necessary to complete the work the present season. That portion of the latter street extending westerly from Broad street is not in line with that portion of the street extending easterly from Broad street, and in consequence of this, heavy special castings will be required for the water pipes and a sharp angle made, which, in the opinion of chief engineer Shedd, should be avoided. This can be done by changing the north line of the street, near Broad street, as will be seen on the plat thereof presented herewith. The work will have to be done under what is known as the "old highway law," the expense being paid by the city. If hereafter the owners of land on the opposite side of the street desire to change the line of the street in front of their estates, it can be done by their re-paying to the city the cost of the present widening.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 242. Message from the Mayor relating to the Point Street Bridge.

(Presented October 14, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 14, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Point Street Bridge is nearly completed, and it is necessary that regulations in relation to the use of it should be

adopted by the City Council before it is thrown open for public travel. The City Solicitor, at my suggestion, has prepared an ordinance, which I submit herewith for your consideration.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 245. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to re-lay Public Street.

(Approved October 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to re-lay Public street, between Prairie avenue and Updike street.

No. 246. Resolution for a Sewer in Chapel and Mathewson Streets.

(Approved, October 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Chapel street, from a point near Snow street, easterly through Chapel street to Mathewson street, thence through Mathewson street to Westminster street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 247. Resolution for a Sewer in Angell Street.

(Approved October 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Angell street, from a point about two hundred feet east of Prospect street to Thayer street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 248. Resolution relating to Mercy A. Flagg and the widening of Battey Street.

(Approved, October 14, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby authorized and directed to consent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Battey street, by adding to the award to Mercy A. Flagg, the sum of two hundred dollars, and also, to consent to the confirmation of said report as thus amended, upon the withdrawal by said Mercy A. Flagg, of her demand for a jury trial in said matter.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved October 14, 1872.)

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. 249. Cleveland & Brothers.

No. 250. Mary H. Searcy.

IN CONVENTION.

OCTOBER 14, 1872.

The following officers are elected:

Police Constables without power to serve civil process:

Otis P. Colwell,

Sylvanus Cole.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

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. 251. John Conley.

252. Patrick Goodwin.

253. Robert M. Murray.

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. 254. Resolution for altering and enlarging the Police Station on Canal street.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be hereby instructed to cause alterations and improvements to be made in the police station on Canal street, as follows : to build an addition to the building, at the easterly end, of about fourteen feet and two stories high, making a cell room on the main floor and a lodging room on the second floor ; to build a new ventilating shaft and smoke flue, and necessary staircases ; to cause the roof to be newly tinned, the office of the Chief of Police to be enlarged, and the whole building to be properly repaired and drained ; the expense of the work not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 255. Resolution relating to the same.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be hereby authorized to cause the proposed improvements at the

police station on Canal street, to be done at their discretion, by contract or otherwise.

No. 256. Resolution for establishing Drinking
Fountains.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to establish suitable drinking fountains, to be supplied with Pawtuxet water, for individuals, at such convenient points, not to exceed the number of thirty, as in their judgment seems to require them ; the cost of the same to be charged to the water works construction account, and the supply of water to the health department.

No. 257. Resolution for establishing Drinking
Fountains for Animals.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the Pawtuxet river water to be connected with the various public drinking places for animals in the city. Also to cause to be placed an additional number, not to exceed fifteen, at such points as they think will best promote the public convenience, and connect the same with Pawtuxet water : also, that discretion be given them to connect drinking places for individuals with those additional ones for animals. The cost of same to be charged to water works construction account and the supply of water to the rent account.

No. 258. Resolution relating to the School House on
Thurber avenue.

(Approved, October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be hereby instructed to cause a fence to be built around the school house on Thurber avenue, and to grade the land about the building; and that the sum of one thousand dollars be hereby added to the amount authorized to be expended for the construction of the building; to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 259. Message from the Mayor announcing the
completion of the Point street Bridge.

(Presented October 21, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 21, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The committee appointed to superintend the construction of a new draw in the Point street Bridge, and the strengthening of the fixed spans, have completed the work. The bridge and draw have been tested under the direction of the committee, to their satisfaction, and they have accepted the work from the contractors. The superintending engineer, S. B. Cushing, Esq., is satisfied that the bridge is now sufficiently strong throughout its entire length to sustain the weight of a crowd of persons filling the bridge to its utmost capacity.

The committee are not ready to submit their report at the present time, and feel that the opening of the bridge to public use should not be delayed on that account. They have, therefore, signified to me their wish that the bridge be opened without further delay, and they will prepare and present their report to the City Council at the earliest practicable day.

The Board of Aldermen are ready to appoint a superintendent at once, and, unless otherwise ordered by the City Council, the bridge will be placed in charge of the proper officer to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, at nine o'clock.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 260. Message from the Mayor relating to assessment upon the Beneficent Congregational Society for widening Broad street.

(Presented October 21, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, OCTOBER 21, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The commissioners of estimate and assessment on the widening and straightening of Broad street, near Snow street, have assessed the Beneficent Congregational Society for benefits to the lot on which their church stands, from said widening and straightening, the sum of two hundred and five dollars. This lot is held by said society solely for purposes of religious worship, and cannot be diverted therefrom. Under the ruling of the Supreme Court in a similar case, the society should have been assessed only in a nominal sum. I therefore recommend that the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to an amendment of the report, reducing the said assessment to the sum of ten dollars.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 261. Resolution abating the assessment upon the Beneficent Congregational Society, for widening Broad street.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to consent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of

estimate and assessment on Broad street, near Snow street, by reducing the assessment upon the Beneficent Congregational Society from two hundred and five dollars to ten dollars.

No. 263. Report of Special Committee to purchase land for Broadway and High Street.

(Presented, October 21, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The joint special committee who were by resolution approved December 20, 1871, authorized to purchase a certain lot of land at the junction of Broadway and High street, for the purpose of adding the same to the street, report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have purchased of John O. Waterman, the lot referred to in the above resolution, at a cost to the city of five hundred dollars, the deed of which is on record.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

CLINTON D. SELLEW.

Providence, Oct. 21, 1872.

No. 264. Resolution relating to Cemeteries in the compact parts of the city.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the subject of the discontinuance and removal of certain cemeteries in the compact parts of the city, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. W. Y. Potter, Rickard and Butterworth, with Aldermen Root and Sprague, to examine and report thereon.

No. 265. Resolution electing to widen Potter street.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, at the October term, 1871, to lay out and widen Potter street, from Pine street to Broad street, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Monday, September 2, 1872: 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. 266. Resolution to purchase a gore of land for Bacon street.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED. That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Rebecca S. Angell, two hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, the same being in full compensation for a certain piece of land added to Bacon street, near Camp street, and containing 524.7 square feet; the same to be paid from the appropriation for highways, whenever said Angell shall execute a deed of said land to the city, which shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 267. Resolution relating to Camp street.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed under a resolution of the City Council passed April 17, 1872, with

authority to settle the claims of all parties dissatisfied with the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Camp street, be hereby authorized to settle said claims in their discretion; and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the order of said committee such sums, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as may be agreed upon for that purpose; to be charged to the appropriation for opening streets.

No. 268. Resolution for a Sewer in Star street.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Star street, from Benefit to North Main streets, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 269. Resolution for Sewers in Richmond and Clifford streets.

(Approved October 21, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Richmond street, from Ship to Clifford streets, and thence through Clifford to Dorrance street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

I N C O N V E N T I O N .

OCTOBER 21, 1872.

The following officers are elected :

Police Constables without power to serve civil process,

Harvey S. Kent,

Zenas Baxter,

George W. Brown,

Walter S. Baxter,

William C. Barker,

No. 272. Resolution for hiring Rooms of Marshall Woods.

(Approved, November 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to lease of Marshall Woods, Esq., six rooms in his building, corner College and South Main streets, for city offices; they being the rooms formerly occupied by the Water Commissioners and Chief Engineer of the Water Works; provided the same can be leased for three years from November 1, 1872, at not to exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum.

No. 273. Resolution electing to widen and straighten Broad street, south of Greenwich street.

(Approved November 1, 1872.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the October term, 1871, to lay out, widen and straighten Broad street, from Greenwich street to the line of the town of Cranston, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Monday, September 2, 1872; 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. 274. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Providence Water Works.

(Approved, November 1, 1872.)

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

No. 275. Resolution for assistance in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds.

(Approved November 1, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for salaries, to defray the expense of additional assistance in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, the same to be paid on the approval of the Mayor.

No. 276. Resolution appropriating \$2500 for the
Point Street Bridge.

(Approved November 4, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same hereby is added to the appropriation for the Point street bridge, and the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is authorized to hire the same.

No. 278. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved, November 4, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Daniel W. Jenckes, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, for duty done in October, 1872.

No. 278. Report of Committee on Highways on
purchase of a Ledge of Stone.

(Presented November 4, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on highways, who were instructed by resolution of the City Council, No. 239, approved October 14,

1872, to purchase a ledge of rocks in the harbor of this city, for highway purposes, respectfully report that they have purchased of A. B. Dike and others, a ledge situated on the east side of the harbor, just below Field's Point, known as Cranberry Island, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

JOHN H. JOSLIN, Chairman.

No. 279. Report of Special Committee on the Point Street Bridge.

(Presented November, 4, 1872.)

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

The Joint Special Committee on the Point Street Bridge, respectfully present this, their final report, as follows, viz :

Referring to reports previously made by them and on file, your committee now present as documents and vouchers, relating to the work entrusted to them and now completed, accepted by the city, and in course of daily use by the public ; the following papers, viz :

A. The original contract between the city and Charles Macdonald, for the erection of a new drawbridge in place of the one previously erected at the same site :—executed February 22, 1872, and with the specifications which controlled it, appended thereto.

B. Contract between the city and said Macdonald, for the erection of a new turn-table, for the use of said contemplated drawbridge ; executed March 22, 1872.

C. Contract between the city and J. Albert Monroe, for the strengthening, by cylinders and piles, the shore spans of the bridge conducting to said draw : executed March 26, 1872— with its specifications appended.

D. A statement of the account of the said Charles Macdonald with the city, on account of Point Street Bridge, dated Oct. 26, 1872.

E. Certificates of Samuel B. Cushing, Esq., engineer, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and dated respectively, June 12, 1872, July 1, 1872, July 24, 1872, July 27, 1872, Sept. 24, 1872, Oct. 21, 1872. All given by said Cushing to your committee; and upon which, all drafts upon the city treasury by your committee, for the payment of said Macdonald and Monroe, have been based.

F. 1. Certificate of James Reynolds, weigher, of weight of old iron in the old draw, dated May 9, 1872.

2. Certificate of same, of weight of iron in old turn table, dated May 20, 1872.

3. Statement by "Builders' Iron Foundry" of value of turntable as furnished by Charles Macdonald, dated July 20, 1872.

4. Proposals for certain old iron made by "Hope Iron Works," dated April 26, 1872; and under which your committee made sale of certain useless iron to said Company.

G. Receipt of City Treasurer for proceeds of above sale to "Hope Iron Works," dated Oct. 3, 1872, and for amount of \$1,628.73.

H. Letter of Samuel B. Cushing, Esq., engineer, to your committee, approving of drawbridge and shore spans, dated Oct. 12, 1872.

I. Report of Samuel B. Cushing, Esq., engineer, to your committee, dated Oct. 26, 1872, and received by your committee, Nov. 2, 1872.

K. Bills as follows, due and unpaid.

1. Wm. Elsbree for work in testing drawbridge including use of teams and men,	\$47 90
2. Providence Steam and Gas Pipe Co. for iron and cartage,	8 10
3. Jas. A. Potter & Co. for lumber,	277 42
4. Jas. A. Potter & Co., for lumber,	183 34
5. Samuel B. Cushing, Esq., for services as Engineer,	1,500 00

\$2,016 76

The foregoing exhibits, taken in connection with others previously reported to the City Council, and on file, constitute a detailed disclosure of all the acts of your committee under their instructions, from the date of their appointment until the present time. An extended report is therefore unnecessary, so far as supplying any desired information as to the cost, duration and character of the work, as authorized and approved by them. A few words of explanation may however be permitted; and a statement of the total cost may be desired before this report is closed. It will be remembered by the council, that when this committee was appointed, the state of things at the Point Street Bridge, so called, was very unsatisfactory. An expensive structure existed, which was not put to any use; and was not believed to be capable of being safely used; nor of being altered or strengthened so as to be available. The public had been long waiting for the facilities of transit which it was expected to furnish, and had come to regard the cost of the structure as very great, and the structure itself as a subject for ridicule, not always good natured. It had become a necessity that the bridge should either be made available or removed at once; and the doing of either one or the other, opened a prospect of great additional expense. The position of your committee was not a desirable one, in view of the experience of their predecessors, but they assumed it, and have used their best efforts to carry out the orders of the council, faithfully, expeditiously and economically. They contracted to have the bridge finished by the 25th of June, 1872, and provided for a forfeiture by contractor, of fifty dollars per day thenceforward to the day of completion. The bridge was not completed until Oct. 8, the day when it was tested; but no forfeiture has been claimed by your committee, inasmuch as the engineer, who was by the contract made the sole judge of its applicability under the contract, decides that none such is properly demandable by the city. Your committee cannot deny themselves the pleasure, nor ignore the obligation of expressing to the council, their sense of the skill, fidelity and energy, which have been exhibited by Mr. Samuel B. Cushing, the engineer, in the planning and oversight of the

work, from beginning to end. His reputation needs, it is true, no endorsement in this community; at the same time he merits this distinct recognition of his valuable services at the hands of your committee. Mr. Cushing's full endorsement of the skill and fidelity of the contractor, Mr. Charles Macdonald, gives an additional support to the favorable opinion of both, entertained by your committee, and of which, they are assured, that the bridge will continue to be an enduring witness. So soon as the final test had been made and the engineer had expressed his entire satisfaction with its results,—as by his letter of Oct. 12, (*H.*)—your committee, without waiting for the official report of the engineer to them, notified the Mayor that the bridge was completed, and after some trifling additional work in painting, &c., would be ready for general use. In consequence of such notification the bridge was publicly opened for travel with results fresh in the recollection of the council.

Your committee believe that the Point Street Bridge is now a strong, durable and perfectly safe drawbridge, capable of being used with ease and safety for all the purposes for which such a bridge is designed. It is too heavy to be moved continuously by hand power, and your committee observe that the council has it in contemplation to employ either steam or water as the motor: each of which is entirely practicable, and not expensive. They congratulate the city upon the possession, at however late a day, of a bridge which when turned by a proper motive power, and regulated by judiciously arranged rules, will prove a great public improvement and convenience.

The committee would state that upon Mr. Macdonald's contracts there is still due the sum of - - - \$1,878 39
 which, with the am't previously stated as due on bills, 2,016 76
 amounts to the sum of - - - \$3,895 15

For which amount the committee will ask for the necessary appropriation and orders for payment by a resolution accompanying this report.

They state cost of Bridge as follows,		
Payments to Macdonald in cash,	\$13,800.00	
- - - - -	5,280.00	
- - - - -	4,120.00	
- - - - -	5,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$28,200.00
Old iron used by him,	\$1,936.20	
- - - - -	32.65	
	<u> </u>	1,968.85
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		\$30,168.85
Cash paid J. A. Monroe,	\$5,000.00	
Amounts due on bills as above,	3,895.15	
	<u> </u>	8,895.15
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		\$39,064.00
Cr. by value of old iron sold and paid into city treasury,	- - - - -	1,628.78
		<u> </u>
Cost,	- - - - -	\$37,435.22
Of this amount of \$37,435.22, there was for work on and about turn- table and not contemplated when this committee was appointed,	\$8,310.61	
And for extra locking gear,	1,009.63	
	<u> </u>	\$9,320.24
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Leaving <i>cost of draw-bridge</i> ,	- - - - -	\$28,114.98
From which should be deducted:—		
Cost of strengthening shore-spans, &c.	\$5,000.00	
Due on bills as above,	516.76	
Engineer's salary, not included in origi- nal estimates,	1,500.00	\$7,016.76
		<u> </u>
Making <i>cost of draw</i> ,	- - - - -	\$21,098.22

All of which is respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM BINNEY,

Chairman of Committee on Point Street Bridge.

