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ELISHA C. MOWEY, CHARLES A. NICHOLS.

SECOND WARD.
WILLIAM BINNEY, HENRY L. PARSONS,
PARLEY M. MATHEWSON, WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS.

THIRD WARD.
CLINTON D. SELLEW, STURGES P. CARPENTER,
HORATIO ROGERS, JAMES C. BUTTERWORTH.

FOURTH WARD.
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WILLIAM H. FENNER, CHARLES F. PHILLIPS.

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WILLIAM S. HAYWARD, HENRY C. BRADFORD.

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL.

(Appointed June 2, 1873.)

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PARLEY M. MATHEWSON, Chairman.
JAMES C. BUTTERWORTH, GORHAM P. POMROY,
JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY, WILLIAM V. DABOLL.

HIGHWAYS.
GORHAM P. POMROY, Chairman.
HORATIO ROGERS, BENJAMIN HUNT, Jr.,
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EDUCATION.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.
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CITY PROPERTY.
JAMES ARDERN, Chairman.
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ISRAEL M. HOPKINS, GEORGE B. EARLE.

POLICE.
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WILLIAM W. RICKARD, ADDISON Q. FISHER.

CLAIMS.

ELISHA C. MOWRY, *Chairman.*
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HENRY L. PARSONS, JOHN H. JOSLIN.

PRINTING.

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NORTH BURYING GROUND.

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GEORGE B. EARLE.

HARBOR.

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COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAM W. PAINE, *Chairman.*
ELISHA C. MOWRY, BAINBRIDGE A. WHITCOMB,
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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
OF ALDERMEN.

(Appointed June 2, 1873.)

STREET COMMITTEE.

HENRY J. ANGELL, GEORGE T. SPOICER,
NATHANIEL F. POTTER, Jr.

POLICE COMMITTEE.

ADDISON Q. FISHER, ALBERT H. MANCHESTER.

LAMP COMMITTEE.

GEORGE B. EARLE, JOHN H. JOSLIN.

ARMORY COMMITTEE.

GEORGE T. SPOICER, SILAS A. SWEET.

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*By Order
Term ending
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June 2, 1873.

Organization of the City Govern-
ment for the Municipal term ensuing
the first Monday in June A.D. 1873.

This being the day designated by the
charter for said organization, the Aldermen
and Common Councilmen do assemble
in the chamber of the Common Council
this day at 3 o'clock p.m. Mayor Doyle
in the chair.

Mayor engaged.

The certificate of election of Hon.
Thomas A. Doyle as Mayor elect for the
ensuing term is presented, and the oath
of office is administered to him by Hon.
A. S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

Aldermen and
Councilmen - elect
engaged.

The roll of the Aldermen and Com-
mon Councilmen - elect is called, and the
oath of office is administered by the
Mayor, to the following members of
the Common Council, who are
present, viz:

June 2, 1873

Common Council

Roll call.

First Ward.

Allen J. Brown Allen Greene
Elisha C. Mowry Charles A. Nichols.

Second Ward.

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Wm. Bunnery Henry L. Parsons
Parley M. Mathewson William N. Douglas

Third Ward.

Clinton L. Teller Sturges P. Carpenter
Heratic Rogers Jas. C. Butterworth

Fourth Ward.

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

Fifth Ward.

Nicholas Van Slyck, Gerhard P. Penroy
William W. Rickard, Freeman Johnson.

Sixth Ward.

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Edgar L. Archibald B. Rice
William T. Hayward Henry C. Bradford

Seventh Ward.

Samuel S. Harris, James T. Murray.
Justus B. Barnaby, Bainbridge S. Whitcomb.

Eighth Ward.

Raymond G. Place, Israel M. Hopkins.
Edwin A. Smith Benj. Hunt Jr.

June 2, 1873.

Ninth Ward.

James Ardern, George V. Johnson
George H. Feltis Henry R. Barker.

City Clerk

Samuel W. Brown is re-elected City Clerk and the oath of office is administered by the Mayor.

Prayer.

Prayer is offered by the Rev. Hinckley Training.

Mayor's address.

The Mayor presents an address relative to municipal affairs.

City Officers.

The City Council elect the usual city officers and the two boards separate.

Common Council organized.

The Common Council are called to order by the clerk.

President elected.

Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck is elected President, and Joshua M. Sedgeman

Clerk elected.

clerk for the ensuing term, and the clerk is engaged by the Mayor in the presence of the board of Aldermen.

Rules of order.

Resolved.

That the rules of order of the Common Council for the past Municipal year (as adopted June 3 1872 and

June 2, 1873

amended May 5, 1873, be hereby adopted for the government of the present Common Council.

Joint committees.

The following joint standing committees are appointed, viz:

On Finance

Members Matherson
Bullworth
Barnaby, J. B.
Pomroy
Ald. Daboll, added

On Highways

Members Pomroy
Rogers
Brown
Heint
Ald. Potter, added

On Education

Members Aldrich
Place
Barker
Greene
Ald. Fisher, added

On the Fire Department

Members Fenner
Harris
Sellew
Hayward
Ald. Spicer, added

June 2, 1873.

Joint committees On City Property
(cont'd)

Members Ardern,
Carpenter,
Hopkins
Parsons
Ald. Earle.

On Police

Members S. J. Barnaby
D. S. Johnson
Nico
Smith
Ald. Ald. Angell

On Ordinances

Members Binney
Murray
Rickard
Douglas
Ald. Fisher

On Claims

Members Mowry
Paine
Parsons
Bradford
Ald. Joslin

On Printing

Members J. B. Barnaby
Phillips
T. Johnson
Pettis
Ald. Daboll

On the South Burying Ground, Members Phillips

June 2, 1873.

Joint committees
(cont'd)

Pettis
Greene
Ald. Earle.

On the Harbor.

Messrs Richard
Murray
Whitcomb.
Ald. Manchester.

On Railroads

Messrs Nichols
Murray
Hopkins
Ald. Saboll

On Taxes.

Messrs Harris
Paine
Fellow
Ald. Tereet.

On the city debt. Mr Aldrich

On the city engineers department - Mr Binney.

Committee on
Accounts.

Messrs Paine
Merry
Fellow
Barker,
Whitcomb

are elected by ballot members of the joint
committee on accounts.

(Ald. Angell + Potter added)

June 2, 1873.

Mayor's address
referred.

Resolution referring the several subjects
mentioned in the Mayor's address this
day presented to the proper standing
committees (unless otherwise ordered) is
presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee to
print Mayor's
address and
City Manual.

Resolutions appointing Messrs J. D. Barn-
by, Phillips, S. Johnson and Pettis of
the Common Council and Alderman

a committee to wait on the Mayor
and request a copy of his address for
publication; and also to cause the stand-
ing rules of the City Council, and the
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 portion of the record of the organiza-
tion 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, are
presented, read and passed.

(Concurred + Ald. Saboll added)

(Approved)

Also, the following resolutions are
presented, read and passed, viz: -

City Stationery.

Resolution authorizing the foregoing
Committee to contract for stationery
for the various city officers;

June 2, 1873.

City printing.

Also Resolution authorizing said Committee to contract for the city printing for the ensuing Municipal term.

Reports to be printed

Also Resolution authorizing said Committee to cause the following reports to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council, viz:

The Annual Report of the Gauger;

The Annual Reports of the Commissioners, and 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.

Number of city docs to be printed.

Also Resolution fixing the number of city documents to be printed under the several resolutions passed this day, at not exceeding 750 copies, except when otherwise specially ordered;

City Treasurer's Bond.

Also Resolution appointing the Board of Aldermen a committee to take a bond of the City Treasurer for the faithful discharge of his duties, said bond to be in the sum of \$30,000 dollars.

Police Court.

Also Resolution selecting Elias M. Jencks and Lorin M. Cook Esquires to compose the Police Court for the Municipal term ensuing;

Harbor money.

Also Resolution appointing Messrs. Kieker, Murray & Whitcomb of the Com-

June 2, 1873

mon Council and Alderman (Manchester), a committee to expend the money received from the Harbor Master, as already appropriated by ordinance.

Vane for Engine House.

Also Resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to cause vane with cardinal points to be placed on Engine House, corner of Burnside and Square streets;

Sewer in Westminster St.

Also Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Westminster street from Jackson to Devance streets.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

School Committee

Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the School Committee is presented, received, and it is ordered that 1000 copies thereof with the accompanying documents be printed under the direction of the joint standing committee on printing.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Reports received.

The Monthly Reports of
The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department;
The Harbor Master on Dredging;
The Annual Reports of
The Gauger;

June 2, 1873

The Inspector of Kerosene;
The Trustee of Sinking Fund of 1873;
The Overseer of the Poor;
The Board of Engineers of the Fire
Department,
are severally presented & received.