PROVIDENCE, November 4, 1872.

(H.) *LETTER FROM SAMUEL B. CUSHING, ENGINEER.*

PROVIDENCE, October 12th, 1872.

TO WM. BINNEY, ESQ., CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE POINT STREET BRIDGE.

DEAR SIR:—The construction of the new draw bridge by Charles Macdonald, Esq., of New York, is now finished, and nothing remains to be done before opening the bridge for public use, but putting on the last coat of paint, and providing a bell for the use of the draw tender, both of which can be done during the coming week.

It is but justice to Mr. Macdonald to say that he has, (with some pecuniary loss to himself, I fear,) faithfully carried out his contract to the best of his ability, and the result is a structure which I confidently trust will be found to answer fully and perfectly the purpose for which it is designed, and will prove to be entirely safe and reliable.

I have great pleasure in assuring the committee that, in my opinion, the Point Street Bridge, (including the shore spans) has now an ample margin of strength to warrant its indiscriminate use by the public.

I shall make, as soon as practicable, a detailed report upon the whole structure, and upon the very satisfactory results of the tests which were applied to it on Tuesday last.

Respectfully yours,

S. B. CUSHING, *Engineer.*

(I.) *REPORT OF SAMUEL B. CUSHING, ENGINEER.*

PROVIDENCE, October 26th, 1872.

TO WM. BINNEY, ESQ., CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON POINT STREET BRIDGE.

The Point Street bridge being now completed and in use by the public, it is proper that I should make a report to you, upon which you can base your final report upon the subject to the City Council.

In response to the invitation published in the newspapers, propositions for the construction of the drawbridge, were received from seven different individuals and bridge building companies, the most favorable one being from Mr. Charles Macdonald of New York City.

Knowing personally that Mr. Macdonald's reputation for ability and responsibility was unexceptionable, and receiving further assurance upon these points from parties for whom he had constructed important works, I had no hesitation in advising the committee to close a contract with him. This contract was signed by both parties on the 22d of February, 1872, and Mr. Macdonald proceeded promptly to carry it into execution.

This contract embraced the construction of the draw bridge only, it being supposed that the turntable already constructed was of sufficient strength to support the new draw bridge with safety.

Subsequent investigation and correspondence with Mr. Sellers by Mr. Macdonald, convinced me that it would not be safe to trust to the strength of the old turntable, nor could it be strengthened in any manner so as to make it available.

Upon my recommendation, therefore, a contract (dated March 22d) was entered into with Mr. Macdonald for the construction of a new turntable fully adequate to sustain the new structure.

An arrangement was also entered into with Mr. Macdonald for strengthening the side-walk railing, and making whatever repairs might be found necessary upon the shore spans, all this work to be done by the day.

On the 26th of March a contract was entered into with Mr. J. Albert Monroe for furnishing and placing under the middle of each of the shore spans, columns composed of piles driven to hard bottom, and then encased with cast-iron cylinders and cement concrete.

This was considered to be the simplest and most effectual method of strengthening the shore spans that could be resorted to.

The entire structure was so far completed on the 8th of October as to admit of a test being made of its strength, and of its ability to sustain heavy moving loads.

The draw bridge itself was designed to support with entire safety (when in position for the passage of teams &c., with its ends securely locked to the shore spans) a load uniformly distributed of 3200 lbs. per lineal foot in addition to the weight of the structure itself.

In designing the bridge the strain which would be produced by this load upon each post, tie and brace, and upon every portion of the upper and lower chords, was carefully calculated, and such dimensions were given to each part as would enable it to sustain nearly five times the calculated strain before breaking down. That is to say, if the strain that would come upon any given tie, or any other member, was found to be, say 50,000 pounds, that member was made large enough to sustain nearly five times that weight, say 250,000 lbs. before breaking.

There being so large a margin of strength allowed for in the construction of the draw bridge, and knowing that the work had been most faithfully done, and that all parts of the iron work were fully up to the specifications, I did not consider it to be either necessary or desirable to load the bridge with sand or other material equal to 3,200 lbs. per lineal foot, especially as the putting on and taking off of such a load would involve stopping the passage of vessels through the draw at least one entire day.

I considered it preferable to apply a moving load of such weight as would test the strength and safety of the floor timbers and planks, and the capability of the bridge to endure without injury the passage of such heavy teams as would frequently pass over it when opened for public use.

With this object in view I applied to Col. Amasa Sprague for the use of two of his largest wagons, a request which he kindly complied with, and sent them to the bridge on Tuesday morning, Oct. 8th. I had already engaged the services of Wm. Elsbree, Esq., to take charge of the loading of these wagons with sand, and weighing the same before loading,

Both wagons being upon the east end of the east shore span, one of them was loaded with 22,500 and the other with 20,000 pounds of sand; the wagons themselves weighing 6,000 lbs. each.

The two loads were then hauled across the entire length of the bridge from east to west, each one stopping occasionally while the others passed it, and sometimes both proceeded together side by side.

The wagons were then driven up Point street, turned round, and the same loads were again hauled across the bridge, this time from west to east.

The loads were then increased to 29,985 lbs. in one wagon and 26,120 lbs. in the other, which were then hauled across the bridge from east to west, without the slightest damage to any part of the structure.

The loads however were evidently too heavy for the granite pavement of

the streets at either end of the bridge, the stone blocks being pressed into the ground by the passage of the wheels so as to form ruts of considerable depth.

After the satisfactory result of these severe tests, I had no hesitation in reporting to you that the bridge might safely be thrown open to the public.

It was not however deemed expedient to do so until some minor details of construction were completed, and the painting which was then going on, was fully finished and dry; all of which was done on Tuesday, October 22d, when the bridge was officially opened for public use.

In closing this report I wish to bear testimony to the very marked ability shown by Mr. Macdonald in the construction of this draw bridge, and in the arrangement of all its details, as well as to the faithful and thorough manner in which his foreman, Mr. Robert Grimes, has performed his work.

The arrangement for locking all of the four corners at once, by working at the center of the draw bridge, was designed and executed by Mr. Macdonald at my request, and although its construction involved some additional expense, the saving of time in working the bridge will much more than repay it.

I hand you with this report the following papers:—

- 1st. The original contract for the drawbridge, marked A.
- 2d. The original contract for the new turn table, " B.
- 3d. The original contract with J. A. Monroe, " C.
- 4th. A statement of the amount paid at different times to Mr. Macdonald and the final estimate of the amount due, marked D.

Respectfully yours,

S. B. CUSHING, *Engineer.*

PROVIDENCE. Oct. 26th, 1872.

No. 280. Resolution to pay certain bills for Point Street Bridge.

(Approved November 6, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed to pay to the following persons, the following sums, respectively, and to charge the amount to the appropriation for the Point Street Bridge, viz :

To Samuel B. Cushing,	-	-	\$1,500 00
Charles Macdonald,	-	-	1,878 39
William Elsbree,	-	-	47 90
Providence Steam and Gas Pipe Co.,	-	-	8 10
James A. Potter & Co.,	-	-	460 76
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			\$3,895 15

No. 281. Resolution relating to Reports from the Commissioners of the Cove Lands.

(Approved, November 6, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of the Cove Lands be and they hereby are requested to make report to the City Council, on or before January 1, 1873, of the condition of affairs in their department, and also, of the amount of expense already incurred by said commissioners and for which the City of Providence has been made liable by them; and that from and after the first day of January, 1873, the said commissioners be and they hereby are directed to make a quarterly report to the City Council, in detail, of their acts and expenditures.

No. 282. Resolution to purchase land for a School House on Jackson Avenue.

(Approved November 6, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on city property be and they are hereby directed to purchase of Mrs. Melinda Sheldon, for school purposes, six lots of land on Jackson avenue, provided, a title thereto satisfactory to the City Solicitor can be obtained, at a cost not exceeding four hundred and seventy-five dollars per lot: and a sum not exceeding twenty-eight hundred and fifty dollars, from the appropriation for school houses and lots, is hereby appropriated for this purpose.

No. 283. Resolution for curbing and paving Fountain Street.

(Approved, November 6, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set, and the roadway paved with granite blocks on Fountain street, from Mathewson street to Aborn street.

Resolutions granting permission to move Buildings.

(Approved November 4, 1872.)

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

- No. 284. Ira S. Baker.
 - 285. Thomas Cosgrove.
 - 286. Cyrus M. Thornton.
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No. 287. Resolution to pay the Fire Department for duty in October, 1872.

(Approved November 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the pay roll of the fire department for the month of October, A. D., 1872, amounting to nineteen hundred and seventy-nine dollars and eighty-seven cents, be hereby allowed, and the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the same.

No. 289. Resolutions to set up a Fountain on Abbott Park.

(Approved, November 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Water Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause the fountain that is to be furnished by Henry J. Steere and others, to be properly set up and put in good working order, on Abbott Park, (so called,) situated on Broad street; whenever said Henry J. Steere and others shall cause said fountain to be delivered on said park, free of expense to the city.

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the appropriation for public grounds, to carry the above resolution into effect.

No. 290. Resolution for curbing Anthony Street.

(Approved, November 11, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Anthony street from Federal street to Atwell's avenue.

No. 291. Resolution electing to lay out Seekel street.

(Approved, November 18, 1872.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, at the March term, 1872, to lay out and extend Seekel street, southerly to Pine street, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Wednesday, October 2, 1872: 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. 292. Resolution relating to Holden street.

(Approved November 18, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause a shute to be constructed and the street to be properly filled on Holden street, opposite the estate of John L. Barber.

No. 293. Message from the Mayor relating to the
trial of Hydrants.

(Presented, November 20, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 20, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

In view of the apprehension felt by many of our citizens since the recent fire in Boston, as to the efficiency of our water supply for the extinguishment of fires, I have requested the Chief Engineer of the fire department to exhibit the power of the hydrants, which he will do on Saturday next, twenty third instant, at three o'clock, p. m.

The test will be made by using the hydrants in the vicinity of the city building, and there will be a greater number of streams from them at the same time, than can be thrown by the whole number of the steam fire engines belonging to the department.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 294. Message from the Mayor relating to the
National Commercial Convention.

(Presented November 25, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 25, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I transmit herewith the invitation of the committee of arrangements, for the city to appoint delegates to the second session of the National Commercial Convention to be held at St. Louis, on Wednesday, December 11, ensuing, and recommend a compliance therewith.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 297. Resolution accepting Gift of Rosanna Carpenter to the North Burial Ground Fund.

(Approved, November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the gift of James M. Cross, administrator of the estate of Rosanna Carpenter, deceased, of the sum of three 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 said Rosanna Carpenter, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council.

No. 298. Resolution relating to the Flag Staff at the junction of Broad and High streets.

(Approved November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Chief of the Police be and he is hereby instructed to take charge, as city property, of the flag staff at the junction of Broad and High streets, together with any flags or bunting belonging to the same.

No. 299. Resolution relating to the Police Station on Canal Street.

(Approved, November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be and they are hereby instructed to continue the addition to the central police station, to the height of three stories, provided the additional cost does not exceed the appropriation for enlarging and altering said station.

No. 300. Resolution to pay Joseph E. Cranston.

(Approved November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Joseph E. Cranston, agent, the sum of forty-eight dollars for his services, superintending the construction of a culvert on Prairie avenue ; to be paid out of the appropriation for sewers.

No. 301. Resolution to pay Taber, Burt & Co.

(Approved, November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Taber, Burt & Co., the sum of fifty-four dollars and ninety-eight cents, being in full compensation for services in repairing and relaying water pipes on land of A. H. and C. B. Manchester, broken or damaged by the agents of the city in the construction of a sewer on Manchester street ; to be paid from the appropriation for sewers, whenever they shall give a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 302. Resolution to pay Fanny Sprague for damages caused by changing the grade of Pitman street.

(Approved November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Mrs. Fanny Sprague the sum of four hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-five cents, in full compensation for damages to her estate fronting on Pitman street, by reason of change of grade of said street ; to be paid from the appropriation for highways whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 304. Resolution appointing a Committee to confer with parties interested in the widening of Broad Street, near Snow Street.

(Approved November 25, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Sharpe and Root, with Messrs. Case, Rickard and Guild, of the Common Council, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the widening of Broad street, near Snow street, and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with said parties.

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No. 305. Petition of A. & W. Sprague and others for a Public Market, with a Resolution referring the same to a Joint Special Committee.

(Approved November 25, 1872.)

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

The undersigned respectfully represent that a public market is greatly needed in this city, and that the City Council have the authority, under the provisions of chapter 900 of the statutes to erect and maintain a bridge across Providence river, below Weybosset bridge, for the purpose of erecting a public market house thereon.

The undersigned further represent that the authority to construct said bridge must be exercised by the City Council, within three years from the time of the passage of said chapter 900. (February 24, 1871.)

The undersigned, desiring to have the public accommodated in this respect, are ready to pay to the city ten per cent. per annum, upon the cost of said bridge, and further agree to build a market house suitable to the wants of the city on said bridge, providing the city will lease to the undersigned, for the term of

not less than forty years, so much of said bridge as will be necessary for the said market. They therefore respectfully ask your honorable body, to take said matter of their petition into consideration, and to take immediate steps towards meeting the wants of the public in this important respect :

A. & W. Sprague,	Earl P. Mason,
Edward Pearce,	George Owen,
A. B. Dike,	Smith Owen,
Daniel E. Day,	Jesse Metcalf,
William Grosvenor,	Henry C. Clark,
(without compromising	A. N. Beckwith,
any rights,)	James Y. Smith,
H. A. Hidden,	William S. Slater,
John T. Mauran,	Martin C. Stokes,
William Barstow,	Henry W. Gardner,
Charles E. Carpenter,	James S. Phetteplace.
H. R. Nightingale,	

RESOLVED, That the petition of A. & W. Sprague and others, for the erection of a public market over the water south of Weybosset bridge, be referred to Aldermen Sharpe and Sprague with Messrs. Mathewson, Carpenter, N. F. Potter, Jr., Harris and Van Slyck of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 307. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

(Approved December 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in November, 1872, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Edgar S. Thayer,	-	-	-	\$82 50
Bradford G. Hathaway,	-	-	-	82 50
Jacob L. Ames,	-	-	-	74 25
Daniel W. Jenckes,	-	-	-	71 50

I N C O N V E N T I O N .

D E C E M B E R 3 , 1 8 7 2 .

The following officers are elected,—

Inspector of Kerosene,	George A. Cole.
Committee to superintend the building of chimneys and the placing of stoves and pipes.	

Samuel B. Bullock,	Josiah Simmons.
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The following persons are appointed a committee to take into consideration and report upon a new revision of the wards, viz. :

William Y. Potter,	George T. Spicer,
Silas A. Sweet,	Clinton D. Sellew,
J. B. Barnaby,	Lucian Sharpe,
Samuel S. Sprague,	Elisha C. Mowry.
Nicholas Van Slyck,	

No. 310. Resolution for curbing Orms Street.

(Approved December 10, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Orms street, from State street to the North Providence line.

No. 314. Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

(Presented December 10, 1872.)

OFFICE OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR, }
 CITY OF PROVIDENCE, December 9, 1872. }

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

Gentlemen,

The undersigned respectfully submits his semi-annual report, as follows.

In the six months ending November 30, 1872, six hundred and twenty-seven orders were given to one hundred and fifty-two families, as follows ;

For groceries, &c., 542, amounting to	-	-	\$618 89
For cash, 85, amounting to	-	-	2,757 99

Amounting in the whole to	-	-	\$3,376 88
Amount paid by the City Treasurer,	-	-	3,092 10

Of the orders for supplies, ninety were by order of the Board of Aldermen, one hundred and eighty-six by His Honor the Mayor, and two hundred and sixty-six by myself. Of the cash orders forty-one were by the Board of Aldermen.

And amounting to	-	-	\$2,299 12
Forty-four by myself, amounting to	-	-	458 87

Whole amount,	-	-	\$2,757 99
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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WIGHTMAN,

Overseer of the Poor.

No. 315. Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for Sewers.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewers : and that the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 316. Resolution to purchase land for the use of the Fire Department.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the

use of the fire department two certain lots of land, containing about 7,880 square feet, situated on the southwest corner of Burnside and Square streets, in the ninth ward, at an expense not exceeding twenty-nine hundred and fifty dollars, (\$2,950) the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department, provided a deed satisfactory to the City Solicitor be first obtained.

No. 317. Resolution relating to Roger Williams Monument.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee on the Roger Williams Park be and they are hereby instructed to examine the various plans and estimates for a monument to the memory of Roger Williams which have been presented, and report upon the same at an early day.

No. 318. Resolution of inquiry into conduct of Constables.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Police be hereby instructed to enquire into and report upon any disorderly or improper conduct on the part of any person filling the office of constable in the City of Providence, together with such action as they may recommend in reference to the same.

No. 319. Resolution electing not to lay out and widen Thayer Street.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the March term, 1872, to lay out and widen Thayer street, from Power street to Pike street, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation

to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Monday, October 14, 1872: now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court:—

RESOLVED, That the City Council do not elect to make said improvement.

No. 320. Resolution for laying out Lippitt Street.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Lippitt street, forty-five feet wide from East avenue to Randall street; commencing, for the southerly line, on East avenue in range with a line three and one half feet southerly from and parallel with the southerly line of Lippitt street between Dwight street and Camp street; thence in said line to Camp street, thence following the lines of Lippitt street west of Camp street to Riley street; thence to North Main street, and thence to Randall street, and making the southeasterly corner of Charles and Randall streets the southeasterly corner of Randall and Lippitt 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. 321. Resolution for widening North Main, Mill and Charles streets.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen North Main, Mill and Charles streets, from Smith street to Stevens street, by the following described lines, viz.:

Beginning for the westerly line of North Main and Mill streets at the southwesterly corner of Smith and North Main streets; thence a direct line to the northeasterly corner of the Fletcher Manufacturing Company's office building. The easterly line of said Mill street, from Bark street to Charles street to be parallel with and fifty feet from the above described line. Then beginning for Charles street, at the intersection with said easterly line and following the easterly line of Charles street to a point near the northerly side of Orms street; from thence a direct line to Stevens street, being parallel with and fifty feet from the present westerly line of Charles street, north of Orms street. The westerly line of Charles street to be parallel with and fifty feet from the above described easterly line, from the intersection of Mill street before referred to, northerly to Stevens street; the line from opposite said intersection southerly, to be in direct range with that portion of the proposed line adjoining on the north, and following said range to its intersection with the present westerly line of Charles 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. 322. Resolution to pay James Jefferson.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to, pay James Jefferson the sum of ten dollars, in full for damages sustained by him by reason of the flooding of his premises in the basement of What Cheer building, on the occasion of the trial of hydrants, November 23, 1872, to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies, whenever he shall give a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 323. Resolution abating tax of Mary E. Rhodes.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Mary E. Rhodes of New York, the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars and ten cents, (\$143 10) being the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her.

No. 324. Resolution abating tax of Camilla A. Rhodes.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Camilla A. Rhodes of New York, the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars and ten cents (\$143 10) ; being the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her.

No. 325. Resolution abating tax of Emma A. Rhodes.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Emma A. Rhodes, of New York, the sum of one hundred and fifty-five dollars and twenty-five (\$155 25) cents, the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her.

No. 326. Resolution abating tax of Wallace E. Rhodes.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Wallace E. Rhodes, of New York, the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars, (\$162) the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

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

- No. 327. Francis Brown,
328. John Hawkins.
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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved December 13, 1872.)

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

- No. 329. Mary Conners, corner of Fremont and Ives streets.
330. Daniel B. Hawes, Kane street.
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No. 331. Resolution abating tax of John R. Dean.

(Approved December 24, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Lucy L. Dean, of Plainfield, Conn., administratrix on the estate of her husband, John R. Dean, late of said Plainfield, deceased, the sum of forty-three dollars and twenty cents, (\$43 20,) the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against her said husband.

No. 332. Resolution to move street sweepings to
Roger Williams Park.

(Approved January 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause the street sweepings, now deposited on the cove lands, to be moved to the Roger Williams Park; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for public grounds.

No. 333. Report of Special Committee upon erecting
a Market south of Weybosset Bridge.

(Presented December 13, 1872.)

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

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of A. & W. Sprague and others, for a public market over the water south of Weybosset bridge, beg leave to report,—

That in the opinion of your committee it is inexpedient for the city to lease any of the privileges granted the city by the General Assembly, for among other reasons, that it is not believed that said chapter 900 would have been passed had it been supposed that it was in contemplation to let these privileges for the benefit of private individuals; and also for the further reason, that a public market is of so public a nature that it should be under the management of those who represent the public, and also, for the further reason, that it is deemed bad policy to place the territory asked for beyond the control of the city for forty years.

Your committee are, however, of the opinion that both a public market and bridge ought to be built south of Weybosset bridge, and that it ought to be built by and exclusively under the control of the city.

There was also referred to this committee the petition of Alexander Duncan and A. E. Burnside, praying the city to extend the market and to build bridges as far south as Planet street.

In considering this subject, your committee therefore, considered the question whether it was advisable to occupy for the purpose above mentioned, only the territory granted by the General Assembly, or whether the improvement should extend below Crawford street.

However desirable such extension in the opinion of many is, there are these among other objections to it.

First and principal, that it would be attended with vastly more expense; for as you go below Crawford street, the value of the wharves is much greater, and besides, are so occupied as to render it very expensive to cut off water communication. Suppose we take the estate of the Adams Brothers, or of Day & Sprague: the improvements upon these wharves, erected at great expense, would be rendered entirely valueless. It will also, be apparent, that to carry the improvement down to Planet street, would cost about double what it will cost to stop at Crawford street.

Second. It is thought that, for many years to come, the wants of the public will be supplied by a market between Weybosset bridge and Crawford street, and that when the time comes, as come it will, when more will be needed, there is nothing to hinder those of that day, from continuing the work as far down the river as may then be desired.

And thirdly, we have a grant that can be acted upon without asking for more from the General Assembly.

Your committee therefore, recommend that a public market and bridge be built by the city over the water between said Weybosset bridge and the continuation of the southerly line of Crawford street, and to that end recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as also, the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

LUCIAN SHARPE,
Chairman.

No. 334. Resolution relating to the wharf property south of Weybosset Bridge.

(Approved, January 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Alderman Sharpe and Sprague, with Messrs. Van Slyck, Mathewson, Carpenter, N. F. Potter, Jr., and Harris, be hereby appointed a committee to ascertain and report upon what terms the owners of the several wharves upon both sides of Providence river, between Weybosset bridge and a line drawn across said river, in continuation of the southerly line of Crawford street, will sell their respective wharf estates, for the purpose of constructing a bridge and a public market building, one story high, over the river between said points.

No. 337. Resolution for curbing Brook street.

(Approved, January 13, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Highway Commissioners be hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved in Brook street, between Charles Field and Angell streets.

No. 338. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved January 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay James McCready, a policeman, who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty five cents for duty performed in December last.

No. 339. Message from the Mayor relating to the efficiency of the Fire Department, the Fire Hydrants and the Water Works, for extinguishing fires.

(Presented December 21, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, December 21, 1872. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

So many statements were made in the public papers of this city as to the management of the fire department at the burning of the church on Harris avenue, on Sunday, the first instant. by which it appeared that the steam fire engines were not used when they should have been, and that in consequence thereof the church was destroyed, I deemed it proper to ascertain the facts in the case, and therefore requested the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to furnish me with information on the subject. A copy of my letter to him and his answer to the same I furnish herewith.

In order that I might be able to contrast the availability of our water works for the extinguishment of fires, with the facilities in the city of Boston, I requested the Water Commissioners to give me such facts in relation thereto as were at their command, and also, such suggestions in relation to the recent hydrant test as they deemed proper to communicate.

In answer to this, I have received through the commissioners, an able report on the subject from Chief Engineer Shedd, and as the information therein is, in my judgment, of sufficient importance to be spread before the public, I transmit the same herewith, together with my letter to the commissioners and their reply.

THOMAS A DOYLE, Mayor.

[For papers referred to above, see City Document, No. 51.]

No. 345. Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem bonds issued to the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company.

(Presented January 13, 1872.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The Trustees of the sinking fund to redeem city bonds due in 1876, respectfully report that

The following is the statement of the funds held by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds of the City of Providence, payable in 1876, issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

Five Registered Bonds, City of Providence, five per cent. payable 1893,	-	-	-	\$28,000 00
Seven Registered Bonds, City of Providence, six per cent, payable 1876,	.	-	-	92,000 00
Five bonds (coupons) State of Rhode Island, six per cent.,	-	-	-	5,000 00
Note, City of Providence, at six per cent.	-			7,000 00
Cash in National Bank of Commerce,	-			11 16
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				\$132,011 16

Coupons of 1858 unpaid.

A. C. BARSTOW, } *Trustees Sinking Fund*
 BENJAMIN TRIPP, } *City of Prov. Bonds, 1876.*

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 26, 1872.

No. 346. Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem City Bonds due in 1885.

(Presented January 13, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The undersigned, Trustees of the Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the City Bonds, payable in 1885, respectfully report :

That, at the request of the City Auditor, and with him, they have this day examined the bonds, securities and funds under their charge, and report them as follows, viz. :

Seventeen City of Providence, registered, six per cent. bonds, payable in 1885, (coupons in March and Sept.,)	- - - -	\$127,000 00
Twelve City of Providence, registered, five per cent. bonds, payable 1893, (coupons in January and July,)	- - - -	104,000 00
Seven City of Providence registered six per cent. bonds payable in 1876. (Coupons in January and July),	- - - -	24,000 00
Twenty-one State of Rhode Island six per cent. bonds, payable in 1893, (coupons January and July, March and September, April and October,)	- - - -	21,000 00
Three United States six per cent. currency bonds payable in 1898, (Coupons January and July)		16,000 00
Ten U. S. 10-40 bonds, \$1000 each, gold, (coupons March and September,)	- - - -	10,000 00
City of Providence note No. 463, dated Sept, 2, 1872, payable March 2, 1873, at six per cent. for	- - - -	13,000 00
City of Providence Note, No. 468, dated October 15, 1872. payable March 2, 1873, at seven per cent.,	- - - -	10,000 00
Cash in National Bank of Commerce, Prov.,	-	676 69
Total amount December 31, 1872,	-	<u>\$325,676 69</u>

The fund, as reported in January, 1872, gave an increase of \$29,041.82. The present report gives an increase of \$23,634.87. If the January 1873 interest, had been added to this present increase, the balance would have been \$28,381.56, the January interest amounting to \$4,070.00.

Your trustees again ask the acceptance of the resignation tendered by them, in July last, and which has not been withdrawn, simply deferred at the request of your honorable body, but respectfully urged at this time.

In closing their report your trustees have pleasure in acknowledging the prompt, valuable, gratuitous services of Mr. Gilbert Hagan, and the courtesies of the National Bank of Commerce, in the collection and disbursement of the coupons and other funds.

HENRY ANTHONY, } *Trustees Sink-*
ELISHA DYER, } *ing Fund of 1885.*

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1872.

No. 349. Report of the Commissioners of the
Cove Lands.

(Presented January 13, 1873.)

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

The commissioners of the cove lands, in accordance with a resolution of the City Council, approved November 6, 1872, make this report.

The commissioners have approved a plan which contemplates the concentration in the Woonasquatucket valley, of all the passenger and freight business of the several railroad companies now using the cove lands for railroad purposes. The main features of this plan are: *First*, A change in the location of the tracks of the Providence and Worcester and Boston and Providence railroads, south of Branch bridge, so called, so that these

roads will enter the city at a point about five hundred feet east of the Rhode Island Locomotive Works : their present location to be abandoned as such. *Second*, The erection of a passenger station sufficiently commodious to furnish each railroad with two tracks for their own purposes, with ample waiting rooms and offices for all the companies. All the tracks in the building to be parallel with each other. *Third*, The erection of four freight stations, two on either side of the passenger station. *Fourth*, The preservation of the cove basin, with but a slight reduction in size, made for the purpose of widening the present cove promenade. The earth dredged from the basin to be used for this enlargement, and *Fifth*, The abandonment by the railroad companies of all the lands and buildings now used by them.

The plan prepared for the commissioners by S. B. Cushing, Esq., has been submitted to the representatives of the various railroads using the cove lands, and lithographic copies thereof will be furnished to them at an early date. As soon as this is done, the commissioners will be ready to confer with committees from the several railroad companies, in order to arrive at a definite arrangement, to be submitted to your honorable body. The plan referred to has been placed in the chamber of the Common Council for the inspection of the members of both branches of the City Council.

The whole amount expended by the commissioners, up to the date of this report, has been as follows, viz.:

For salary of engineer,	-	-	\$2,500 00
For salary of clerk,	-	-	500 00
For rent of offices,	-	-	750 00
For office expenses, including fuel, lights, care of rooms, furniture, stationery, lithographing and miscellaneous matters.	-	-	889 14
Total expenditures,	-	-	<u>\$4,639 14</u>

Respectfully submitted, by order of the commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, January 13, 1873.

No. 350. Message from the Mayor asking for an appropriation for Asylum Walls and Buildings.

(Presented January 13, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 13, 1873. }

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

I am directed by the Board of Aldermen to request that an additional appropriation of thirty-five hundred dollars may be made for the "Asylum walls and buildings," the appropriation of five thousand dollars made for that account for the current fiscal year having been exhausted. The cost of introducing water into the asylum buildings and premises having been the cause of the unusual expenditure already made.

By order of the Board of Aldermen,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 351. Message from the Mayor in relation to interest coupons due from Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

(Presented January 13, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 13, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

By a resolution of the City Council approved August 12, 1872, the trustees of the sinking fund to redeem the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company were directed "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." No action has been taken under the resolution by the trustees, and as the balance of interest received from the railroad company on the first

instant, is now in the city treasury, I recommend that the City Treasurer be directed to apply the same towards the payment of the outstanding coupons upon the bonds of said company, now held by the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 352. Resolution relating to coupons due from Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to apply the balance of interest received by him from the trustees of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad company, on the first instant, towards the payment of the outstanding coupons on the bonds of said railroad company held by the city.

No. 353. Message from the Mayor in relation to Sinking Funds.

(Presented, January 13, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 13, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have heretofore called the attention of the city council to the vacancies existing in the several boards of trustees of the various sinking funds belonging to the city, and the difficulty of obtaining persons to accept positions on these boards. I now recommend that application be made to the General Assembly, at its present session, for authority for the city council to create a permanent board of commissioners, who shall have the management of all sinking funds established for the redemption of any bonds issued by the city, or for the payment of any note given by the city, and that this board be exempt from giving bonds for the performance of their duties.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 354. Resolution to apply for power to create Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby instructed to apply to the General Assembly, at its present session, for authority for the city council to create a permanent board of commissioners to control and manage all sinking funds set apart for the redemption of any bonds heretofore issued by the city which have not matured or any bonds which may hereafter be issued by the city, or for the payment of any note given by the city, and providing that said commissioners shall not be required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties.