Concurred,
(Approved)

James McCreedy.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen)
to pay James McCreedy, an unconfirmed
policeman \$85⁰⁰ for duty performed in
April last;

Superior Street

Award to W.S. Burger
increased.

and, directing the City Solicitor to amend
to amendment of the Commissioners Report
on Superior Street by adding to the award
of Walter S. Burger the sum of \$824, and
that the amount due said Burger, by said
report as thus amended, be paid forth-
with,

are severally read and passed in concurrence.
(Approved)

Fourth of July

Celebration of.

Resolutions for a municipal celebration
of the approaching anniversary of American
Independence and appropriating
dollars therefor, are presented and read.

It is voted to fill the fund with the
sum of "six thousand dollars"; - the vote
standing 16 for to 16 against, the President
voting aye, and the resolution is read and passed.

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Messrs Barker, Douglas and Whitcomb
are appointed on the part of the Common
Council members of the committee.

The foregoing resolution is returned
from the Board of Aldermen with their
concurrence therein with an amendment sub-
stituting the sum of \$3000 for \$6000, and
adding Ald. Manchester to the committee.

Thereupon the common Council con-
cure in said amendment with an amendment
substituting the sum of \$5000 for \$3000,
the vote standing 15 for to 15 against, the
President voting in the affirmative.

The Board of Aldermen non-concure in
said amendment.

Fourth of July

Celebration of.

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Another resolution, appointing Messrs
Barker, Douglas and Whitcomb a com-
mittee of arrangements for said celebra-
tion and appropriating the sum of \$5000
therefor, is presented.

It is moved to amend by inserting
\$3000 in lieu of \$5000; upon which motion
the ayes and nays are ordered with
the following result, viz: -

Ayes

Messrs Nichols, Mathewson, Carpen-
ter, Butterworth, Pomroy, Hayward,
Rice, Place, Smith, Hunt. 10

Nays

Messrs Brown, Mowry, Greene, Douglas,

June 2. 1873.

Parsons, Teller, Rogers, A. J. Barnaby,
Fenner, Paine, Richard, F. Johnson,
Bradford, Harris, J. D. Barnaby, Murray
Whitecomb, Hopkins, Arden, Ellis,
G. A. Johnson & Barker. 22.

Said amendment is lost, and the reso-
lution as presented, is read and passed,
a motion to amend by inserting \$4000 in
lieu of \$5000 being lost.

The Board of Aldermen return the
 foregoing resolution with their concur-
rence therein with an amendment substi-
tuting the sum of \$3000 for \$5000, in
which amendment the Council are concurred.

The Board insist on their amend-
ment.

The Council insist on their non-con-
currence, ask for a committee, and
appoint Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Rogers and
Barker, conferees.

The Board agree to the conference
and appoint Aldermen Earle, Sweet and
Manchester conferees.

High School.

Additional room for
66.

A communication from the School
Committee requesting the use of the second
ward room for additional room for High
School is received and referred to the
joint committee on Education.

A draft resolution to create a stand

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Standing Com. on Streets
57.

Street Sprinklers.
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Eddy Street.
55.

Moving buildings.
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Raising buildings.
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Repairs of Pub. Bldgs.

Appropriation.

ing committee on streets;

Also resolution requesting State fire
commissioners to fix rate at which street sprink-
lers may be used at any time, &c.

Also petition of the American Screw
Co. and others for paving Eddy street
from Scott to Henderson streets, are
received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on Highways.

Petitions of

William F. Andrews

Patrick Conley

J. Davis & Son,

Geo. D. Hagg,

John Mc Govern,

John Mc Cusker,

Mr Olive G. Pettis

&c.

for moving buildings, and of

John W. Mc Kinn

for raising a certain building.

are severally presented, received and referred
to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

The joint committee on City Property

submit a detailed statement of the ex-
penditures from the appropriation for Pub-
lic Buildings, and recommended a reso-
lution transferring the sum of \$15000 from
the reserved fund to the appropriation

June 2. 1873.

for repairs of Public Buildings, which is referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Said committee subsequently report the same recommended, which is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved.)

Mounted Police.

A resolution requesting the joint Committee on Police to inquire into the expediency of mounting a portion of the Police force, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Claims for damage

Petitions of

Benj. A. Amess.

Benj. A. Amess for damages from change of grade of Cross Street;

John Sullivan et al.

John Sullivan wife for reparations for injury from flowage of water on their estate on Front Street,

are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Sewer in Transit St.

Petition of S. B. Dike & others for sewer in Transit street from Mohawk Alley to Benesfit street is received and referred to the joint Com. on Sewers

Adjourn.

Adjourned till next Monday at 8. p. m.
Present - all the members except Mr. Binney & Aldrich.
Mr. Addamary Clerk.

June 9. 1873

In Common Council - June 9. 1873.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Members engaged.

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Mr William Binney, member-elect from the second ward, and subsequently Mr. Aldrich, member-elect from the sixth ward, being present, are engaged by the Mayor.

Committee report.

Upon the call of the several standing committees, -

Appropriations for interest on Water Loan.

The committee on Finance report with recommendation, a resolution adding sixty thousand dollars to the appropriation for interest on the water loan, and authorizing the city treasurer to pay the same, which is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Emilie E. Brown.

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of Miss Emilie Elizabeth Brown for damages on account of injuries received

June 9. 1873

Richard Barry.

on the highways; of
Richard Barry for damages for
injuries to horse; of

Caroline A. Warden.

Caroline A. Warden, for damages
for overflow of Amos street sewer; of

E. J. Arnold, Agt.

E. J. Arnold, Agent, for compensa-
tion for damages from obstructions in
Washington street.

make reports address thereof, which re-
ports are received, and it is ordered that
said petitioners severally have leave to
withdraw.

Claims allowed

Said committee report with recommen-
dation.

Daniel Kelcher

Upon the petition of Daniel Kelcher,
Resolution to pay said Kelcher \$250 for
damages by overflow of sewer on Wickar-
den street;

Arthur E. Dexter.

Also, upon the petition of Arthur E.
Dexter,

Iron Nursery Est.

Resolution to refund \$29.79, being
amount of tax erroneously assessed against
the Providence Nursery estate;

John Monaghan.

Also, upon the petition of John Monag-
han,

Resolution to pay said Monaghan \$60
erroneously charged against him for setting
curbing on Penn street,

all of which resolutions were severally read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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The joint committee on Sewers make
report recommending (upon the petition
of Thomas W. Eddy & others)

Sewer in High St.

Resolution requesting the Board of
Aldermen to cause a main drain or com-
mon sewer to be constructed in High
street from Battery street ~~eastward~~ to
Jackson street;
which is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sewer in Cooke St.

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Also, upon the petition of Fanny
Sprague and others,

Resolution for sewer in Cooke
street from Benevolent to Green street;
which is read and passed

Fourth of July.

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The committee of conference on the
disagreement of the two boards relative
to the resolution making an appropriation
for the celebration of the approaching
anniversary of American Indepen-
dence, report that they are unable
to agree; which report is received
and said committee is discharged.

Roger Williams

Monument.

71

The joint special committee on the
Roger Williams Park, to whom on the
13th of January last was re-committed
their report relative to a monument to

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Roger Williams, again make report and recommend the accompanying resolution "that the City Council adopt the design designated as "Triangle No. 2" for the monument to Roger Williams to be erected in the Williams Burying Ground, within the tract of land devised to the city by the late Miss Letsey Williams;" - said resolution being a substitute for the first resolution annexed to their former report, and said committee again recommend the second resolution then reported: which report is received, and it is ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed till the next meeting, and that the same be printed for the use of the Council.

Roger Williams
Park.
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Said committee also submit a Report concerning the Roger Williams Park, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions appropriating a sum not to exceed \$8000 to enclose said park with a fence; and authorizing said committee to make exchange of land with adjoining owners for the purpose of straightening the lines of said Park: which report is received.

A motion to recommend said report, with instructions to report the lines of the Park, is lost.

It is then moved that the consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

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which motion is lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:

Yeas

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Binney, Bradford, Carpenter, Turner, Hunt, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Phillips, Place, Smith & Whitecomb. 13.

Nays

Messrs Aldrich, Ardern, Barker, Brown, Douglas, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, G. A. Johnson, Meary, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Pettis, Timm, Rice, Rickard, Rogers, Tollen. 21

It is then ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed till the next meeting.

Public Market.
Committee on.

The President (Mr Van Slyck) is excused from further service on the Joint Special Committee on the Public Market, and

Mr Aldrich is appointed to fill the vacancy thereby caused in said committee.

Moving Buildings.

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Petitions of

Michael Lyons,
G. R. Macey,
Mrs Beconi Sprague,
Mrs Ann Trainor

for permission to move certain build-

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ings, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Claims for damage

W. J. Bennett

Wm. Knowles,

39.

Jas. A. Wood.

Remission of tax.

Petitions of

J. L. Bennett for damages for injury to estate No. 12 George street; of

William Knowles for damages for undermining wall of his house near Pitman street; of

James R. Wood for remission of tax,

are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Wayland St.