No. 355. Resolution to apply for power to condemn land for School purposes.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be directed to make application to the General Assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the city council of the City of Providence to condemn and for public school purposes; also to obtain the passage of an act regulating the storage, safe keeping and sale of fireworks in the city of Providence.

No. 356. Resolutions for erecting an Engine House on Burnside and Square Streets.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be hereby directed to cause to be erected upon the lot belonging to the city, corner of Burnside and Square streets, a steam fire engine house, in accordance with the plans and specifications presented this day by the committee on the fire department.

RESOLVED, That the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) be hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 357. Resolution abating tax of Stephen C. Arnold.

(Approved January 15, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to refund to Stephen C. Arnold the sum of fourteen dollars and eighty-five cents, being amount of tax erroneously assessed against him for the years 1871 and 1872.

No. 358. Resolution abating tax of William
Grosvenor, Jr.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to remit or, if already paid, to refund to William Grosvenor Jr., the sum of twenty dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him.

No. 359. Resolution abating tax of Ellen M. Glezen.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Ellen M. Glezen the sum of one hundred sixty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents, being the amount of tax on twelve thousand two hundred and fifty dollars erroneously assessed against her.

No. 360. Resolution abating tax of Stephen Paine.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Stephen Paine the sum of fifty-four dollars, being the amount of tax on four thousand dollars erroneously assessed against him.

No. 361. Resolution to pay claim of Nathan B. Horton.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Nathan B. Horton the sum of eighty-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents, in full for his claim for labor and materials furnished for fitting the vestry of the Valley Church for an evening school, to be charged to the appropriation for public schools, whenever he shall give a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

No. 362. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Spencer Waters to raise a certain building located on Manning street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 363. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to George W. B. Bourn 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.

I N C O N V E N T I O N .

JANUARY 20, 1873.

The following city officers are elected :

City Engineer, -	Charles E. Paine.
Superintendent of Public Buildings,	Obadiah Slade.

Committee to superintend the building of chimneys and the placing of stoves and pipes,	Samuel W. Hartshorn.
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Police Constables without power to serve civil process.

Thomas T. Waite,	William H. Greene, [3d.]
L. W. Smith,	Hugh Hammill.

GIDEON BRADFORD is elected by concurrent vote, on the 20 day of January, 1873, Highway Commissioner for three years ensuing the first day of February, 1873.

No. 364. Resolution to pay Stephen C. Arnold.

(Approved January 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to refund to Stephen C. Arnold the sum of nineteen dollars and ninety-three cents, being the amount paid by said Stephen C.

Arnold, for tax title to a portion of lot No. 626, on Assessors' Plat No. 48, for recording deed and for taxes on the same; said title proving defective for want of legal notice of sale.

No. 365. Resolution for a Vane and Pointers on the Flag-Staff at the junction of High and Broad streets.

(Approved January 20, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be hereby instructed to cause a vane and pointers to be placed upon the flag staff at the junction of High and Broad streets, if in their opinion, the staff is sufficiently strong] to support the same.

No. 366. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground.

(Presented January 15, 1873.)

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

The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, make this, their Annual Report, of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending November 31, 1872.

Balance in city treasury, January 1, 1872, \$318 31

RECEIPTS.

Received for sales, one hundred and two burial lots,	- - -	\$6,397 85
“ “ rents of buildings,	- - -	1,158 00
“ “ “ “ tomb,	- - -	147 76
“ “ interments,	- - -	877 72
“ “ improvements on lots,	- - -	453 50
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		\$9,034 83
Inventory of property on hand, inclosed,	- - -	694 00
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		\$10,047 14

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for labor of grading, and for clearing avenues and paths,	-	-	-	\$3,203 42
Paid labor on lots, preparing them for sale,				
" for setting curbing on proprietors' lots	-			1,199 80
" labor for interments,	-	-		815 83
" horse feed,	-	-	-	286 24
" salaries of superintendent and treasurer,	-			1,800 00
" police \$27, tools &c., \$63.49,			-	90 49
" for brick, cement, &c.,	-	-	-	271 67
" for labor in repairing buildings,	-			57 96
" Surveying,	-	-	-	28 80
" one lot to open avenue,			-	30 00
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				\$7,784 21
Balance on hand, being one quarter of gross income from sales of lots, rents, &c., &c., to be applied to Sinking Fund, North Burying Ground, viz : Income, \$9,034 83, one quarter is	-	-	\$2,258 70	
Balance in city treasury,			4 23	
			<hr/>	\$2262 93
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				\$10,047 14

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM EARLE,

for the Commissioners.

Providence, January, 1873.

No. 367. Report of the Committee to settle with the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for damages in laying out Thayer Street.

(Presented Januar 15, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The special committee appointed by the City Council on the eighth day of July last "with full power, in their discretion, to adjust and settle the claims of the Friends' Yearly Meeting, for damages sustained by them in the extension and opening of Thayer Street," ask leave to report, that after repeated conference with the committee of the Friends, your committee have effected a settlement of this claim, by paying the Friends' Yearly Meeting, seven thousand five hundred dollars, a proper receipt for which payment is now on file in the City Auditor's office.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS W. SNOW,

For the committee.

No. 368. Message from the Mayor relating to the Municipal Year.

(Presented January 20, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 20, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

With the growth of a city its municipal affairs increase in consequence, and demand from those intrusted with their management more careful consideration. Determining the sum to

be raised by taxation is, perhaps, the most important matter brought to the attention of the City Council. The estimates of expenditures to be made during the ensuing financial year should be carefully scrutinized in order that the tax to be levied may afford ample means to properly meet the wants of the various departments, and at the same time, cover any increased demand arising from the ordinary growth of the city, while it should not be so large as to encourage unnecessary appropriations for measures of doubtful expediency, or leave a large balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year.

Under the present organization of our city government, the annual tax ordinance cannot receive that consideration which should be bestowed upon it. The new government is inaugurated on the first Monday in June, many of its members, it may be, entering for the first time upon the performance of any municipal duty. As soon as they have assumed their office, they are called to consider the estimates for the next fiscal year, in order that the tax ordinance may be passed as early in July as possible, so as to secure the collection of the tax by the first of December. The result is as I have already stated, that proper care cannot be bestowed upon it in the limited time afforded for its discussion.

The tax bill is not, however, the only subject which suffers in consequence of this defect in our municipal organization. The evil is felt in all departments of the government. From the time of the municipal election in May until September, there is a disinclination on the part of members of the City Council to attend its meetings. Business is hurried rapidly through to shorten the sessions, while committees are unable to obtain a quorum for the proper consideration of matters before them. The new members find it difficult to obtain any knowledge of the subjects they are called to vote upon, and so it may be said, that not until after the expiration of three months, does our city government fairly begin to move in proper order. The bad effects of this have long been apparent, but there has been an unwillingness to change the existing order of things. I think, however, that the change should be made, and cannot be done too quickly for the welfare

of our city. I therefore recommend that an application be made to the General Assembly, at its present session, for such an amendment to the city charter as will fix the municipal election in November, and the organization of the government on the first Monday of January. If this change be made, the City Council will convene at a season of the year when the meetings will not be burdensome, when the members and their families are living in the city, and the affairs of the city will receive the care they deserve. Then the summer vacation will work no injury to our municipality, for its affairs will have been placed in proper condition for it, and they will move on without the jar in the machinery which now occurs. The government elected in May next, and to be inaugurated in June, may hold office until January next, or the succeeding January, as may be deemed most expedient.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 369. Resolution to apply for an act changing the times of the municipal election and the annual organization of the government.

(Approved, January 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly, at its present session, for such an amendment to the city charter as will change the date of the municipal election from the second Wednesday of May to the third Wednesday in November annually, and the inauguration of the government from the first Monday in June to the first Monday in January of each year.

No. 370. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Street Records and Plats.

(Presented January 20, 1872.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 20, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The original papers and 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 this connection, I desire to call your attention to the necessity which exists of a proper record of such streets as have been received and declared to be public highways. The completion of such a record, with proper plats, will be of great value, and increase in importance from year to year.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 371. Resolution relating to the Street Records
and Plats.

(Approved, January 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed September 9, 1872, to cause the indices 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, to be prepared therefor, and said records and said plats to be properly indexed.

No. 374. Resolution to widen Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street.

(Approved January 20, 1873.)

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 the 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. 375. Resolution to amend the award to Stephen C. Arnold, for laying out Summer street.

(Approved January 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment upon Summer street, made to the Supreme Court at the March term, A. D., 1871, by increasing the award to Stephen C. Arnold, from twelve hundred and sixty-three dollars to fifteen hundred dollars, and that said amount be payable forthwith.

No. 376. Resolution to amend the award to George Jepherson for laying out Summer street.

(Approved January 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Summer street made to the Supreme Court at the March Term, A. D. 1871, by increasing the award to George Jepherson, from six hundred and six dollars to seven hundred and twenty-five dollars, and that said amount be payable forthwith.

No. 377. Resolution abating assessment against John Foster, for curbstones.

(Approved January 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to refund to John Foster, the sum of twenty-three dollars and fifty cents, the same having been erroneously charged against him in bill for curbing sidewalk adjacent to his premises on the corner of Penn and Almy streets, and paid by him.

No. 378. Report of the Joint Committee on Education, with Resolutions for Building a School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the communication of the School Committee, transmitting plans by them adopted for a grammar school building, to be erected on the estate at the corner of Point and Plane streets, respectfully report :—

That they have examined, not only the plans transmitted as approved or adopted by said School Committee, but all the other plans transmitted, with great care ; that the result of such examination was, not to adopt or recommend to the City Council the adoption of either of said plans. The architect who drew or made the plans adopted by the School Committee, himself estimated the cost of the structure at one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, a sum deemed by your committee too large to be expended for such a purpose, and while desirous of following the action of the School Committee in all things in reference to school matters, yet upon this account alone, that is, cost, we were compelled to reject said plans. At our request, said architect, Mr. H. M. Wilson, and Mr. Clifton A. Hall (who had presented plans that had many things in them to be desired, particularly in the internal arrangement, and in view of economy) consented to remodel their plans, and jointly to prepare new plans containing merits of both, and also, to be within what was deemed by your committee, a reasonable cost for a grammar school building. Said architects, under the supervision of your committee, and after consultation with many of the friends of education, have presented to your committee, the plans accompanying this report, which plans meet with the entire approval of your committee ; nor is it thought that these plans substantially differ from what was desired by the School Committee, so far as accommodation is concerned, but, on the

other hand, that such accommodation is obtained at a very much less expense.

Your committee recommend the building of said grammar school building, according to the accompanying plans and elevations, and to that end, the passage of the resolutions herewith submitted.

For the committee.

N. VAN SLYCK, Chairman.

RESOLVED, That Cyrus B. Manchester, Joseph F. Gilmore and Spencer P. Read be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to build, and are hereby authorized and empowered to build, a grammar school building, upon the lot purchased for that purpose on the corner of Point and Plane streets, in accordance with the plans and elevations recommended by the Committee on Education, and presented with their report.

RESOLVED, That the said commissioners shall each receive compensation at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and shall make a quarterly report of their doings, which report shall contain a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements by them received or disbursed during said quarter: provided, that no commission shall be paid to any architect employed by said commissioners, for plans or superintendence.

RESOLVED, That said commissioners be hereby directed to report to the City Council the best plans in their opinion, for lighting, plumbing and heating said building.

No. 379. Resolution appropriating \$30,000 for School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the commissioners on building the grammar school building the lot at the

corner of Point and Plane streets, to be by them used toward the erection of said building, and to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 380. Message from the Mayor in relation to applying for power to re-grade the Brook street district.

(Presented January 29, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 29, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Brook street is the natural outlet for the drainage of that portion of the city between Prospect street and Hope street.

The construction of the main sewer for this district, already ordered by the City Council, involves the opening of Brook street as already laid out, through what is known as Fox point hill. To accomplish this, an excavation of thirty feet in depth will be necessary, subjecting the city to heavy damages therefor, and rendering necessary a change of grades in other streets in that vicinity. It would seem advisable, under the circumstances, that the city should obtain from the General Assembly authority to re-grade the entire district lying between the harbor and Traverse street on the west, Wickenden and Bower streets on the north, and Seekonk river on the east, and to re-lay the streets therein.

With this authority power should also be obtained to purchase or take any estates which may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the act.

I recommend that a special committee be appointed by the City Council, to take the whole matter into consideration, and report thereon as soon as may be.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 381. Resolution referring the same to a Joint Special Committee.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor in relation to newly grading the Brook street district, be referred to Aldermen Root and Earle, with Messrs. Case, N. F. Potter, Jr., and Sellew, of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 382. Message from the Mayor in relation to the claim of Albert Dailey & Co., for damages to the Dorrance street dock.

(Presented January 29, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 29, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from Messrs. Albert Dailey & Co. a communication in relation to injury sustained by them, in consequence of the filling of the Dorrance street dock, by the sewage from the sewer on that street. I transmit their communication herewith, and suggest its reference to a committee of the City Council, to examine and report thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, January 29, 1873.

TO THE HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

We would respectfully represent that we are owners and occupants of Dorrance street dock, and also of Ship street dock, and have suffered damage from the city drains depositing into said docks, and would ask that a committee be appointed on the part of the city to confer with us, in order that we may adjust such damages. By presenting this, our request, you will oblige,
Very respectfully,

ALBERT DAILEY & Co.

No. 383. Resolution referring the same to a Joint Special Committee.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message from the Mayor in relation to the claim of Messrs. Albert Dailey & Co., for damages sustained by the filling up of the docks at Dorrance street, be referred to Aldermen Spencer and Sprague, with Messrs. Fisher, Rickard and Carpenter of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 384. Message from the Mayor in relation to the Bequest of John Crain.

(Presented January 29, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 29, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received notice from the executor of the will of John Crain, late of Pawtucket, deceased, that Mr. Crain, by his will, bequeathed the sum of two hundred dollars to this city, the interest thereon to be applied to keeping in order lot No. 32 in the North Burying Ground, standing in the name of Anthony Budlong. I recommend that the bequest be accepted by the City Council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PAWTUCKET, January 23, 1873.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

Sir—John Crain, a citizen of this town, deceased in September last, leaving a will in which was the following bequest:

"I give and bequeath to the corporation of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, in trust, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), the interest of the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be applied to keeping the grounds

of the burial lot No. 32, standing in the name of Anthony Budlong, and located in the North Burial Ground, in the City of Providence; and if the interest on said fund should exceed the sum necessary to keep the same in proper order, the excess shall be paid into the city treasury, for the use of said city."

Will you please place this before the proper authorities for acceptance, and upon due notice, I am prepared to pay over the same, as directed in and by said will.

Respectfully yours, &c.

LEWIS PEARCE,
Executor of the Will of John Crain.

No. 385. Resolution referring the same to the Joint Committee on the North Burying Ground.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor in relation to the bequest of John Crain, of two hundred dollars to the city in trust, the income to be applied to the care of the lot of Anthony Budlong, in the North Burying Ground, be referred to the Joint Committee on the North Burying Ground, to examine and report thereon.

No. 386. Resolution electing not to widen and straighten Hope street.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court at the March Term, 1872, to widen and straighten Hope street, under and pursuant to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on Tuesday, December 3, 1872: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council do elect not to make said improvement.

No. 387. Resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners to widen and straighten Hope street.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen and straighten Hope street, in said city, as follows: beginning for the easterly line at the northwesterly corner of the house belonging to Philip H. Durfee, in the easterly line of said Hope street, at a point one hundred and five and sixty one hundredths feet northerly from the northerly line of John street; thence in a direct line northerly to an angle at a point in the northerly line of Power street, nine and fifty-five hundredths feet easterly from the present easterly line of said Hope street; thence in a direct line to an angle at the present southerly line of Young Orchard avenue, so called, ninety four hundredths feet easterly from the present easterly line of Hope street; thence in the present easterly line of Hope street to the centre line of Benevolent street; thence in a direct line to an angle at the centre line of George street, and at the present easterly line of Hope street; thence in the present easterly line of Hope street to the southerly line of Angell street; thence across Angell street, to a point in the northerly line thereof, four and six-tenths feet easterly of the present easterly line of Hope street; thence in a direct line to an angle at the range of the northerly line of Bowen street, passing through a point four and fifty-eight hundredths feet easterly of the southwest corner on Hope street of the Dexter Asylum estate; thence in a direct line to a point fifty feet (measuring on said line) from the easterly line of Thayer street, passing through a point twenty-nine and twenty-four hundredths feet easterly of the angle in the present easterly line of Hope street, opposite the house of Patrick O'Connor; thence to said easterly line of Thayer street, in a curve of the radius of two hundred and five and sixty-three hundredths feet.

And for the westerly line of said Hope street, a line fifty feet westerly from and parallel with the above described easterly line, from said point of beginning to Barnes 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. 388. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to re-lay Greenwich street.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to re-lay Greenwich street, from Broad street to the bridge over the railroad of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company, of a width of not less than fifty feet.

No. 389. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Nash lane.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out Nash lane, from North Main street to Shove street.

No. 390. Resolution to pay Bernard McGuinness for land on Nash lane.

(Approved January 29, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Bernard McGuinness ninety nine dollars and eighty cents, being the sum advanced by him for the payment of the price of land conveyed to the city on Nash lane by the Franklin Foundry and Machine Company, and Allen's Print Works, the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 391. Resolution to pay Michael Montague.

(Approved February 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and hereby is directed to pay to Michael Montague the sum of two hundred dollars, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the City Solicitor, in full for damages sustained by him from overflow of the sewer on Wickenden street: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 392. Resolution transferring \$3,500 to the appropriation for Asylum Walls and Buildings.

(Approved February 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for asylum walls and buildings.

No. 393. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Water Loan and Water Works.

(Presented February 3, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 3, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The entire expense of the introduction of water into this city, prior to the issue of the water loan, was defrayed from the city treasury, and a large sum of money was hired to meet this expenditure, the interest on which has not been re-paid to the treasury from the water loan.

There were also expenses properly chargeable to the water loan, but which were not contracted by the water commissioners and cannot be audited by them.

Action on this matter is required by the city council, and an appropriation should be made to meet the deficiency, in order that the proper transfer of the account may be made by the city treasurer.

An appropriation should also, be made for the semi-annual interest due on the water loan, January first, last.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 394. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor in relation to the expenses of the introduction of water, be and is hereby referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 395. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to James McCready, a policeman, who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, for duty performed in January last.

No. 396. Report of Joint Special Committee on Roger Williams Park.

(Presented February 10, 1873.)

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

The committee appointed by resolution of the City Council, approved February 19, 1872, to procure proper plans for the lay-out of Roger Williams Park, make this report:

The committee have been engaged in the performance of the duty assigned to them, but inasmuch as a portion of the land devised to the city by Miss Betsy Williams is situated in the town of Cranston, they deemed it inexpedient to complete any plans for the lay-out of the park until after the General Assembly had passed upon the bill pending before them for the annexation to the city of that portion of the town of Cranston containing the land in question, and such other estates as may be required for the proper lay-out of the park.

As the bill will come up for consideration at the present session of the General Assembly, your committee have deemed it proper to remind your honorable body of the course pursued by the city of Providence and town of Cranston, when that portion of Cranston embraced in what is now the ninth ward of this city was annexed to this city.

At that time three commissioners were appointed by the city and three by the town, and these six elected a seventh commissioner as chairman of the board thus created. This board determined the lines of the territory to be annexed and all matters connected with or arising from the annexation.

Your committee are of the opinion that the same course should be pursued at the present time, in reference to the territory now desired to be annexed to this city from the town of Cranston, and they, therefore, recommend that the City Council request the town of Cranston to unite in the appointment of the required board of commissioners, by the passage of the resolution herewith submitted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, February 10, 1873.

No. 397. Resolutions relating to the annexation of a portion of the Town of Cranston.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

WHEREAS, A bill is now pending before the General Assembly of this state for the annexation of a portion of the town of Cranston to the city of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Before action be had thereon by the General Assembly, it is desirable and necessary that this city and said town shall fully consider the matter; therefore,

RESOLVED, That three commissions, who shall be tax payers and citizens of this city, be appointed for the purpose:

First—Of preparing a map of the territory to be set off.

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

Third—Of the amount of public property belonging to said town, in said portion, and also, of all public property belonging to the town in the portion not set off.

Fourth—Of the amount of indebtedness of the town justly belonging to the portion so set off, and of how much of the entire debt of the town should be assumed by said city; and

Fifth—Of examining and reporting upon all matters bearing upon said division of the town which, in the judgment of said commissioners, may be desirable and necessary to report upon.

RESOLVED, That the town of Cranston be, and they are hereby requested to appoint three citizens of said town as commissioners to confer with the commissioners appointed by this city in the matter embraced in the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLVED, That if commissioners be appointed by said town, they, with those appointed by this city, shall (said town council assenting thereto) compose a board who shall appoint an additional commissioner as chairman, and the report of said board shall be submitted as soon as may be, to the city council of this city, and the town council of said town.

RESOLVED, That the city clerk be and he is hereby instructed to transmit an attested copy of the foregoing resolutions with the names of the commissioners this day appointed, to the president of the town council of the town of Cranston, with a request that he will communicate the same to the town council at an early day.

No. 398. Report of Special Committee to confer with parties who appeal from the awards of the Commissioners to widen Broad, street near Snow street.

(Presented February 10, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The undersigned who on the twenty-fifth day of November 1872, were appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the widening of Broad steet, respectfully report that the parties claim \$9,757 in addition to the amounts awarded by the commissioners, viz: the Fuller heirs, \$1,575; G. & S. Owen, \$4,460; Francis Salmon, \$3,722.

For the committee.

L. SHARPE, Chairman.

February 10, 1873.

No. 399. Report of Special Committee to confer with the owners of the wharves on Dyer and South Water streets.

(Presented February 10, 1873.)

The special committee appointed January 13, 1873, to ascertain upon what terms the owners of the several wharves, upon both sides of Providence river, below Weybosset bridge, would sell their estates, beg leave to report, that in obedience to the resolution passed by city council, they caused the owners of the wharves upon South Water and Dyer streets to be notified to appear before your committee, and that the representatives of owners and the greater part of the owners appeared, when their attention was called to said resolution: that all expressed themselves in favor of the improvement, but none save two, were prepared to give figures. The assurance was however given by the others, that no impediments would be place in the way of the proposed improvement.

Your committee recommend that immediate steps be taken to condemn the land necessary for public highways in said South Water and Dyer streets.

For the committee,

L. SHARPE, Chairman.

February 10, 1873.

No. 405. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer from Atwell's avenue to Elm street.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid from Atwell's avenue through Bourn street, Broadway, Carpenter, Jackson, High, Chestnut and Elm streets to the river, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 406. Resolution for placing vanes and pointers upon the Bell Towers.

(Approved, February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the advice of the committee on city property, is hereby directed to finish the fire alarm bell towers, by causing a suitable vane with the cardinal points of the compass to be placed upon each of said towers; the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, and to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 407. Resolution appointing a Committee to confer with the parties who appeal from the awards of the Commissioners on Superior street.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Case, A. J. Barnaby and Sellev with Alderman Sweet, be hereby appointed a committee to confer with such parties as have given or may give notice of appeal from the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment upon the lay out of Superior street, and to report to the City Council upon what terms said parties will withdraw their appeals.

No. 408. Resolution abating tax of John Gorham, Trustee.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to John Gorham, trustee for Amanda G. Harris, the sum of one hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty cents, (\$121.50) the amount of tax erroneously assessed against him as such trustee.

No. 409. Resolution abating tax of Charles C. and
Henry M. Taber.

(Approved February 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Charles C. and Henry M. Taber, the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-five cents, (\$157.95) the amount of tax erroneously assessed against them.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 10, 1873.

The following officers are elected :

Commissioners to confer with the town of Cranston in relation to the annexation of a portion of said town.

James Y. Smith,	George P. Tew,
Joseph B. Mathewson,	
Surveyor of Lumber,	John B. Winship.

The Mayor presents a proposed act for the establishment of a board of public works. Read; whereupon it is *voted*, that the city solicitor be hereby directed to apply to the general assembly for the passage of said act.

No. 410. Resolution relating to property exempt
from taxation.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to make application to the general assembly, at its present session, for the passage of an act limiting the amount of land to be held free of taxation, for religious or educational purposes, to five acres.

No. 411. Resolution accepting bequest of John Crain.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the bequest of John Crain be and hereby is accepted, in accordance with his will, dated September 1872; and the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Lewis Pearce, executor of the will of John Crain, the amount named in said bequest, and apply the same to the object named in said will.

No. 412. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Gleason 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. 413. Report of Special Committee to enlarge the Sewer in Cove street and Exchange Place.

(Presented February 24, 1873.)

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 10, 1873.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned, who, together with Moses B. Lockwood, were by resolution, approved October 9, 1871, appointed a committee to cause in their discretion, the tidal drain, so called, in Cove street and Exchange Place, to be enlarged by deepening, and the direction of the inlets to be changed, substantially in accordance with the recommendation of the water commissioners, respectfully report.

Moses B. Lockwood, died on the thirteenth day of May last.

The direction of the inlets at Exchange street and of that in front of the Phenix building has been changed. In consequence of the proposition which had been favorably received for an intersecting sewer at Jackson street, further work upon the drain was suspended. The cost of the work is four hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy-four cents (\$416.74). A detailed statement of bills, etc., agreeing in total amount with the cost as above stated, is hereunto appended and is made a part of this report.

CHARLES E. CARPENTER, }
JOSEPH J. COOKE, } Committee.

Schedule of bills approved by the committee to cause in their discretion, the tidal drain, so called, in Cove street and Exchange Place, to be enlarged by deepening, and the direction of the inlets to be changed.

DATE OF APPROVAL.	NO.		
Dec. 8, 1871.	1.	A. Mundell, labor and materials,	\$294 49
" 16, "	2.	Richard Fenner, stone, - -	23 00
" " "	3.	Geo. W. Hall & Co., cement and bick, -	13 35
" 23, "	4.	Thomas O'Hara, labor, - - -	14 00
" " "	5.	Patrick Sheridan, labor and oil, -	14 16
Oct. 29, 1872.	6.	Charles H. Pierce, sundry small bills, -	15 53
		12 iron rods from Fountain street sewer,	
		104½ lbs. at 4½ c. - - -	4 71
Jan. 7, 1863.		Prov. Water Works, services of engineers,	37 50
		Cost of work, - - - -	\$416 74

No. 414. Resolution for a schedule of property exempt from taxation.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the assessors of taxes be and they are hereby directed to report to the city council, as soon as practicable, a schedule of all the property in the city now by law exempted from taxation, with its valuation and the names of the owners thereof.

No. 415. Resolutions for purchasing land for School purposes on Bacon street.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property, acting under the advice of the city solicitor, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase of William Schroeder and Amos N. Beckwith, at a price not exceeding nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200,) two lots of land with the buildings thereon, situated on Bacon street, for the purpose of enlarging the grammar school lot on Doyle avenue.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the sum aforesaid.

No. 416. Resolution electing to lay out Superior street.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term 1872, to lay out Superior street, from Cranston street to Dexter 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 Tuesday, December 31, 1872; 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. 417. Resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners to widen Dyer street and South Water street.

(Approved February 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to widen Dyer street, on the easterly

side, by including therein all the land lying between said street and the harbor, from Weybosset bridge to a line drawn in continuation of the southerly line of Pine street to the easterly side of Dyer street, thence to a line ranging across the river with the southeasterly corner of South Water and Crawford streets.

Also, to widen South Water street, on the westerly side, by including therein all the land lying between said street and the harbor, between Weybosset bridge and Crawford 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 one-half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

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

No. 418. Report of Joint Special Committee upon the subject of newly grading the Brook street district.

(Presented February 24, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee, who were by resolution approved January 29, 1873, appointed to examine and report upon the message of the mayor in relation to newly grading the Brook street district, report:

That after thorough examination of the case, your committee came to the conclusion that the grading of Brook street, between Pike and India streets, as already laid out, would, if nothing further was done, subject the city to heavy damages, many of the estates being nearly thirty feet above the established grade of said street, besides rendering necessary a change of grade for other streets leading out of or crossing Brook street.

They therefore requested J. Herbert Shedd, Esq., chief engineer of the Providence water works, under whose direction the plans for the drainage of the district were prepared, and under whose immediate supervision all public drains lately ordered, have been, or are being constructed, to prepare a plan for re-grading the district and a re-lay of the streets therein: also, to have two models of the district made, one showing the present condition of the hill and the other the condition when re-graded and the streets re-laid. An examination of these models will, we think, convince any one of the necessity of changing the grades as proposed by your committee, in order that a district, now useless for business purposes, fronting on the deepest water of our harbor, may be made available for the shipping and transportation business now being rapidly developed at this point.

The plan of Mr. Shedd was unanimously adopted by the committee, and together with the models, are herewith presented for your consideration.

To carry this plan into effect would necessarily involve a heavy expense to the owners of the estates to be graded, many of whom are unable to bear the burden thus imposed; it would therefore seem to be but just that the city should take these estates at their present valuation, looking to the sale of the property after the district has been graded, to reimburse it for the expenditure made. This course has been adopted in other cities where similar work has had to be done.

A draft of an act prepared by the city solicitor, authorizing the city to take so much of the district as will be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the plan, accompanies this report, and your committee recommend that the city solicitor be direct-

ed to make application to the general assembly for its enactment.

Your committee believe that the increase in the value of the property to be taken by the re-grading of the district, would enable the city to cover the expense necessary to do the work.

Your committee also, recommend that the grade of Wickenden street be changed so as to make one grade from Benefit street to Brook street, thereby doing away with the depression in Wickenden street, opposite the police station.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee.

GEORGE B. EARLE, Chairman.

Providence, February 24, 1873.

No. 420. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for Interest on the Water Loan.

(Approved, March 3, 1873.)

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

No. 421. Resolution appropriating \$110,000 for expenses and interest of the introduction of water.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest on money hired to defray the cost of the introduction of water, prior to the issue of the water bonds; also,

other expenses incurred for said introduction of water, but not contracted by the water commissioners ; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 422. Resolution abating taxes.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to abate the several taxes assessed in the years 1869 and 1870, reported by the city treasurer as uncollectable, and amounting to forty eight hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-nine cents.

No. 423. Resolution for paving Washington street.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set, and the street re paved with granite blocks, on Washington street, from Dorance street to Walker street.

No. 424. Resolution for curbing Lester street.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Lester street, from Bridgham street to Gilmore street.

No. 427. Message from the Mayor relating to
Blackstone Park.

(Presented March 3, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 3, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On the 10th of December, 1866, Messrs. William P. Vaughn and Moses B. Jenkins, conveyed to the city, by deed, a tract of land containing nearly five acres, situated near the Seekonk river, and designated as "Blackstone Park."

On the 16th of January following, the city council accepted the gift, on the conditions fixed by the donors. Since that time no steps have been taken to improve this property as a public park. It would seem to be a wise policy to take some measures to lay out this land as a public park, and not continue the unwise policy of accepting gifts of real estate to be set apart as public grounds, and allowing them to remain simply waste lands. I therefore recommend that the joint committee on city property be directed to report a plan for the proper improvement of Blackstone Park.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 428. Resolution to procure plans for improving
Blackstone Park.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be hereby instructed to cause a plan to be prepared for the laying out and improving of Blackstone Park.