Petitions of

J. Burdell to have to set curb stones and pave gutters on portion of Wayland street between Angell and Holman streets; of

Oliver W. Hopkins to have to open street from Ford to Diamond streets; of

Charles Greene to have to have to the condition of Prairie Avenue, and the manner highway work, has been done thereon,

are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

A resolution referring so much of the Mayor's Annual Message as refers to the

Opening street from Ford to Diamond St.

Prairie Avenue, its condition, etc.

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Washington Bridge.

Building of a bridge at or near the site of Washington Bridge, to employ Carpenter, Penroy and J. B. Barnaby with Alderman to examine and report thereon, is presented, read and passed.

Concurred, Ald. Earle & Swoboda, (Approved)

Reports received.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer;

Also the report of the City Treasurer relative to notes issued by the City, are severally presented, read and received.

Fourth of July.

26

Resolutions appointing a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence, and appropriating dollars therefor, are presented and read. It is moved to fill the foregoing blank with the words "four thousand", which motion prevails by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:—

Yeas

Alders Arden, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Douglas, Fuller, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray,

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Paine, Parsons, Pettis, Phillips, Rice,
Rogers, Tellew & Whitcomb. 22

Meys

Meys Aldrich, Barker, Binney,
Carpenter, Hunt, Mathewson, Mowry,
Nichols, Place, Pomroy, Rickard and
Smith. 12

The resolution is cheerfully read
and passed, and Messrs Barker, Douglas
and Whitcomb are appointed members of
said committee on the part of the Common
Council.

The joint committee on the Fire Depart-
ment obtain leave to report, under a sus-
pension of the rules, the petitions of

- Mr F. Andrews,
- Patrick Conley,
- P. Davis & Son,
- George D. Flagg,
- John Mc Cusker,
- Oliver G. Pettis

for permission to move certain buildings; of
John R. McKim,

for permission to raise a certain building;
and the accompanying resolutions granting
the prayers of said petitions, as recommend-
ed by said committee are severally read
and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving Buildings.

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Raising building.

13.

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Adjournment.

It is voted, that when the Common Coun-
cil adjourn, it adjourn to meet on the second
Monday in July, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The foregoing vote is subsequently recon-
sidered, the motion withdrawn, and

It is voted, that when the Common
Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on
Monday, June 23^d at 8 o'clock p.m.

Resolved.

That the standing committee on
Ordinances be instructed to report at the
next meeting of this Council an ordi-
nance to carry into effect the powers
conferred, or to be conferred, upon a
Board of Public Works under an act
of the General Assembly entitled An
act establishing a Board of Public Works
in the City of Providence?

Ordinance rela-
tive to Board of
Public Works
to be reported.

Special Order for
next meeting.

Resolved. That under Rule 13 of the Rules
of order of the Common Council, the special order
of the evening at the next meeting of the Council
June 23, 1873, after the consideration of the report of
the standing committee on Ordinances be the election
on the part of the Common Council of a Board
of Public Works.

Adjourned until Monday, June 23^d at 8 p.m.

Present - all the members except Mr. Butterworth.

Wm. Caddamery
Clerk.

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Special Meeting

called by the Mayor by his warrant dated June 14, 1873.

Pursuant to said warrant, the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 8 o'clock p.m. - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Mayor's Warrant.

The Mayor's warrant calling the present meeting is read.

Record read.

The record of the proceedings of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

Term of office of Water Commissioners

A Message is received from the Mayor stating his reasons for calling the present meeting, that he deems it necessary that action be taken relative to the extension of the term of office of the Water Commissioners, whose present term expires on the first of July next, which message is read and communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Upon the call of the several standing committees, -
The joint ^{committee} on Claims, to whom on the

June 16, 1873.

Wm. B. Healey and Earl's Lane

5th day of May last was referred a petition of Wm. B. Healey to him for work done on Earl's Lane, make report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is received, and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Public Street
Curbings & paving.

The joint committee on Highways to whom was referred a resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters in Public Street from Greenwich to Eddy street, make report that at present it is inexpedient to curb the whole of said street, and recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute resolution directing curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on said street from Eddy street to Prairie Avenue, which report is received, and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving buildings.

The joint committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred petitions of

13.

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19.

John Mc Govern,
Michael Lyons,
G. R. Marcy,
Mrs Benoni Sprague,

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19.

Mrs Ann Trainor,

for permission to move certain wooden build-
ings, report the same recommended,
and thereupon resolutions granting the
prayers thereof are severally read and
passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Fourth of July.

35

The resolution appropriating \$4000. for
the celebration of the approaching anniversary
of American Independence, which passed
this Council at its last meeting is re-
turned from the Board of Aldermen with
their non-concurrence therein.

A resolution having passed the Board
of Aldermen, appropriating \$3000. for the
same purpose, is sent down, read and
passed in concurrence with an amendment
substituting the words \$4000 for the
words \$3000.

Thomas Davis
Communication from
Increase of Thurburgh
School house lot &
opening street from
Thurburgh Ave. to
Autumn Street.

58.

The joint special committee to whom
by resolution approved May 5, 1873 was
referred a communication from Hon. Thomas
Davis relative to laying out a street from
Thurburgh Avenue to Autumn Street and of
enlarging the school estate corner of
Thurburgh Avenue and Plane Street, make
report and recommend the accompanying
resolution for the purchase from said

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Davis that parcel of land lying north-
ly of and adjoining the Thurburgh Avenue
School estate and extending through to
Autumn Street of a uniform width of
100³⁰/₁₀₀ feet, provided that the same can
be purchased at a price not exceeding
fifty cents per square foot, and that
the title is satisfactory to the city solicitor,
and also providing for purchase of
said Davis of a strip of land on the
eastern side and adjoining the Thurburgh
Ave. School estate sixteen⁵⁰/₁₀₀ feet
wide and extending from Thurburgh Avenue
to Autumn Street at a price not exceeding
35 cents per square foot, the title to be
approved by the city solicitor, and ap-
propriating the sum of \$8750. or so
much thereof as may be necessary for
the above purposes to be charged to the
loan account.

The foregoing resolution having
passed the Board of Aldermen is sent
down, read and passed in concurrence
with an amendment striking out in
the last line the words "loan account",
and substituting the words "Revised fund."

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A communication from the town clerk
of East Providence transmitting an order

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Town of East Prov.
forbids city from
dumping in sd. town.

from the town council of said town that the city of Providence will not be permitted to dump any material for filling in their premises in said town, until a sea wall is built to prevent such material from washing into the channel of the river, is sent down from the Board of Aldermen, received and referred to the committee on the Harbor.

Eddy Street
(Fine to Board)
lay out of.

46.

A printed copy of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and assessment on the lay out of Eddy street, made to the Supreme Court on the 12th of May last, is presented, accompanied by a draft resolution that the City Council elect to make said improvement: which are referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Brown, A. J. Barnaby and Rickard.

Sever in Cooke St.

Vote reconsidered.

47.

On motion of the chairman of the committee on Sewers the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Common Council to cause a common sewer to be laid in Cooke street from Benevolent to Governor streets, is taken from the table, the vote whereby the same was passed reconsidered and said resolution is indefinitely postponed. (having been passed by mistake)
The same committee thereupon

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Young Orchard St.
Sever in

recommend a resolution for sewer to be laid in Young Orchard Avenue from Cooke to Governor streets, which is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Approved,

Moving buildings.

42.

Petitions of

John R. White & Son
Frederick Fuller,
Charles J. Horton,
John A. Luther,
James Quirk

43.

for moving certain buildings; and

Raising do.

43.

43.

Daniel Martin &

Albert G. Sprague,

for raising certain buildings, are presented received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Moving buildings.

Subsequently said committee under suspension of the rules obtain leave to report said petitions of

John R. White & Son,
John A. Luther,

recommended, and resolutions granting the prayers thereof are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Petitions of

Cory Street
572.
Chestnut Street.
54.
The Providence Gas Co. others
for curbing and grading Cory street; of
Chas. W. Field others
that Chestnut street be repaved with
granite blocks,
are received and referred to the joint
Committee on Highways.

Sum. in Elm St.
111.
A petition of Geo. B. Holmes others
for sewer in Elm street from Chestnut street
to Plain street is received and referred
to the committee on sewers.

Jackson Avenue
School house on
411.
Applications from the School Com-
mittee for building a primary and in-
termediate school house on Jackson
Avenue;

Summer St. School
132.
277
Vacation schools.
43.
Also, for removal of school build-
ing on Summer street, ^{and for erection of high school} and for approp-
riation for the establishment of six
vacation schools;

Salaries of teachers.
43.
Also, a draft resolution relative to
payment of salaries of teachers of the
public schools,
are severally received and referred to the
joint committee on Education.

Fountain in Abbott Park
Add'l appropriation for.
A resolution making an addition-
al appropriation of \$500. for setting up
and putting in order the fountain to be

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furnished by Henry J. Steere & others
on Abbott Park (so called) is presented,
read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Monument to
Roger Williams
Com. discharged.