No. 429. Resolution transferring appropriation.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for school-houses and lots, to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school estate.

No. 430. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for power to newly grade the Brook street district.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the general assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the City of Providence to take so much of the real estate bounded by Traverse street on the west, Wickenden and Bower streets on the north, and on the east and south by the river, as may be necessary for the purpose of re-grading the district.

No. 431. Resolution to pay claim of Thomas Sweet.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to, pay Thomas Sweet, the sum of twenty-five dollars, in compensation for his services in attending upon Miss Shepard, who was injured by falling upon the ice, on Thanksgiving day, 1871, on the occasion of the water celebration.

No. 432. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved March 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay James McCready, a policeman who has been appointed, but not confirmed, the sum of seventy-seven dollars, for duty performed in February last.

No. 433. Joint Standing Committees.

In Common Council, March 3, 1873.

Mr. Horatio Rogers having been appointed by ballot, a member of the committee on accounts, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Thomas E. Steere : and also, a member of the joint standing committee on police : and Mr. Henry L. Parsons having been appointed a member of the joint standing committee on claims ; it is ordered, that the foregoing appointments be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Attest : J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, March 12, 1873. Read.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

 No. 434. Communication from Town Council of Cranston relating to annexation.

(Presented March 3, 1873.)

City Clerk's Office, March 3, 1873.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned respectfully makes report that he has received a communication from the town council of the town of Cranston, announcing the appointment of Messrs. Almorán Harris, William Elsbree and William H. Dyer to be a committee to confer with the commissioners appointed by the city council, in relation to the annexation of a portion of said town to the city of Providence. Said communication is hereto appended.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, City Clerk.

At a meeting of the town council of the town of Cranston, held Feb. 22d, 1873, Almorán Harris, William Elsbree, and William H. Dyer, were appointed a committee to confer with the commissioners appointed by the City of Providence in relation to the matter of annexing a portion of the town of Cranston to the city of Providence, for park purposes.

J. M. WHEELER, Council Clerk

No. 435. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Providence Water Works.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

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

No. 436. Resolution relating to Police Telegraph.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That so much of the annual report of the Chief of Police received by this body February 24th, as refers to the subject of a police telegraph, be and the same hereby is referred to the joint committee on police, with instructions to examine and report thereon.

No. 437. Resolution electing to widen Page street.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term 1872, to lay out and widen Page street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Saturday, January 25, 1873, 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. 438. Resolution abating tax of Daniel Champlin.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Daniel Champlin, the sum of eighty-one dollars, the amount of tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1872.

No. 439. Resolution abating tax of Peleg W. Gardiner.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Peleg W. Gardiner, the sum of eighty-six dollars and forty cents, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1872.

No. 440. Resolution abating tax of Mary W. Pond.

(Approved March 12, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to Mary W. Pond, the sum of twenty-seven dollars, the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against her for the year 1872.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

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

- No. 441. Orin S. Gardiner, No. 97 Courtland street.
- 442. Daniel McManus, No. Atwell's avenue.
- 443. Francis M. Smith, corner of Union and Westminster streets.
- 444. Cyrus Williams, No. 30 Public street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

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. 445. Thomas F. Cafferty.
- 446. Amos D. Smith, 3d.

No. 447. Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved March 12, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Cosgrove, to move two certain wooden buildings, 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 buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 448. Resolution relating to Iron Gutter covers.

(Approved March 18, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the iron gutter covers, at the street crossings, that have become much worn by long use, to be removed and new ones put in their places; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 449. Resolution relating to the Record Books of the Surveyor of Lumber.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be hereby instructed to settle with the late surveyor of lumber for the expenses paid by him in procuring the set of books which he has transferred to his successor in office.

No. 453. Message from the Mayor relating to the School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented March 18, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 18, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am informed by the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, that all the partitions in said building are to be built of wood. It seems to me that those on either side of the halls and around the staircases should be built of brick, and I therefore invite your attention to the matter.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 454 Resolution referring the same.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor dated March 18, 1873, relative to the partition walls of the school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, be referred to the joint committee on education, to examine and report thereon.

No. 455. Message from the Mayor with communications from the City Engineer and the Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

(Presented March 18, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 18, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received from the chief engineer of the water works a copy of a letter addressed to him by the city engineer, in refer-

ence to the examination, by the officers of the water works of the maps and plans of streets in the office of the city engineer.

I transmit herewith a copy of the letter from the city engineer, and also the letter from the chief engineer of the water works in relation thereto, deeming the matter to be of sufficient importance to demand action thereon by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

Providence Water Works, Chief Engineer's Office, }
PROVIDENCE, March 13, 1873. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman of Committee on City Engineer's Department:—

Dear Sir:—I enclose a copy of a letter just received from the City Engineer. It is necessary for those who execute work for the Water Commissioners and sewer committee to have information in reference to the streets, such as we have heretofore been unable to obtain in season for our use except in the City Engineer's office. We have endeavored to give the City Engineer as little trouble as possible and have intended only to send to his office after failing to get the desired information elsewhere.

I write for your information in the matter, and to say that if we are cut off from such information as has heretofore been obtained at the City Engineer's office, the city will, in my opinion, suffer damage in consequence.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. HERBERT SHEDD,

Chief Engineer Prov. Water Works.

City Engineer's Office, }
PROVIDENCE, March 12, 1873. }

J. HERBERT SHEDD, Esq., Chief Engineer of Prov. Water Works:—

Dear Sir:—Your assistants frequently call at this office to consult maps and plans of streets, particularly in regard to street lines. As I mentioned to you some time ago, the proper place of record for all matter relating to street lines is the City Clerk's office. All records relating to grades are under the care of the Highway Commissioners. In consequence of the great pressure of work on this department, it will be necessary in future, to refer all inquiries to the officers in whose charge the various records are placed by ordinance, and thus all mistakes will be prevented occasioned by using incomplete plans.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES E. PAINE,

City Engineer.

No. 456. Resolution referring the same.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor dated March 18, 1873, transmitting correspondence between the city engineer and the chief engineer of the water works, be referred to the joint committee on the city engineer's department.

No. 457. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for opening streets,

(Approved, March 20, 1873.)

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

No. 458. Resolution transferring \$5000 to the appropriation for public grounds.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for public grounds.

No. 459. Resolution relating to Police arrangements.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That so much of the annual report of the chief of police as relates to the police arrangements for the second and fifth districts, be referred to the joint standing committee on police, to examine and report what action thereon may be advisable.

No. 460. Resolution of inquiry in relation to dredging the Cove Basin.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the cove land commissioners are hereby directed to ascertain and report upon the expediency and expense of dredging the cove basin, or so much thereof as may be necessary to cause the whole of it to be covered with water at all times, in order to relieve the vicinity of the offensive smell arising therefrom in warm weather.

No. 461. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Dudley street.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Dudley street, from Friendship street to Prairie avenue, and declare the same a public highway; said streets having been used as a highway for more than twenty years.

No. 462. Resolution abating tax of Lucian B. Kendall.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Lucian B. Kendall the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents, the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1872.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

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

- No. 463. John Baxter, No. 33 Lippitt street.
- 464. Roger O'Gorman, No. 106 Prairie avenue.
- 465. Margaret McKenna, No. 11 Cargill street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved March 20, 1873.)

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

- No. 466. Elisha M. Brown.
- 467. Catharine Meenan.
- 468. Albert H. Thornton.
- 469. Frederick A. Wightman.

No. 470. Report of Special Committee upon the suits of Edward P. Knowles and others, heirs of William Randall, in relation to the North Burying Ground.

(Presented March 20, 1873.)

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

The undersigned, who by resolution No. 101, approved August 2, 1872, were appointed a committee to confer with Ed-

ward P. Knowles and others, heirs of William Randall, in relation to certain suits now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Providence between them and the City of Providence, and ascertain upon what terms settlement thereof can be made, and report the same to the City Council, have considered the matters referred to them, and respectfully submit the following report :

The suits now pending are as follows :

First. A suit in which Lucius Miner and wife and others, heirs of William Randall, are the plaintiffs, and the city is defendant. This is an appeal from the order of the Board of Aldermen, declaring that a portion of Sexton street had ceased to be useful to the public as a highway.

Second. A suit between the same parties, being an appeal from the order and decree of the Board of Aldermen in relaying said Sexton street, and reducing its width from fifty feet to thirty feet.

Third. A suit brought by the same parties against Nathan Smalley, Superintendent of the North Burying Ground, to determine the title to that portion of said burying ground purchased by the city of John Carter Brown. The attention of the City Council was called to this claim of the said heirs by the Mayor in a message under date of November 26, 1868.

The heirs of William Randall also claim to have been aggrieved by the report of the committee on claims made to the City Council November 28, 1868, upon the petition of said heirs and William Corliss and Jacob Symonds, in reference to the sale of the Randall farm to the city. This matter is not in terms embraced in any of the suits before named, but is incidentally connected with the suit against Mr. Smalley, as affecting the title to the land in the burying ground.

The committee have afforded every opportunity to the parties claiming to be aggrieved, to be heard in the matter, and find that the committee on claims prepared a report upon the matter referred to in said petition, a copy of which marked "A," is hereto annexed.

This draft of a report was agreed to by Mr. Knowles and the

committee, as a substantially correct statement of the facts referred to in said petition, but was not presented to the City Council, but another report was made which was not satisfactory to the petitioners, and which the petitioners claim they never saw or heard of until it was presented to the City Council.

The committee therefore recommend that the accompanying paper marked "A," be adopted by the City Council as a correct statement of the facts therein referred to.

In reference to the suit against Mr. Smalley brought to determine the title to that part of the North Burying Ground estate purchased of John Carter Brown, in 1866, the committee find the following to be the facts.

The land lying between North Main street on the east, the Uriah Hopkins lot on the south, the original location of Sexton street on the west, and a line in continuation of the line of North street, (formerly Harrington's lane,) on the north, is claimed by the heirs of William Randall under the old proprietor's title. There is great difficulty at this time, in accurately determining the exact location of what was known as the country road. In the only suit in which any attempt was made to fix the location of this road with certainty, the decision was adverse to the claim of the city. The position of this highway is of great importance, as in the vote of the town and the proprietors in 1700 defining the limits of the burying ground, the eastern boundary is described as the highway. If this highway was Sexton street, as is claimed by the Randall heirs, the land in question is outside of the original limits of the burying ground. If it was where North Main street now is, the burying ground extended to it.

It is further to be stated, that it is proposed by the Randall heirs, in case they maintain their claim to this land, to give it to the city for a public square or park, in accordance with the wishes of Edward Randall, the brother of William Randall, as expressed in a power of attorney given by him to John Whipple in 1848, as appears by the Mayor's message before referred to.

It is also to be remembered, that the authorities of North

Providence have ordered the widening of the Pawtucket turnpike to the width of ninety-nine feet, from the old toll gate to the city line, and if the city should in connection with North Providence, extend this widening from the North Providence line to Branch avenue, a great public improvement would be made at a very inconsiderable cost.

The committee are of the opinion that it would not be wise, under any circumstances, to permit any portion of the land to which the title is in open dispute to be sold or used for burial purposes, nor do they think it would be wise to permit burials upon this land, in any event, farther east than the easterly line of Sexton street.

If this tract of land adjoining the turnpike and containing about six acres, should be made a public square, and North Main street widened to the width of ninety-nine feet, and all litigation concerning the title to this ancient burying ground be amicably terminated, the public interest, in the opinion of your committee, would be greatly promoted.

The committee would further add that, in their judgment, Edward P. Knowles and the Randall heirs have acted in entire good faith in their dealings with the city in reference to the suits in question and the other controversies relating to the North Burying Ground.

The committee therefore recommend that the necessary steps be taken forthwith, for the widening of North Main street to the width of ninety-nine feet, from the North Providence line to Branch avenue, as shown upon the accompanying plat.

They also recommend that interments be prohibited upon that portion of the North Burying Ground estate lying east of the easterly line of Sexton street as originally laid out, and that all that portion of said estate between the present easterly line of burial lots and North Main street, be dedicated to the public as and for a public square.

They also recommend that the city pay the costs incurred by the Randall heirs in the aforesaid suits, provided that said heirs and said Edward P. Knowles shall discontinue all said suits and relinquish all claim to said lands.

The committee respectfully submit the accompanying resolutions to carry their recommendations into effect.

For the committee,

LUCIAN SHARPE, *Chairman.*

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DRAFT OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was re-committed the petition of E. P. Knowles, Jacob Symonds and William Corliss, asking for a conveyance from the city to said Symonds and Corliss of a portion of the land purchased of the Randall heirs for burial purposes, respectfully report :—

That something like an agreement or understanding existed between the agent of the city and Messrs. Symonds and Corliss, in accordance with which, if the city purchased the land at auction, a certain portion thereof should be conveyed to them in consideration that they would refrain from bidding thereon.

It is not necessary to inquire into the power or authority of the said agent to enter into any such agreement or understanding, or the legal, equitable, or moral obligation of the city in the premises, because the contingency upon which the agreement or understanding with Messrs. Symonds and Corliss was based, never occurred. The city did not purchase the property at auction. The estate was purchased of the Randall heirs some days subsequent to the auction by a member of the committee, who had been appointed for the purpose of negotiating with them in relation thereto in the first instance.

At the time of purchase as aforesaid, said member of said committee did give said heirs to understand, that if they would convey said property to the city without restrictions as to the purposes for which it should be used, a street or road would be laid out by or through a portion of said land, which would increase the value of other lands owned by said heirs. Whether said road or street was to be laid out by the city, or where or how it was to be constructed, does not definitely appear. The member of the committee who negotiated the purchase does, however, say that the understanding, at the time of the purchase, was such that if he had bought for himself instead of the city, he should think himself under an obligation to make such street or road as he gave said heirs to understand would be made. There is no evidence before the committee of any assent on the part of the city to any such understanding. The city took an unconditional deed of the property and paid for it, and did not know, until after the purchase, of any condition or understanding of the matters herein referred to.

The member of the committee who negotiated with the Randall heirs had no authority, express or implied, by which he could bind the city to lay out such a street or road as is herein referred to, or to make any conveyance to Symonds and Corliss, and any promise made or understanding had with the Randall heirs, bound no one beyond the party who negotiated with them.

No. 471. Resolution for exchanging City Scales.

(Approved March 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be hereby instructed to exchange the city scales on Canal street, for new scales of larger size: provided, the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 472. Resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners to widen Canal street.

(Approved March 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen Canal street, on the easterly side, from Allen's lane to Smith street, as follows, viz.; beginning in the northerly line of Allen's lane at a point about five and seven-tenths feet easterly from the present easterly line of Canal street, thence in a line parallel with and ten feet easterly from the easterly curb-line of said street, to the southerly line of Smith street at a point two feet easterly from the present easterly line of Canal 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. 473. Resolution abating tax of Amanda E. Peirce.

(Approved March 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to Amanda E. Peirce, of New Bedford, the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents, the amount of taxes erroneously assessed against her for the years 1871 and 1872.

No. 474. Resolution of inquiry relating to Street Railroads.

(Approved March 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on railroads be hereby instructed to consider and report what, if any, additional legislation may be necessary to protect the interest of the city in the matter of street railroads.

No. 476. Resolution relating to the Hose Station on Pallas Street.

(Approved March 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property, be and he is hereby authorized to fit up and furnish the station on Pallas street, seventh ward, for Hose Company No. 1, at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars; to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 477. Resolution for curbing and paving Aborn street.

(Approved March 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set and the roadway paved with granite blocks, on Aborn street, from Westminster street to Washington street, whenever the rails of the Union Railroad Company shall be laid in said Aborn street.

No. 478. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Cady street.

(Approved March 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Cady street, from Benefit street to North Main street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 479. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Olive and Prospect streets.

(Approved March 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be laid in Olive street, from a point about one hundred and sixty feet east from Prospect street to Prospect street, and through Prospect street to Angell street; the same to connect with the sewer in said Angell street; in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 480. Resolution to pay Freeborn Johnson.

(Approved March 31, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Freeborn Johnson, five hundred and seventy-three dollars and seventy-four cents, for building a house and platform for the stone crusher and engine, located in the city yard; the same to be paid out of the appropriation for highways.

No. 481. Resolution relating to East Avenue.

(Approved March 31, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby instructed to cause East avenue to be put in a condition, safe and convenient for travel, forthwith.

No. 484. Resolution relating to Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

(Approved March 31, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on the city debt be and they are hereby instructed to prepare and present to the city council for their action, an ordinance appointing a permanent board of commissioners on sinking funds, in accordance with the act of the general assembly, passed at the January session, 1873.

No. 485. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Durfee street.

(Approved, March 31, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Durfee street, from Bridgham street to Dexter street, and declare the same a public highway; said street having been used as a highway for more than twenty years.

No. 486. Report of Joint Committee on Education
in relation to the partitions in the School House on
Point and Plane streets.

(Presented March 31, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on education, to whom was referred the message of his Honor the Mayor, of March 18th, A. D., 1873, in reference to partitions of the school building on the corner of Point and Plane streets, beg leave to report,—

That the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of said building do not feel at liberty to vary materially from the plans adopted, either in the form of the building or the materials thereof.

The plans call for one brick partition, but do not call for brick partition walls on each side of the halls nor around the staircases.

It is thought by many that the increased expense of brick over the kind adopted will not warrant the adoption of the former in lieu of the latter, because of the very slight difference of value of the one over the other. That brick, when the mortar is well set, renders a building more firm can scarcely be denied ; but in the present case, either will render it sufficiently firm : nor is it believed that his Honor the Mayor called our attention to this matter in this view, but that he deemed such a building would be more safe in case of fire, as undoubtedly it would be. The difference in expense between the two, that is of brick over the other, is estimated to be \$7,750, or, in round numbers \$8,000. Shall it be done? Your committee feel that the city council is adequate to the decision of this question without a recommendation from your committee, and therefore report the accompanying resolution without recommendation.

For the committee,

N. VAN SLYCK,

Chairman.

No. 487. Resolution discharging the special committee on a Public Market.

(Approved April 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the public market, appointed pursuant to resolutions approved July 13, 1870, be hereby discharged from further consideration of the subject.

No. 488. Resolution relating to a Bridge and Public Market.

(Approved April 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable that a bridge and public market be built over Providence river, between Weybosset bridge and Crawford street; and that Messrs. Van Slyck, Mathewson, Carpenter, N. F. Potter, jr., and Harris, of the common council, with aldermen Sprague and Sharpe, are hereby appointed a committee to advertise for plans and proposals for the erection of said bridge, and for the erection of a building thereon of one story in height, for a public market.

No. 489. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive and declare Lester street.

(Approved April, 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Lester street, from Bridgham street to Harrison street, and declare the same a public highway, said street having been traveled and used as a highway for more than twenty years.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 3, 1873.)

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. 490. Amos C. Barstow.
 491. Samuel Lewis.
 492. Owen McWilliams.
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No. 493. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Henry L. Norris 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 buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 494. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 3, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Willard F. Inman 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 six 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. 495. Resolution for ventilating School Houses on Arnold, East and Square streets.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of ventilating the school houses on Arnold, East and Square streets, to be charged to the account of appropriations for public schools; the same to be expended under direction of the school committee.

No. 497. Resolution relating to assistance in the office of the City Auditor.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That one hundred and sixty-seven dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, from the appropriation for salaries, to defray the expense of assistance in the office of the city auditor, from January 1st to June, 1873; the same to be paid on the approval of the mayor.

No. 498. Resolution relating to assistance in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That one hundred and twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, from the appropriation for salaries, to defray the expense of additional assistance in the office of the recorder of deeds; the same to be paid on the approval of the mayor.

No. 499. Resolution to pay unconfirmed policeman.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay James McCready, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, for duty performed in March last.

No. 500. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out and declare South street.

Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out and declare South street, from Eddy street easterly to the harbor line, as a public highway.

No. 501. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Elm street.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out Elm street, from Eddy street to the harbor.

No. 502. Resolution relating to assessment against Gardner Williams and wife for widening Battey street.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Angell and Spicer, with Messrs. Paine, Butterworth and Pomroy of the common council, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee, with full power in their discretion, to adjust and to report the amount required to settle the claim of Gardner Williams and wife for an abatement of the assessment on their estate, for widening Battey street, from Fountain street to High street, now pending in the supreme court.

No. 503. Resolution relating to the track of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co. in Dorrance street.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the trustees of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad be and are hereby granted permission to remove their track in Dorrance street, to the east side of said street, during the time it shall be necessary for said track to be removed for the building of the sewer in said street; provided, however, that no expense shall incur to the City of Providence therefor; and provided, that the laying of said rails and the use thereof, in the opinion of Joseph J. Cooke, Charles E. Carpenter and William Corliss, the committee appointed to construct the sewer in said street, be feasible, and that all the work done shall be under their direction and to their satisfaction; and provided, also, that the said street shall be restored to its present condition to the satisfaction of said Cooke, Carpenter and Corliss.

No. 506. Report of the Commissioners of the Cove Lands upon dredging the Cove Basin.

(Presented April 14, 1873.)

PROVIDENCE, April 3, 1873.

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

The commissioners of the cove lands, who by resolution No. 460, approved on the 20th ultimo, were directed to ascertain and report upon the expediency and expense of dredging the cove basin, or so much thereof as may be necessary to cause the whole of it to be covered with water at all times, make this report. That as a preliminary step in the investigation of the subject committed to the commissioners in the resolution above referred to, they caused an analysis of the earth dredged from the cove basin to be made by the state assayer, for the purpose of ascertaining its value as a fertilizer. The report of that officer shows it to be nearly worthless for that purpose.

The earth to be removed could, therefore, only be used to fill low lands, or must be removed to the place where the earth taken from the harbor is deposited. Fortunately for the city, it has in the immediate vicinity of the cove basin, lands flowed by tide water, which it is desirable should be filled to the grade of the surrounding streets, where the earth excavated from the cove basin may be removed without danger to the public health. Under the direction of the commissioners, S. B. Cushing, Esq., their chief engineer, has prepared a careful estimate of dredging the cove basin to the depth of six inches lower than the level of the lowest tides, and he reports that the quantity of earth to be removed will be about 180,000 cubic yards, and the cost of excavation and removal will be about \$60,000.

The commissioners therefore, report that it is not only expedient, but very desirable, that the cove basin should be dredged to the depth above referred to, and that the work should be commenced at once.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, April 14, 1873.

No. 507. Resolution to purchase a gore of land on
Broad street.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That a sum, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated for payment for the gore of land between the present easterly line of Broad street, as established by the report of the commissioners of estimate made to the supreme court, and the westerly line of Broad street as formerly located, between Thurber avenue and Prairie avenue; and the city treasurer is hereby directed, under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on finance, to hire the same.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the persons owning said land at the rate of fifty cents per foot for such land, whenever deeds of the same and a title satisfactory to the city solicitor shall be presented to him.

No. 508. Resolution appointing a joint special committee to confer with appellants on Broad street.

(Approved, April 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Case, Hayward and E. A. Smith, with Alderman Snow, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with all parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the widening and straightening of Broad street, from Public street to the Cranston line, and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with such parties.

No. 509. Resolution relating to a sewer in Haymarket street.

(Approved April 14, 1873.)

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

IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 14, 1873.

The surveyor of lumber presents the names of the following persons as deputy surveyors ; whereupon it is VOTED that the city council approve of their appointment, viz :

Robert Manchester,	Frank B. Chedel,
Nathaniel C. Bushee,	Charles A. Manchester,
Joseph K. Robinson,	Henry A. Grimwood,
Charles C. Lee,	Robert Carlisle,
Frank S. Roberts.	

Charles C. Lee for mahogany and other ornamental lumber,
Robert Manchester for oak and other hard wood used in ship building.

No. 510. Report of Committee on City Property relative to land for a school-house on Doyle Avenue.

(Presented April 14, 1873.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee on city property who were directed by resolution approved February 24, 1873, to purchase of William Schroeder and Amos N. Beckwith two lots of land situated on Bacon street, at a price not exceeding ninety-two hundred dollars (\$9,200) for the purpose of enlarging the grammar school lot on Doyle avenue, report that they are unable to purchase these lots at the limit named in the resolution.

For the committee on city property,

ADDISON Q. FISHER, Chairman.

No. 511. Resolutions condemning land to enlarge the lot of the school-house on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the judgment of the city council of the City of Providence, it is necessary that the school-house lot on the corner of Point and Plane streets, be enlarged; and it is hereby determined to enlarge the same by adding to the same the following described land, to wit: all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Providence and described as follows: commencing at a point made by the intersection of the southerly line of Point street with the easterly line of the school house lot on the corner of Point and Plane streets, and running thence easterly on the southerly line of said Point street, 20.41 feet. Hence running southerly at an angle of $10^{\circ} 13'$ and parallel with the said easterly line of said school house lot and twenty feet therefrom, 246.01 feet to the northerly line

of the proposed extension of Langley street; thence forming an angle of $76^{\circ}.46'$, running westerly on the northerly line of the proposed extension of Langley street, 20.55 feet to the said easterly line of said school house lot: thence running with said easterly line of said school-house lot 245.39 feet to the point or place of beginning; and the same is hereby fixed upon to enlarge the said school-house lot.

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

No. 512. Resolution relating to the Brook street District.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the resolution to take certain land for the purpose of draining and grading the same, being the Brook street district, so called, be and the same is hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Case, N. F. Potter, jr., Sellew, Rogers and Harris on the part of the common council, with Aldermen Earle and Root, to examine and report thereon.

No. 513. Resolutions for widening South Main street

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

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 present southeasterly corner of South Main and College streets, thence running in a direct line to the centre of Hopkins street, touching the outermost corner of the building now standing at the northeast 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 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. 514. Resolutions to lay out and extend College street.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend College street, from South Main street to the harbor line, as follows, viz: the south line to commence at the present southeasterly corner of College and South Main streets; thence in continuation of the present southerly line of College street, adjoining said corner, till it intersects the south line of the estate belonging to Marshall Woods and others; thence by said southerly line to the channel of the river; 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. 515. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Transit street.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Transit street, from East street to Governor street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 516. Resolution to pay James Lynch.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Lynch the sum of one hundred dollars in full for all damage sustained on his premises, situate at the southwest corner of Courtland and Penn streets, by reason of water accumulating at said corner and overflowing said premises, on his presenting a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 517. Resolution to pay Michael Martin.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Michael Martin the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, in full for damage sustained by him from the overflow of his store and basement, between Ives street and the Reform school garden lot, by water from said garden lot, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 518. Resolution to pay Joanna Doyle.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Joanna Doyle, the sum of three hundred dollars, in full for damages heretofore sustained by her by reason of the overflow of the Wickenden street sewer, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 519. Resolution to pay Mary Smith and Neil Harvey.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary Smith and Neil Harvey, each, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full for all damages heretofore sustained by them from overflowing of the sewer in Wickenden street, on their presenting receipts therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

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

- No. 520. Caleb R. Barney, No. 47 Doyle avenue.
- 521. John Hackett, rear of No. 19 Shove street.
- 522. William R. Wilbur, Summer street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

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. 523. John Aldrich.
- 524. Jonathan S. Angell.
- 525. Asahel P. Clarke.
- 526. Henry M. Horton.
- 527. Providence & Springfield Railroad Company.
- 528. Stephen Simmons.
- 529. Samuel W. Tillinghast.

No. 530. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Magner 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. 531. Resolutions granting permission to move
buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Stephen Chace to move two certain wooden buildings, 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 eight dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said buildings shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 532. Resolutions granting permission to move a
building.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Alonzo Williams 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. 533. Resolutions granting permission to move
buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William McElroy to move two certain wooden buildings pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires, and all bridges to be crossed, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 534. Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Morris to move two certain wooden buildings pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires and all bridges to be crossed 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 each building shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 535. Resolution relating to a sewer through land of the Boston and Providence Railroad Co.

(Approved April 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Providence, to execute an agreement with the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, binding the city to cause to be removed from Providence river, all matter discharged from the contemplated sewer through Ives street and the land of said company to said river, which shall interfere with the use of said land and the wharves thereon by said railroad company; and also, to agree to extend said sewer to the harbor line, whenever said railroad company or their assigns shall fill out to said line, upon the condition that said railroad company shall grant to said city the right to construct and forever

maintain a sewer from India street opposite Ives street in said city, through said railroad company's land to said river, without any claim for damages therefor by said railroad company, and without any assessment upon said railroad company for the cost of said sewer.

No. 536. Resolution relating to the claim of G. & S. Owen for damages in widening Broad street.

(Approved, April 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed November 25, 1872, to confer with the parties who had claimed a jury trial in the widening of Broad street, near Snow street, are hereby authorized to settle with Messrs. G. & S. Owen, by adding to the award made to said Owens by the commissioners on said street, the sum of two thousand dollars.

No. 537. Resolution to transfer the bequest of John Crain, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

(Approved April 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the commissioners of the north burying ground the sum of two hundred dollars, the same being the amount bequeathed to the City of Providence, by John Crain, late of Pawtucket, deceased: the said amount to be held by said commissioners in trust under and according to the provisions of the will of said John Crain, and chapter 367 of the statutes of this state.

No. 538. Report of the Joint Committee on Education, in relation to enlarging the school house lot on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented May 1, 1873.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee of education respectfully report ; that they have discharged the duty imposed upon them by the resolution approved April 16, 1873, and are unable to obtain any terms from the owner of said lot that are deemed desirable to name to the city council, for which said owner will convey said land. And they further report, that said committee is unable to agree with the owner of said land upon any terms of conveyance of the same to the city.

For the committee,

N. VAN SLYCK, Chairman.

No. 539. Resolutions for observing Decoration Day.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Case, Rogers and Pomroy, with Alderman Angell, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make arrangements for a suitable observance of Decoration Day.

RESOLVED, That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that day ; to be paid by the city treasurer upon the order of said committee from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 540. Resolution to purchase land on Burnett and Public streets for the Fire Department.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city pro-

perty be hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the use of the fire department, a certain lot of land containing about six thousand two hundred feet, situated on the northwest corner of Burnett and Public streets, ninth ward, at an expense not exceeding fifty-eight hundred dollars; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department, provided a deed satisfactory to the city solicitor be first obtained.

No. 541. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Andrews street.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Andrews street, from Broadway to Grove street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 542. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Aborn street.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Aborn street, from Washington street to Westminster street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 543. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Clifford street.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested

to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Clifford street, from Chestnut street to Richmond street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 544. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in George street.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in George street, from Brook street to Thayer street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 545. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Vine street.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain of common sewer to be constructed in Vine street, from Portland street, to Pearl street, in accordance with the provision of chapter 807 of public laws.

No. 546. Resolutions to take land known as the Brook Street District.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City of Providence, in accordance with the provision of an act entitled "An act to authorize the City of Providence to take certain land for the purpose of draining and

grading the same," hereby takes all the land in said City of Providence, lying within the district bounded by Traverse street on the west, Wickenden street and Bower street on the north, Seekonk river on the east and India street on the south.

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to prepare forthwith, a description of all the lands taken under the provisions of the preceding resolution, as required by said act, and the Mayor is hereby directed to sign the same and file the same, together with a statement that said lands are taken pursuant to the provisions of said act, in the office of the recorder of deeds.