The special committee appointed by
resolution No. 395 approved February 19,
1872 "to procure plans for a monument to
be erected to the memory of Roger Wil-
liams in the Williams Burying Ground,"
present a communication stating that
having completed the work for which
they were appointed they hereby tender
their resignations as members of said
Committee; which is received and the
resignations of the members of said com-
mittee appointed on the part of the Com-
mon Council are accepted.

Roger Williams Park
Committee discharged.

A communication is also received
from the special committee appointed
by resolution approved February 19, 1872
in relation to the lay out of Roger Wil-
liams Park, and also tendering their
resignations as members of said committee;
which is received, and the resignations
of the members thereof appointed on
the part of the Common Council are
accepted.

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*Ord. relative to Water
Comrs & Water Works
Amended.*

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amend-
ment of an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance
in amendment of an ordinance entitled an
ordinance in relation to water commis-
sioners and water works'" (extending their
term to July 1, 1874) having passed the Board
is sent down for concurrence and read.

A motion to postpone till the next
meeting was lost by the following vote, -
the ayes and nays being equal, viz: -

Ayes.

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby,
Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Hunt, F. John-
son, Murray, Nichols, Pette, Phillips, Shaw,
Rogers & Whitecomb. 14

Nays.

Messrs Aldrich, Ardern, Barker,
Brown, Finney, Green, Harris, Hayward,
Hopkins, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray,
Paine, Penney, Rice, Rickard, Tellew,
Smith. 18

Said ordinance is then passed in
concurrence with an amendment strik-
ing out in line 3 of section 1, the word
"July" and substituting the word "January".

In which amendment the Board
subsequently non-concurs.

The Council then recede from their
amendment and concur in the passage
of the ordinance with an amendment
striking out the word "July" and sub-

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stituting the word "March".

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Messer St. Lot

Erection of sch. house.

That the joint committee
in Education be and they are hereby
instructed to erect a school building
on the Messer St. Lot, to be used for
primary and intermediate schools.
Said building to be built of brick
and to contain six rooms for ordinary
school purposes and one room in the
second story equal in size to two of
the other rooms, and to be built with
the exception of the one large room
after the plan heretofore reported by
the Committee in Education for a
school building on said lot.

Resolved.

That the sum of thirty
thousand dollars be and the same
is hereby appropriated for that pur-
pose the same to be charged to the
Reserve Fund.

(Non-concurred)

In Convention.

An invitation to the Board of Alder-
men to join the Common Council in
convention for the confirmation and

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election of city officers is accepted
and the two Boards join

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

Deputy Gaugers.

Amos Potts and Robert Sherman
nominated for deputy gaugers by
the Gauger are confirmed.

Weights of cotton

Henry W. Potts is elected a weigher of cotton.

Police Constables

Thos. Austin, Henry Austin, Daniel
Porter and Wm. H. Shepard are elected
police constables without power to serve
civil process.

City Constable.

The nomination of George W. Nightman
as a city constable is referred to the
Committee on Police.

The two boards separate.

Sale at auction of
building corner of
Burnett & Public Sts.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen)
to sell at public auction, to be taken down,
the building in the lot corner of Burnett
and Public streets, purchased for a
horse station;

Also, appropriating \$3000, for con-
struction of iron bridge, in connection with

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Wamasquatucket
River, Bridge over.

town of North Providence over the Womas-
quatucket River at Atwell's Avenue,
are severally read and passed in con-
currence.

(Approved)

G.A. Republic

Thanks tendered.

A communication from the Grand Army
of the Republic, tendering its thanks for
appropriation for Decoration Day, is
read and received in concurrence.

Fourth of July
(continued)

26.

26.

The resolution making appropriation
of \$3000, for celebration of the approaching
Fourth of July, which passed the Com-
mon Council this day in concurrence
with an amendment substituting
\$4000, for \$3000, is returned from the
Board with their non-concurrence in
said amendment.

The Council thereupon insist on
their amendment.

The Board insist on their non-
concurrence, ask for a committee of
conference, and appoint Aldermen
Spicer, Daboll and Earle conferees on
their part.

The following preamble and reso-
lution are thereupon presented and
read:

Whereas, the Common Council at its

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meeting on the 2^d of June voted to appropriate the sum of \$6000. for the celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence in which appropriation the Board of Aldermen non-concurred, substituting on their part the sum of \$3000, and whereas the Common Council with a desire to harmonize the conflicting opinions of the two bodies, subsequently passed another vote appropriating the reduced sum of \$5000 for said celebration, in which however the Board of Aldermen also non-concurred, again substituting their former sum of \$3000, and whereas a committee of conference was appointed by both bodies with a view of compromising the difference existing between them, and the committee on the part of the Common Council in the spirit of concession in which it was supposed that they were appointed, agreed to recommend the sum of \$4000, in which recommendation the Committee on the part of the Board of Aldermen declined to join, refusing to concede any advance on their original sum of \$3000; and whereas the Common Council upon the report of the conference committee on its part being made, passed a vote appropriating the still further reduced sum of \$4000 for said celebration, in which the Board of Aldermen also non-concurred again substituting

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their original sum of \$3000, and whereas the Board of Aldermen without manifesting any willingness on their part to make any concession, now ask that a committee of conference may again be appointed to confer upon the difference existing between the two bodies; and whereas the Common Council do not propose to make any further concessions in the matter
Therefore it is Resolved,

That the Common Council decline to accede to the request of the Board of Aldermen for a committee of conference on the subject of an appropriation for the approaching anniversary of American Independence.

It is moved to strike out the preamble foregoing, which motion is lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:—

Yeas.

Meys Aldrich, Brown, Carpenter,
Hayward, Hunt, Nichols, Paine, Smory,
Rice, Rickard, Teller & Smith. 12

Nays.

Meys Ardern, Barker, A. J. Barnaby,
J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Douglas,
Finner, Greene, Hopkins, F. Johnson,
G. A. Johnson, Mowry, Murray, Pettis,
Phillips, Hall, Rogers, Whitcomb. 18

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A motion to strike out in the preamble the words "without manifesting any willingness on their part to make any concession", is lost, and the preamble and resolution are then passed and sent to the Board of Aldermen.

Ord. conferring certain powers on the Water Commissioners

A bill entitled "An Ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners", is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourns until Monday next, June 23rd at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Barney, Bullenwath & Parsons.

M. Addeman,
Clerk.

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In Common Council - June 23, 1873.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - a quorum present.

The President being absent, Mr Poine is elected President pro tem.

Record read

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Upon the call of the standing committee:

Ordinance relative to Board of Public Works.

23.

The joint committee on ordinances make a verbal report on the matter of submitting an ordinance relative to the Board of Public Works, referred to them on the 9th inst., without offering any recommendation, and the matter remains in the hands of the committee.

Leave to withdraw.

Wm. Knowles.

20.

Jas R. Wood.

20.

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred on the 9th of June inst. petitions of

William Knowles for payment of damages for undermining wall of house near Pitman street; and of James R. Wood, for remission of tax, make reports adverse thereto: which reports are received, and it is thereupon

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ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Catherine Barry.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of April last was referred a petition of Catherine Barry for damages, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay her the sum of \$300.00 in full settlement of her claim for injuries received by her by reason of a defect in a cross walk at or near the intersection of South Main and James Streets, which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ward Clerks

Remuneration of.

Said committee to whom on the 19th of May last was referred a petition of the Ward Clerks for remuneration, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the City Treasurer to pay to Charles H. Bartlett, Elias M. Jencks, Charles Selden, John C. Robinson, Albert L. Winsor, Augustus V. Payton, Wm. E. Whiting, Henry V. Apstein, and Samuel Young, each, the sum of sixteen dollars and sixty seven cents, in full for services rendered by them as Clerks of the Board of Camassars during the months of April and May 1872, to be

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Charged to the appropriation for elections which report is received, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Benj. O. Anness.

14

Said committee to whom on the 2nd of June inst. was referred a petition of Benj. O. Anness for damages for change of grade of Orms Street, make report, and on the recommendation of said committee they are discharged from further consideration thereof, and said petition is referred to the Board of Aldermen.

Ord. conferring certain powers upon the Water Com's.

38.

The joint committee on Sewers to whom at the last meeting was referred a bill entitled "An Ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water Commissioners," report the same recommended, which report is received and said ordinance is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sewer in Broadway

Sewer in Elm St.

30

Said committee, to whom on the 19th of May last was referred a draft resolution to lay a sewer in Broadway; Also at the last meeting a petition of Geo. B. Holmes & others for a sewer on

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Elm street,
make reports recommending the accom-
panying resolutions requesting the
Board of Aldermen to cause the same
to be laid pursuant to the provisions of
Chapter 807 of the Public Laws: which
resolutions are recommitted, and
subsequently said Committee under a
suspension of the rules report a resolution
directing the Water Commissioners, acting
under the provisions of an ordinance
conferring certain powers upon the
Water Commissioners, to cause a main
drain or common sewer to be constructed
in Broadway from Mung street to Jackson
street in accordance with the provisions of
Chapter 313 of the Public Laws, which is
read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sewer in Elm St.