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed to report as soon as may be, a proper grade for the lands described in the first preceding resolution and the proper manner of draining the same and such other parts of the city as are connected with said lands, together with an estimate of the cost of such grading.

No. 547. Resolution to pay William Barstow & Co.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William Barstow & Co., the sum of fifty-one dollars and ninety-five cents, in full for his bill for carpets for the office of the inspector of milk, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 548. Resolution to pay Joseph G. Johnson.

(Approved May 1, 1873)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Joseph G. Johnson, the sum of fifteen dollars and sixty-eight cents, being the amount paid by said Joseph G. Johnson, for lot No. 641 on assessors' plat No. 43, sold at tax sale for non-

payment of a tax thereon assessed against Manassah S. Cobb, for the year 1869, said lot being at the time of the assessment of said tax the property of Philip Denby, and for recording deed of same, provided said Joseph G. Johnson quitclaim all his right, title and interest in and to said lot, without additional compensation, to said Philip Denby.

No. 549. Resolution abating tax of Charles Anthony,
Administrator.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Charles Anthony, administrator on the estate of Charles P. Clark, the sum of two hundred and two dollars and fifty cents, the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him as such administrator for the year 1872.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

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

- No. 550. George Jansen, No. 93 Spruce street.
- 551. James McAloon, No. 277 Atwell's avenue.
- 552. Thomas McCarty, No. 51 Crary street.
- 553. Patrick Mulhern, No. 61 Walling street.
- 554. William A. Munroe, No. 135 Transit street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 1, 1873.)

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.

- No. 555. Amos N. Beckwith,
 556. Joseph J. Cooke.
 557. James Doris.
 558. Thomas W. Eday.
 559. William McLoughlin.

No. 482. Resolution to notify Messrs. Larned & Harrington to vacate the City Hall Lot.

(Passed May 5, 1873, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to give notice in writing to Russell M. Larned and Charles N. Harrington, to vacate and surrender up possession to the City of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, in twelve months from the date of the passage of this resolution, the lot of land leased by them in writing of the City of Providence, bounded easterly on Exchange place, northerly on Washington street, westerly on Eddy street, and southerly on Fulton street; and the city solicitor is also, hereby directed to give notice in writing, to the above named R. M. Larned and C. N. Harrington, that the City of Providence wants the above described lot of land for the purpose of erecting a city hall thereon.

No. 483. Resolution to procure plans and estimates for a City Hall.

(Passed, May 5, 1873, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.)

RESOLVED, That his honor the Mayor, with Alderman Snow and Messrs. Case, Carpenter, and N. F. Potter, Jr., of the common council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, to advertise for plans with approximate estimates of the cost of a city hall, to be built upon the lot belonging to the city known as the city hall lot, bounded by Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets; said plans to be presented to the committee on or before the first day of October, 1873, upon the following conditions: that the city shall pay to the person or persons whose plan shall be selected by the committee and adopted by the city council, the sum of five hundred dollars, and that no compensation shall be allowed to any person or persons presenting such plans, unless the same shall have been selected by the committee and adopted by the city council. And the committee are hereby directed to reserve the right to reject any or all plans that may be presented to them as aforesaid.

No. 560. Resolutions for laying out Hammond Street.

(Approved May 5, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Hammond street of a uniform width of fifty feet, from High street southerly, as follows, viz.: beginning for the easterly line of said extension in the southerly line of High street at the northwesterly corner of the estate of Edward W. Billings; thence southerly in a direct line, making the westerly line of the estates of Edward W. Billings and John Aldrich the easterly line of Hammond street, until said line intersects with the easterly line of Hammond

street as now laid out; 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. 561. Report of the Commissioners to build a
School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented May 5, 1873.)

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

The commissioners appointed by your honorable body to superintend the building of the Plane street school house, respectfully beg leave to make this their first quarterly report. The board organized by the election of Cyrus B. Manchester as chairman, Joseph F. Gilmore as treasurer, and Spencer P. Read as secretary. Notwithstanding the backwardness of the season and the unavoidable delays always attending a new building, considerable progress has been made during the quarter. A contract has been made with Clifton A. Hall to furnish the plans for the building, the cellar has been excavated and the lot partially graded. The commissioners have secured the services of Mr. F. P. Durfee, to superintend the mason work. The outside foundation and cellar walls are ready for the underpinning.

After a thorough and exhaustive examination of the merits of Frear stone as a building material, the commissioners decided to invite the R. I. Frear stone Co., to send in proposals for the Frear stone trimmings above the underpinning, and their proposals to furnish the same for four thousand and eighty-seven dollars have been accepted. Proposals have also, been received from the Oneco Co., also, from Taft & Beadle and from Wm. A. Burdick, agent, for the granite underpinning, steps, &c., and the bid of Mr. Burdick to furnish the same for thirty-seven hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, has been accepted, it being the lowest and satisfactory in other respects. During the quarter the commissioners have expended twenty hundred and eighty-one dollars and seventy-two cents (\$2081.72), leaving a balance unexpended of twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and eighteen dollars and twenty-eight cents, (\$27,918.28).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. MANCHESTER,	}	Commissioners.
JOSEPH F. GILMORE,		
SPENCER P. READ,		

No. 562. Communication from Thomas Davis, relating to a proposed street, with Resolution referring the same to a Special Committee.

(Approved, May 5, 1873.)

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

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is the owner of the land on the northerly and easterly side of the school estate, situate on Thurber avenue and Plane street; that in case your honorable body may elect to pay for one half of a strip of land say 33 or 34 feet wide for a street, to run through from the northerly line of Thurber avenue to Autumn street, he will deed the balance to the city for a street: or if in your opinion, it is best for the interests of the city, he will sell the city the lot northerly from the above said school estate, containing thirteen thousand four hundred and ninety-five feet, as may be seen on a plan herewith presented, so that said school estate may extend from Thurber avenue to Autumn street, as to your honors shall seem best. The reason of this offer to your honors at this time is, that you may avail yourselves of the present opportunity to secure the same on favorable terms if your honors may deem best.

Respectfully yours,

RESOLVED, That the communication from Mr. Thomas Davis in relation to the laying out of a street from Thurber avenue to Autumn street, adjoining the school house lot, be referred to alderman Root and Messrs. W. Y. Potter, Fisher and Fenner of the common council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 563. Resolution accepting provisions of the Act relating to a Bridge and Public Market.

(Approved May 5, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city council of the City of Providence hereby accepts the provisions of chapter 900 of the statutes, entitled "An act to authorize the City of Providence to construct and maintain a bridge over Providence river, for the purpose of erecting a public market thereon."

No. 564. Report of Special Committee relating to claim of Albert Dailey & Co.

(Presented May 5, 1873.)

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

The joint special committee appointed by resolution approved January 20th, 1873, to whom was referred the message of his honor the Mayor, in relation to the claim of Messrs. Albert Dailey & Co., for damages sustained by the filling up of the docks at Dorrance and Ship streets, to examine and report thereon, respectfully report, that they have given attention to the subject, having viewed the premises; and the party interested came before the committee and presented their claims for dam-

ages sustained in consequence of the filling of the dock, from the Dorrance and Ship street sewers.

Ship street is one of the public highways to the tide water, having been laid and accepted by the town council in 1793, and at the east end of this street the sewer terminates.

Your committee have no power to settle this claim, and failing to agree to recommend a sum for damages satisfactory to the claimants, we do recommend that the question of damage be settled by three referees appointed in the usual manner, and we likewise recommend that the joint standing committee on the harbor, attend to the dredging of Ship street dock, at once, as parties on the north side are about to improve their wharf estate, and it can more easily be done before they commence.

WILLIAM SPENCER,
For the Committee.

No. 565. Resolution relative to the examination of the Records of the Justice Court of the City of Providence.

(Approved May 5, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city clerk and the clerk of the common council are hereby directed to ascertain if the clerk of the justice court of the city of Providence has faithfully and seasonably recorded the judgments and proceedings of said court, and in case they shall find such to be the fact, the city clerk is hereby directed to give said clerk a certificate that he has furnished to the city council satisfactory evidence thereof, and that the provisions of section 24 of chapter 185 of the general statutes have been complied with.

No. 566. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved May 5, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay James McCready, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-two dollars and fifty cents, for duty performed in April last.

No. 571. Resolution agreeing to a reference of the claim of Albert Dailey & Co.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to agree to the reference of the claims of Albert Dailey & Co. against the city, for injuries sustained by the discharge of the sewers in Dorrance street and Ship street into the waters of the harbor, under a rule of court.

No. 572. Resolutions approving of the appointment of Referees upon the claim of Albert Dailey & Co.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby approve of the appointment of Messrs. Henry L. Kendall and Franklin H. Richmond of this city, and Jesse Metcalf, of North Providence, as referees in the claims of Albert Dailey & Co. against the City of Providence.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and aldermen Spencer and Sprague with Messrs. Rickard, Paine and Hayward of the common council, be hereby appointed a joint special committee with power to fill any vacancy in said board of referees.

No. 573. Resolutions to move a building and to erect a Hose Station, at the corner of Burnett and Public streets.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be hereby directed to cause the dwelling house, situated on the lot lately purchased for the use of the fire department, on the corner of Burnett and Public streets, to be removed to the rear of the same lot, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be hereby directed to cause to be erected upon the lot recently purchased by the city at the corner of Burnett and Public streets, a hose carriage house, in accordance with plans and specifications to be presented by the chief engineer of the fire department, and that the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the same into effect; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 574. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Benefit and Wickenden streets

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Benefit and Wickenden streets, from Power street to Brook street, in accordance with chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 575. Resolution to lay a concrete sidewalk in front of the Seventh Ward Room.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause a concrete walk to be laid on the sidewalk in front of the seventh ward room on Pallas street; the work to be done forthwith.

No. 576. Resolution to pay Lawrence Lynch.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Lawrence Lynch the sum of two hundred dollars, in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the Wickenden street sewer, on his presenting a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 577. Resolution to pay Hugh Trainor.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Hugh Trainor the sum of fifty dollars, in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the Wickenden street sewer, on his presenting a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 578. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted Ellen M. Brown to raise a certain building, located at No. 13 Cushing street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 579. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Newell Smith 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. 580. Resolutions to lay out Spring street, from Broad street to Lockwood street.

(Approved May 19, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Spring street, of a uniform width of forty feet, from Broad street to Lockwood street, by the following described lines: beginning for the easterly line, in the southerly line of Broad street at the southeast corner of said Spring street, as now occupied, thence in the present easterly line of said street, thirty and one-half feet to an angle; thence in said easterly line, and in direct continuation thereof to Lockwood street. The westerly line of said street to be parallel with and forty feet 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 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. 581. Resolution relating to suits of Lucius Miner and others, Heirs of William Randall.

(Approved May 19, 1873)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the plaintiffs' costs in the two cases of Lucius Miner and others against the City of Providence, and Lucius Miner and others against Nathan Smalley, now pending in the court of common pleas for the county of Providence, whenever he shall receive from the city solicitor a certificate that said suits have been discontinued, and that said plaintiffs have released to the city all claims to that portion of the North Burying Ground estate lying between North Main street and the easterly line of Sexton street as formerly laid out.

No. 582. Resolution to furnish water for sprinkling streets.

(Approved May 19, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Pawtuxet water be furnished by the city for sprinkling streets, whenever the abutters on any street shall pay the expense of said sprinkling, the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 583. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Clifford street.

(Approved May 19, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay a main drain or common sewer in Clifford street, from Plane street to Chestnut street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes.

No. 584. Resolution abating assessment against the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Co., for Eddy street.

(Approved May 19, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on the extension of Eddy street from Washington street to Cove street, by reducing the assessment upon the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company from three thousand dollars to twenty-five hundred dollars.

No. 585. Resolutions to widen North Main street from Branch avenue, northerly.

(Passed May 19, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to widen North Main street in said city as follows : beginning for the westerly line at a point in the easterly line of Branch avenue, ninety-nine feet westerly from the present easterly line of said North Main street, thence in a direct line northerly to a point ninety-nine feet westerly from the stone bound now standing at the northeasterly corner of North street and said North Main street ; thence northerly in a direct line to a stone bound in the North Providence line, being the termination of the westerly line of a highway laid out by said town of North Providence ; said street to be ninety-nine feet wide from Branch avenue to the north line of said North street, and from thence to be widened wholly on the westerly side thereof ; 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. 586. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance.

(Presented May 19, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

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, 1872, report, that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and find the same correct.

For the committee,

P. M. MATHEWSON, Chairman.

No. 587. Resolution adding \$100,000 to the Appropriation for Sewerage.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

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

No. 588. Resolution appropriating \$1,500 for introducing Drawing into the Public Schools.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated out of the appropriation for public schools, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of introducing drawing into the public schools; the said sum to include the amount to be paid for a teacher of drawing. This appropriation to be for one year from September, 1873.

No. 589. Resolution for building a fence and painting the School-house on Bridgham street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint committee on city property, build an iron fence with granite base around so much of the Bridgham school as fronts on Dodge street, and also properly paint the school building; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 590. Resolution for concrete sidewalks.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners on highways, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, concrete the sidewalks in front of the Richmond street school-house lot, and also, the sidewalks adjoining the school estate on Federal street; the same to be charged to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 591. Resolution reducing the price of water to certain charitable institutions.

(Approved May 21, 1873)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to make a reduction of one-half of the usual rates for Pawtuxet water to the following charitable institutions, viz.: the Holly Tree Inn, and the Irrepressible Society.

No. 592. Resolution appointing a special Committee to settle with parties claiming a jury trial in the matter of the extension of Jackson street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rogers, Fisher, A. J. Barnaby, Brown, Angell, Hayward, Murray, Hopkins, and Ardern, of the Common Council, with Aldermen Angell, Sharpe, Earle, Spicer, Spencer, Sprague, Snow, Sweet and Root, are hereby appointed a committee with full power to settle the claims of all persons who have claimed jury trials in the matter of the extension of Jackson street.

No. 593. Resolution abating the assessment on Gardner Williams and wife for widening Battey Street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Battey street, made to the supreme court at the October term, A. D., 1871, by reducing the assessment upon Gardner Williams and wife, from seven hundred and fifteen dollars to five hundred dollars.

No. 594. Resolution for paving Weybosset Street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Weybosset street, from Custom House street to Dorrance street, to be paved with granite blocks.

No. 595. Resolution for curbing and paving Eddy street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set in place of the old, and the roadway, on Eddy street, from Ship street to Point street, to be paved with granite blocks.

No. 596. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Weybosset and Westminster streets.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Weybosset and Westminster streets, from Dorrance street to the river, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes.

No. 597. Resolutions requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Benevolent and Governor streets.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Benevolent street, from Cooke street, to Governor street, and thence through Governor street to Williams street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes.

No. 598. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Hospital street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Hospital street from Langley street to Crary street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the public laws.

No. 599. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in North Main street.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in North Main street, from a point near the foot of Olney street, to connect with the sewer already constructed in said North Main street at the foot of Constitution Hill; in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes.

No. 600. Resolution to pay Thomas Miller.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Miller the sum of six hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-one cents, in full for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of his premises on Langley street, on his presenting a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 601. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED That permission be granted to John Salisbury, to raise a certain building, located at No. 85 South street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

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. 602. Wheeler M. Blanding.
603. David Hopkins.
604. Edwin Turner.
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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

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. 605. John Bradley.
606. Michael Conway.
607. George R. Matteson.
608. Prince A. Potter.
609. Richard B. Smith.

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. 610. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Keegan 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. 611. Resolution relating to Police Telegraph.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED. That the chief of police, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on police, shall cause to be constructed a police telegraph, and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose from the appropriation for police.

No. 612. Resolution abating tax of Stephen C. Arnold.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Stephen C. Arnold, the sum of four dollars and ninety-nine cents, being the amount of tax paid by him for the year 1872, on a defective tax title.