Also a like resolution for a main
drain or common sewer in Elm street
from Plane to Chestnut streets, which is
read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The joint Committee on the Fire Depart-
ment, to whom at the last meeting were
referred petitions of

Fredrick Fuller

Moving buildings

29.

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James Leirk,
for permission to move certain buildings; of
Daniel Carlin,
Albert G. Sprague,
for permission to raise certain buildings,
make reports recommending the same;
and resolutions granting the prayers
thereof are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

29.

Raising buildings

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29.

Payment of
Teachers' Salaries.

30.

65.

The joint Committee on Education to
whom at the last meeting was referred
a draft resolution relating to payment
of salaries of teachers of public schools,
make report recommending the indefinite
postponement of the resolution; which
report is received and said resolution
is recommitted.

Vacation Schools.

30.

Said Committee to whom on the same
date was referred the request of the
School Committee for appropriation
for establishment of vacation schools,
make report recommending the accom-
panying resolution appropriating
\$1200 - therefor, to be expended under
the direction of the School Committee
and paid from the appropriation for
Public Schools, which report is re-
ceived and said resolution is read

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and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

School building on Jackson Avenue. 30. 482.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred the application of the school committee for school house on Jackson Avenue make report recommending the accompanying resolutions directing the standing committee on education to cause to be erected on the lot owned by the City on Jackson Avenue, a four room brick building to be used for Primary & Intermediate school purposes. Provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of \$20,000, and appropriating said sum to carry the foregoing into effect, to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots, which report is received, and said resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Moving buildings

Petitions of

John Burns
Charles K. Richmond,
Joseph H. Welch,

for permission to move wooden buildings, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department, who subsequently under suspension of the

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rules report the same recommended, and resolutions granting the prayers thereof are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sever in Governor & George Streets. 88.

Petition of Amos D. Smith & others for sewer in Governor and George streets, is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Claims for damages

Daniel S. Hazard.

53

Petitions of Daniel S. Hazard for compensation for damage to estate from the Court Street sewer; of

Schomer Treasurers.

75.

Schomer Treasurers owners for damage by reason of collision with Court Street Bridge; of

Albert G. Sprague & co.

67.

Albert G. Sprague wife for remuneration for damage done to property on Prairie Avenue by establishment of grade on said Avenue, etc. are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Water Works

Appropriation

53.

An application of the Water Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$200,000 - is received and referred to the joint committee on Finance

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Eddy Street
(Pine to Broad)
lay out of.

28.

The special committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment on the lay out of Eddy street, with the accompanying resolution that the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement, make their report: which is received.

Said resolution is amended by inserting the word not after the word "elect" and as amended is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Fourth of July.

35.

The preamble and resolution adopted by this Council at its last meeting upon the request of the Board of Finance for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two boards relative to appropriation for Fourth of July next, and which was communicated to said Board, is by the order of the Board returned to the Common Council.

Resolved.

That the city of Providence hereby agrees to pay to Abby E. Peck interest semi-annually at the rate of six per cent per annum from the thirtieth day of July A.D. 1872 for and during her life upon the sum of five thousand two hundred and thirty nine dollars, the said sum being the

Abby E. Peck.

Award for damages
in re Broad St.
near Snow St.

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award made to said Abby E. Peck as life tenant and to G. J. Owen as owners of the estate numbered lot 422 on assessors plat 24 for damages to said lot by the Commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court for the widening of Broad street near Snow street in the city of Providence, and that the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay said semi-annual interest already accrued whenever he shall receive from said Abby E. Peck a release of all claims for damages resulting from the said widening of Broad street and a certificate from the City Solicitor that the demand of the said Abby E. Peck for a jury trial in said matter has been withdrawn.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Public Market

Com. to procure plans.

22.

That the special committee to procure plans for a Public Market & bridge across the River below Weybosset Bridge, are hereby authorized in their discretion to procure such plans without advertisement.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Adjourn.

Adjourned until Monday, July 14th at 8 p.m.

Present - all the members except the President,
and Messrs Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Slattery,
M. Laddan, Clerk.

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Special meeting.

Special Meeting

called by the Mayor by his Warrant dated July 7, 1873.

Pursuant to said warrant the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 4 o'clock p.m. a quorum present.

Quorum present.

President pro tem.

The President being absent - Mr Rogers is elected President pro tem.

Mayor's warrant.

The Mayor's warrant calling the present meeting is read.

Record.

The reading of the record of the last meeting is dispensed with.

Mayor's message.

Injunction in re
Durrance St. Sewer.

A Message is received from the Mayor, relative to the injunction granted yesterday by the Supreme Court in the suit of Henry C. Clark & others against the city, the committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen and the contractor, restraining the city from constructing the proposed sewer through Durrance street (so called) between Dyer street and the head of Durrance street dock,

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and submitting the accompanying resolutions in reference thereto, which message is read, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:

Durrance St.

Sewer.

Resolved.

That the city council adjudge it to be necessary for the public convenience and the public health that a main drain and common sewer should be laid and maintained through the strip of land in the city of Providence extending from Dyer street in continuation of Durrance street sixty four feet in width to the Durrance street dock so called, which strip of land is claimed by the city of Providence to be a public highway and is also claimed by Henry C. Clark, James C. Bucklin and Albert Bailey, &c. to be private property.

Resolved.

That the city council adjudge it to be necessary for the public convenience and public health that such main drain and common sewer shall be constructed not less than sixty six inches in diameter.

Resolved.

That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to cause such main drain and common sewer to be constructed forthwith through

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Dorsance St. Sewer. Said strip of land under the provisions of chapter 993 of the public laws. Resolved.

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such a bond in behalf of the city in such an amount and with such conditions as the Supreme Court of this state shall require in the pending litigation between Henry C. Clark, James C. Bucklin and Albert Bailey vs. complainants, and the city of Providence, Joseph J. Cooke, William Corlies, Charles E. Carpenter and Thomas Pearson respondents.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Messrs St. School Ho.

60.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to construct a school house on Myer street;

Myer Street

Extension of

60.

Also, to extend Myer street, are severally sent down for concurrence, read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Unconfirmed notice

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to pay certain unconfirmed notices.

City Engineers Dept. Appropriation for

Also, transferring \$2500, from the Restored Fund to the City Engineers Department;

Wm. G. Heath's gift to M.B. Ground.

Also, accepting gift of Wm. G. Heath of \$2000 to the Bumping Ground Fund for care of

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Trust lot,

are sent down, read and severally passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Tax Ordinance

68.

Resolved.

That the joint committee on Finance be instructed to report an Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Moving buildings

57.

57.

57.

57.

Petitions of

John J. Burns,

Mrs Amanda F. Brown,

John Morrow

John M. Guigan

for permission to move certain buildings; of

Raising do.

57.

57.

Mrs Amanda F. Brown

Tobias Jackson,

to raise certain buildings, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Bridgman School. Desks for the 11th Room.

Applications from the School Committee for proper desks and furniture for the 11th room in the Bridgman School. Also, for screens for entrances of the

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Arnold St. School Arnold street school house, and for cutting the blinds on the lower floor of said school house in two horizontally, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on City Property.

Petitions of

88. Mrs. T. Adams petition for sewer in lots that front Argill street to Bond street;

89. Oliver of Lucian Draper petition for sewer in Cooke street from Young Orchard street to River street.

are severally presented received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Petition of J. H. Packard for

53. compensation for damages in consequence of the building of the Pearl street sewer, to the amount of \$1500; of

R. R. and Anne F. Stafford for remittance of assessment for setting curb in Washington St., are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday next, July 14, 1873, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members, except the President & Messrs. Warwick, Quincy, Butterworth, Gleason, G. V. Johnson, Price & Phillips.

M. Goddemaney
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Upon the call of the several Standing Committees -

Fin. Water Works

Additional appro-

45.

The joint committee on Finance report with recommendation on the application of the State Commissioners for an additional appropriation, and the accompanying resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for the Wisconsin State Stake, and authorizing the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the joint committee on Finance to issue the same, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

45

52

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of Daniel J. Hazard, and James A. Packard, severally for damages by reason of the Pearl street sewer, make reports adverse

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Arnold St. School
Screens for windows
Cutting blinds in the house in an horizontal,
Arnold shut school house, and for cutting
the blinds on the lower floor of said school
house in an horizontal,
are severally presented, received and
referred to the joint committee on City
Property.

Petitions of

Sever in Nos St.
88,
Am. F. Andrews & others for sever in
Nos shut from Argell shut to River shut;

Sever in Cooke St.
88,
Wm. of Lucian Draper & others for
sever in Cooke shut from Young Orchard Ave.
near to River shut,

are severally presented received and referred
to the joint committee on sewers.

Claims for damage.
Jos. A. Packard.
53,
Petitions of James A. Packard for re-
membrance for damages in consequence of
the building of the Pearl shut sewer, to the
amount of \$1500; of

R. R. & Anne F. Stafford.
74,
R. R. and Anne F. Stafford for remittance
of assessment for setting curb on Washington St.;
are severally presented, received and referred
to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn
The Common Council adjourn until Monday
next, July 14th 1873, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members, except the Pres-
ident & Messrs. Ulrich, Binney, Butterworth, Egan,
G. T. Johnson, Pease & Phillips.
A. Addemaury
Clk.

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In Common Council - July 11, 1873.

The Common Council met pursuant to ad-
journment - the President in the chair and
a quorum present.

Record read

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Upon the call of the several Standing
Committees -

Pub. Water Works.

Additional appro-

45

The joint committee on Finance report with
recommendation on the application of the
State Commissioners for an additional
appropriation, and the accompanying
resolution adding \$200,000 to the appro-
priation for the Minnesota State Stake,
and authorizing the City Treasurer under
the advice and direction of the joint
committee on Finance to issue the same,
is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

45

52

The joint committee on claims to whom
were referred petitions of
Daniel T. Hazard, and
James A. Packard,
severally for damages by reason of the
Pearl shut sewer, make reports adverse

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think, and it is thereupon ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Bishop Street

Willard Street

Reception of.

The joint committee on Highways to whom were referred petitions of Geo. P. Ten and others for receiving Bishop street, and Willard street,

make reports recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions which reports are received and a resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Bishop street from Plane street to Willard street and declare the same a public highway, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Willard Street.

Also a resolution requesting said Board to receive Willard street from Bishop street to Eddy street, and declare the same a public highway, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Chestnut street

Re-paving of.

30.

Said committee to whom were referred a petition of Charles St. Field others for re-paving Chestnut street with granite blocks make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution which report is received, and said resolution directing

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The Highway Commissioners to cause new curb stones to be set in place of the old narrow curb now set, and the roadway paved with granite blocks on Chestnut street from Broad to Clifford streets, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Eddy Street

Re-paving of.

13.

Said committee to whom was referred June 2^d a petition of the American Loan Co. and others for re-paving Eddy street, make report recommending the accompanying resolution which report is received, and said resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause new curb stones to be set in place of the old narrow curbing where needed, and pave the roadway with granite blocks on Eddy street from Point to Henderson streets, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ives street

Curbing & paving.

Said committee to whom were referred April 8. 1872 a petition of Mr. McLaughlin others for curbing & paving Ives street, from Power to Front streets, make report recommending the accompanying resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Ives street from Power street to Front street, which report is received,

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and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Transit street.

Curbing & paving.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of April last was referred a draft resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Transit street from East street to Governor street, make report recommending the passage thereof; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Street sprinklers rates for use of.

13.

Said committee to whom on the 2^d of June last was referred a draft resolution requesting the State Commissioners to fix a rate at which takers of water may use their street sprinklers, or garden hydrants, in watering lots over such territory as they may desire, and at any time in their discretion, make report recommending the passage thereof, which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

Thayer street.

Widening of.

Said committee report unfavorably on the draft resolution to widen and extend Thayer street from Penn to Pike streets, recommended to them on the 19th of May last, which resolution is indefinitely postponed;

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Warding Com. on Streets.

13.

71.

Also, unfavorably on a draft resolution to create a standing committee on streets, referred June 2^d last, which is laid on the table till the next meeting.

Fire Department.

Appropriation for.

The joint committee on the Fire Department submit in print a detailed statement of the causes which make an additional appropriation necessary and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution adding the sum of \$30,000 to the appropriation for the Fire Department, and authorizing the City Treasurer to hire the same; which report is received, and said resolution is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Raising buildings

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Said committee to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of John J. Burns, Mrs Amanda F. Brown, John Merrou, John Mc Guigan,

Raising (20)

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for permission to move certain buildings; of Mrs Amanda F. Brown, Tobias Jackson to raise certain buildings, report the same recommended, and resolutions granting the prayers thereof are read & passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Thurston Avenue
School house estate,
Purchase of land for
26.

The joint committee on city property also by resolution of the 16th of June last were instructed to purchase land adjoining the Thurston Avenue school estate, report that said lot contains more land by about four thousand feet than the amount of the appropriation will cover; wherefore they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions directing the joint committee on City Property to purchase of Thomas Davis a lot of land adjoining the Thurston Avenue school estate on the north and bounding westerly on Plume street, and containing about 4000 feet, provided the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding fifty cents per square foot and that the title of said land shall be satisfactory to the city solicitor; also appropriating the sum of \$2000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be charged to the reserved fund. which report is received and said resolutions are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Prospect Park

Additional appropriation for

Said committee make report on the execution of Prospect Park (so called), and give a detailed statement of the manner in which the former appropriation of \$8000 has been expended, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution appropriating

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The sum of \$3000 for the completion of Prospect Square, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed. Subsequently it is moved to reconsider the foregoing vote, which motion is lost.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Decoration Day

Report of committee

The joint special committee appointed to arrange for a suitable observance of decoration day, submit their report, which is received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The Broad street.

Report of com. to confer with parties damaged.

The joint special committee appointed on the 14th day of April last to confer with all parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the widening and straightening of Broad street make their report and for the reasons therein stated, recommend that no action be taken with reference to settlement of said claims: as several of the parties appealing have expressed a willingness to submit the matter to arbitration the committee suggest the propriety of adopting this course: which report is read and received.

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Health Department. Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, transferring the sum of \$2500 from the Reserve fund to the appropriation for the Health Department, is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Wayd street. Lay out of 50.

The resolutions from the Board of Aldermen, that in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Wayd street of a width of not less than sixty feet from Hope street to Arlington Avenue by the width and bounds therein described, which at the last meeting were postponed till this day, are now taken from the table, read and passed in concurrence.

Messer street. Direction of school house. 50, 69.

The resolutions from the Board of Aldermen, to build a school house in Messer street, which at the last meeting were postponed till this day, are taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Education.

Reports received.

The monthly reports of the City Treasurer, and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, are presented, read and received.

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Opening streets. Appropriation for.

The City Auditor reports that the appropriation for opening streets is exhausted; whereupon a resolution adding the sum of fifty thousand dollars to said appropriation and authorizing the City Treasurer to hire the same, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Maying buildings.

Petitions of

J. N. Nickham,

Matthew Vance,

John S. Williams

for permission to move certain buildings of

J. B. Gardner,

Wingate Hayes,

Samuel J. Howard,

Thos. Huntington

Reading (20)

to raise certain buildings, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department; which committee subsequently under a suspension of the rules report the same recommended, and resolutions granting the prayer thereof are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Petition of

Daniel Keeler,

Daniel Keeler for compensation for damages received by wafting of the kumder.

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Street sewer; of
 Lawrence Lynch for damages by
 reason of defect in Wickenden street
 sewer; of
 T. M. Thayer for damages from
 conflict of sewer in Washington street; of
 C. A. Warden for damages
 for conflict of sewer street sewer; of
 Martin Walling's
 Heirs. for damages from change of line of
 Camp street.
 are severally presented, received and referred
 to the joint committee on claims.

B. & P. R. R. Co.
 Switching engine
 Application of the Boston & Providence
 R. R. Co. for permission to run a switching
 engine on South Water street is presented,
 received and referred to the joint commit-
 tee on Railroads.

Butler Avenue
 Curbing of
 Application of Alfred Stone to have
 for curbing Butler Avenue between Pitman
 and South Angell streets is presented, re-
 ceived and referred to the joint committee
 on Highways.

Ord. establishing
 joint rules &c
 amended.
 A bill entitled "An Ordinance in
 amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An
 Ordinance establishing certain joint rules
 and joint standing committees of the City
 Council' and of the several Ordinances in amend-

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ment thereof" (appointing a joint com-
 mittee on Parks), is presented, read and
 passed.

(Concurred)
 (Approved)

Resolved,

That the sum of thirty
 thousand dollars to and the same is hereby
 added to the appropriation for the school
 house on Point and Plane streets and
 the City Treasurer acting under the ad-
 vice of the committee on Finance be au-
 thorized to hire the same.

(Concurred)
 (Approved)

School-house on
 Point & Plane Sts
 Appropriation for.

Union R. R. Co.
 To lay rails in Frank-
 lin & Washington Sts.
 Ordinance amended.
 Application of the Union Railroad for
 permission to lay a track in Franklin
 and Washington streets, and to connect
 with the track of the New York, Providence
 and Fishkill Railroad Co. (on account
 of obstructions in other streets where their
 tracks are now laid, by reason of the
 work on the sewers) is presented, re-
 ceived and referred to the joint commit-
 tee on Railroads.

Said committee subsequently,
 under a suspension of the rules, report
 with recommendation a bill entitled
 "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ord.

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and permitting the Union Railroad Co to lay rails in certain streets in the City of Providence.

It is moved to amend the foregoing ordinance by adding the words "provided however, that said company shall remove said rails within one year from the passage of this ordinance"; which amendment is adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:—

Yeas

Messrs. Mauck, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Bullenath, Douglas, Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, G. Johnson, Mathewson, Rice, Rice, Richard, Tilton & Whitcomb. 14

Nays

Messrs. Ardern, Barker, Brown, Carpenter, Greene, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Peltis, Phillips, Purroy, Rogers & Smith. 15

The Ordinance as amended is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the Board of Assessors be and they are hereby instructed to inform this body at its next meeting of the total valuation of the land (exclusive of buildings) embraced within the following limits:

Valuation of certain land in ninth ward.

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Greenwich street to Congress street, Broad street to Thimble Avenue, Eddy street to the City line and thence to Greenwich street upon which the tax was assessed in 1871

and also the valuation thereof as assessed in 1872, giving the amount of tax assessed thereon in each of said years.

and that said Board also give the valuation for each of said years, with the tax thereon of the land included in the following limits: Sacket and Jay Streets in the north, Prairie Avenue and Eddy street in the East, the city line in the South and the Strington railroad in the West.

Resolved.

Brook Street Extension of 267.

That the joint standing committee on Highways are hereby directed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of extending Brook street from Angell street to Hope street.

Salary Ordinance amended. Teacher's salaries

43.

Under a suspension of the rules, the joint committee on Education to whom was recommitted the subject of the payment of the Teacher's salaries, report a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence &c."

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year ending the first Monday in June 1874" recommending the passage thereof: which report is received, and said ordinance is read and passed.

High School purposes.

Additional room for.

12.

Said committee also report formally on the application of the School Committee for fitting up the Ward room in the second ward as an additional room for High School purposes, and the accompanying resolutions directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to cause the same to be so fitted up, and appropriating \$500, therefor to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots, are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

City Registrar's 15.
Annual Report.

The 18 Annual Report of the City Registrar is presented, read and received and it is ordered that 200 copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Purchase of land for school house on Doyle Avenue.

Resolved,

That the joint Standing Committee on City Property are hereby authorized

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and directed to purchase of Paris Mivser his lot of land on Bacon street adjacent, to the Doyle Avenue school house lot containing 3100 square feet - more or less - at a price not beyond \$3000, when ever he shall present a title thereto satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Valuation of real estate in the second ward.

A draft resolution instructing the Board of Assessors to inform this body of the total valuation of the land (exclusive of buildings) embraced within the following limits: Bacon street to Cushing street, Corydon street on the east and Wheaton street on the west, which resolution is read and not passed.

J.G. Sprague et al vs.

Prairie Avenue.

45.

Upon the petition of Albert G. Sprague for remuneration for damage to property on Prairie Avenue by establishments of grade etc, referred to the committee on claims on the 23rd of June last, said committee are discharged from further consideration of said petition, which is referred to the Hon. Board of Aldermen.

Adjourn.

Adjourned until Monday next, July 21. at 8 pm.
Present - all the members except Messrs Birney, Murray & Parie.
A. C. Anderson
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Quidwick Reservoir Co.

A message is received from the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Quidwick Reservoir Co. representing that they are now engaged in constructing a reservoir on the South branch of the Taunton River near Washington village, which with dam will cost not less than \$123,000, and deeming it proper that the city should bear its proportion of the expense thereof, they estimate such proportion at not less than \$20,000: which message is read.

Tax Ordinance.

51.

The joint committee on Finance pursuant to instructions report a bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence" recommending its passage: which report is received and said ordinance is read & passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Messer Street

Location of school house.

60.

The Committee on Education make a verbal report on the resolution relative to the erection of school house in Messer street referred to them at the last meeting. They before recommending the same it is desirable to make further inquiry into the matter of the building of school houses etc. and the resolution remains in the hands of the committee.

Cove Basin.

Dredging of.

93.

The Commissioners of the Cove Basin whom on May 19th last was referred a draft resolution to dredge the Cove Basin, present their report stating the quantity of earth to be removed (viz 165,000 cubic yards), when the same may be disposed of, the building of retaining wall and estimate of cost (viz \$60,000). Also, accompanied by the opinion of the Superintendent of Health that such dredging at the present time will not be deleterious to the public health: which report is received and the consideration of said resolution postponed till the next meeting.

Valuation of certain real estate in Ninth Ward.

64.

The Board of Assessors pursuant to resolution of the last meeting calling on them for certain information relative to taxation of certain property in the ninth ward, present their report which is re-

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ceived and placed on file.

Brook St. District

Commissioners to settle.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen, Appointing Cyrus B. Manchester, Horatio St. Angell, and Erik Sallman commissioners with full power to agree with parties for the price of lands taken by the city in the Brook street district, with authority to draw on the city treasures for the sums agreed upon, and to employ such clerical assistance as may be needed;

Land on Bacon St for school house.

Also resolution appropriating \$5000 for purchase of land on Bacon street for High Avenue School house site;

Lippitt Street

Not to lay out.

Also resolution seeking not to lay out Lippitt street from East Avenue to Randall street, are severally sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Full paid firemen.

Petition of the Board of Engineers for additional full paid men is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Joint Com. on streets.

236.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance establishing certain joint rules and joint standing committees of the city council'" is presented, received and referred to the joint com-

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mitted in Ordinance. (Joint com. on streets.)

Claims for damages

76.

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79.

Resolutions of

Seil Harvey

Hugh Kelly

May Smith

Joanna Boyle,

severally for allowance for damages in account of defective sewers in Melenden street are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Standing com. streets

57.

The resolution to create a standing committee on streets (postponed from the last meeting) is taken from the table, read and indefinitely postponed.

Joint Com. on Parks.

The President appoints as members on the part of the Common Council of the Joint standing committee on Parks, pursuant to Ordinance passed at the last meeting,

Alfred Horatio Rogers,

John S. Hayward,

Geo. H. Pettis,

D. S. Whitecomb.

Roger Wms Park

Reports rejected.

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135.

The several reports of the Joint Special Committee on the Roger Williams Park presented the 9th of June last, recommending plans for the improvement of the grounds.

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and also designs for a monument to Roger Williams are taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Parks.

Land on Bacon St.
taken for school house

Resolved.

That in the opinion of the City Council it is desirable to add to the land on Bayl Avenue belonging to the city designated as a location for a school house lot, the land described as follows, viz: Beginning at the south easterly corner of land of Paris Winsor on the westerly side of Bacon street, and extending thence westerly one hundred and three ³/₄ (103 ³/₄) feet - more or less - to land belonging to the city; thence easterly ~~one~~ hundred nineteen ³/₄ (119 ³/₄) feet more or less - to land belonging to Harriet H. Rippen; thence southerly one hundred three ³/₄ (103 ³/₄) feet more or less - to said Bacon street; and thence running southerly on said Bacon street one hundred and twenty (120) feet - more or less - to the point of beginning; and containing twelve thousand three hundred and sixty (12360) square feet; and that the same is hereby fixed upon for that purpose.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the joint Standing

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Negotiation for
land on Bacon St.

89.

committee on Education are hereby authorized to negotiate with the owners of the land on Bacon street this day fixed upon as a location for a school house and to obtain the terms upon which said owners will convey said land to the city.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Street sprinklers

82.

A resolution repealing resolution No. 582 - approved May 19. 1873 in relation to furnishing water for street sprinklers is presented, received and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Lane, Parsons, Phillips and G. A. Johnson to examine and report thereon.

Real Estate
of the city.

286.

Resolved.

That Messrs. Aldrich, Lane and Nichols of the Common Council with Alderman _____ be forthwith appointed a committee for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting to the City Council a statement of the real estate belonging to the city (exclusive of the Water Station property) giving an estimate of present value of the same, to whom and at what price rented.

(Concurred by Ald. Fisher & Carl added)

(Approved)

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Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, August 11. 1873 at 8 p.m.

Present all the members except Mr Binney.

M. Caddeman,
Clerk

In Common Council - August 11. 1873

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Upon the call of the several standing committees -

R.R. & Anne F. Stafford

52.

The joint committee on Claims report favorably on the petition of R.R. and Anne F. Stafford for relief from assessment for cutting in front of their estate on Washington street, and the accompanying resolution directing the City Treasurer to remit to them the sum of seventy two dollars and twenty five cents for said purpose

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is thereupon read and passed
(Concurred)

Calvin H. Norden.

62.

Said committee to whom was referred the 14th of July last, the petition of Calvin H. Norden for damages resulting from overflow of Arroyo Street sewer, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay \$225 in full of the same: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

Concurred

(Approved)

Lawrence Lynch

62.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Lawrence Lynch for damages resulting from overflow of Dickenden Street sewer, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay seventy five dollars in full of the same: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Schoon. Treasure.

75

Said committee to whom on the 23rd of June last was referred a petition of owners of the Schooner Treasure for damages resulting to said schooner from collision with the Point Street Bridge, and report recommending the accompanying reso-

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lution to pay the sum of \$139³⁰ in full of the same: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

John Sullivan wife

Said committee to whom on the 2^d of June last was referred a petition of John Sullivan wife for reparation for injury suffered by the flowage of water upon their premises on Front street from the Reform School, make report recommending the accompanying resolutions, which are thereupon read and passed, viz

Resolution to pay the sum of five hundred dollar in full of said claim.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Reform School

Drainage of water

Also, Resolution requesting the Trustees of the Reform School to submit as soon as possible a plan for the proper drainage of the surface water on the Reform School estate, with the estimated cost thereof.

(Non-concurred)

Leave to withdraw

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

E. L. Drane 11.

20.

Joanna Doyle

71.

Neil Harvey.

71.

J. L. Dannel for damages to estate No. 12 George Street from overflow of sewer; Joanna Doyle, Neil Harvey,

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Hugh Kelly 71.
Mary Smith 71.

Hugh Kelly,
Mary Smith,

severally for damages by reason of overflow of the Nickerson street sewer, make reports and recommend that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw, which recommendation is adopted, and it is so ordered.

Invitation to join in convention

A message is received from the Board of Aldermen that they are ready to join the Council forthwith in convention for the election of certain city officers. An invitation to that effect is ordered and accepted, and the two boards join

An Convention.

Do

The message of the Mayor relative to the necessity of electing an engineer to examine the Providence & Springfield R.R. Co. in place of the late Samuel B. Cushing & deceased, is presented and read.

Engineer to examine Prov. & Springfield R.R.

Samuel B. Cushing (son of the late Engineer) is elected to fill the foregoing vacancy.

Certain minor officers are elected and the two Boards separate.

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The Board of Aldermen send in a message that they are ready to adjourn unless some matter of business is to come from the Council.

Adopt Appropriation
for Public Schools
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The rules are suspended, and the committee on Education submit a statement in print that the appropriation for Public Schools is exhausted for certain reasons therein stated, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution transferring the sum of twenty five thousand dollars from the Reserve fund to the appropriation for Public Schools; which report is received, and said resolution is, after considerable debate, read and passed.
(Concurred)
(Vetoed)

Scott St. Retained.

The joint committee on Highways & Streets was referred the subject of laying out a street from Scott street to Doyle Avenue, report recommending the accompanying resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out and extend Scott street of a uniform width of thirty feet from Bacon street to Doyle Avenue, which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

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Streets received.

Butler Avenue

Belleme Avenue

Prairie Avenue

Alfred Stone & others for receiving Butler Avenue from Pitman to South Angell streets; &

of S. C. Rider & others for receiving Belleme Avenue from Cranston street to Long Pond; of

W. H. Deming & others for receiving Prairie Avenue from Thurber street to Broad street,

report, severally recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive said streets and declare the same public highways, which reports are received and said resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Quar. Report of Highway Comrs

The Quarterly Report of the Highway Commissioners is presented, read & received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Sewers

Appropriation for

The joint committee on Sewers report that the appropriation for Sewers is exhausted, and the accompanying resolution, recommended by them, adding the sum of \$10,000 to said appropriation, and authorizing the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the committee on Finance to hire the same, is read & passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Hose Station No. 2

Better sleeping accommodations

The joint committee on the Fire Department report that it is both desirable and necessary that better sleeping accommodations should be furnished at Hose Station No. 2, South Main Street, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to make the necessary improvements on said Station and appropriating the sum of \$1500 therefor, which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief
Eng. of Fire Dept.

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

House for Police Dept.

The joint committee on Police to whom on the 2^d of June last was referred the subject of a mounted police patrol, report that in their opinion such patrol is not necessary at the present time; they, however recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution for the purchase of a house for the police department, and appropriating the sum of \$3000 therefor, which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Blackstone Park

Subject referred.

The joint committee on City Property who by resolution approved March 3, 1873, were instructed to cause a plan to be prepared for the laying out and improving Blackstone Park, make report of the progress of the work thus far, and recommend that, as subsequently a joint standing committee on Parks has been created to whom the subject more properly belongs, the same be referred to them: which report is received, and the accompanying resolution discharging said committee from further consideration of any matter concerning the Blackstone Park, and referring all papers and resolutions relating to the same to the joint committee on Parks to examine and report thereon, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Messer Street

School house on

60.

90.

The joint committee on Education to whom on the 14th of July last were referred the Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen for building a school house on Messer Street, make report and recommend concurrence therein with amendments providing for an eight room building, instead of a four room building, at an expense not exceeding thirty thousand instead of

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Twenty thousand dollars: which report is received and said resolutions are passed in concurrence with the above named amendments.

(Non-concurred)

Mo. Report of Harbor-master.

The monthly Report of the Harbor Master on dredging the harbor is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Water for st. sprinklers

Resolution referred.

73.

The special committee to whom in the 21st of July last was referred the draft resolution repealing Resolution No 582 approved May 19, 1873 in relation to furnishing water for street sprinklers, make report recommending the passage thereof with an amendment adding the words "to take effect on the first day of September next:" which report is received and said resolution is amended by adding the foregoing words, and as amended is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Highway Dept. &c.

Additional rooms for

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to hire additional rooms in the Dexter Block for the use of the Highway department and City Engineer;

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Public Parks

Res. of inquiry into

135.

Also, directing the Joint Committee on Parks to inquire into and report the present condition of the several public parks, and what action is necessary for their preservation and proper management;

Unconfirmed Police.

Also for paying certain unconfirmed policemen for services performed in July;

Resolutions for Sewers repeated.

Also, repealing certain resolutions, (viz Nos. 542, 574, 583, 232 (in part), 161 (in part) of last year, and 52, 22, & 31 of the current year) requesting the Board of Aldermen to cause certain sewers to be constructed;

Water Commissioners to construct sewers.

Also, directing the Water Commissioners to construct sewers in certain streets, (viz Allen, Benefit, & Wickham, Young Orchard Avenue, Westminster, Clifford, Meeting, High, Hayer, Angell & Brook)

Traverse Street

Extension of

324.

Also, to lay out Traverse street from Pike street to Sheldon street of a uniform width of fifty feet, and providing for appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment and for the apportionment of three quarters of the loss and damage upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, are severally read down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

A bill entitled An Ordinance for

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Hack Ordinance. The regulation of hacks, omnibuses, drays
hacks &c. having passed the Board of
Aldermen, is sent down, read and passed
in concurrence.

(Approved)

Point Street Bridge

Ordinance relative to.

97.

A bill entitled An Ordinance in rela-
tion to the Point street bridge, having passed
the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for con-
currence, read and referred to the joint
Committee on the Harbor.

Mass. Loan Reports

Purchase of.

A resolution for the purchase of a
complete set of the Massachusetts Reports
containing 107 volumes for a sum not ex-
ceeding \$370., having passed the Board
is sent down for concurrence, read and
referred to the joint Committee on Ordinances.

Point & Plane Streets

School House.

Commissioners' Report.

The second quarterly report of the
Commissioners on the erection of the new
School house at the Corner of Point
and Plane streets is presented read and
received.

(Concurred & Approved)

Salary Ordinance

Amendment as to pay-
ment of teachers.

86.

A bill entitled An Ordinance in amend-
ment of an ordinance entitled An ordi-
nance fixing the salaries of the officers
of the city of Providence for the year ending
the first Monday in June 1874, providing
for payment of teachers' salaries quarterly in-

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stead of monthly, is presented and read.
During the consideration thereof, it being
suggested that there is no quorum present,
The Common Council adjourn until next
Monday (August 18) at 5 o'clock p.m.

Adjourn.

Present all the members except Messrs
Binney, S. Johnson, Mathewson & Nichols.
M. Laddeman,
Clerk.

In Common Council - August 11, 1873

The Common Council meet pursuant
to adjournment - the President in the
Chair, and a quorum present.

Record read

The record of the last meeting is
read and approved.

Mayor's message

Errors in report
in Re Broad St.

103.

A message from the Mayor trans-
mitting a communication from the City &
Solicitor in relation to errors made by
the Commissioners of Estimate and as-
sessment in the matter of widening Broad
Street, South of Public Street, is received
and referred to the joint Committee on Highways

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Mayer's message
Voting
Res. making approp-
riation for pub. schools

78.
79.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto the Resolution (No. 152) transferring \$250,000 from the Reserve fund to the appropriation for public schools, which passed the Common Council on the 11th inst. and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 14th inst. which Message is with the accompanying documents referred to the joint committee on Education with instructions to print the same, and with authority to report in print.

It is subsequently ordered that said committee forward, prior to the next meeting, a copy of their report to each member of the Council.

Salary ordinance

Amendment as to
Teacher's salaries.

81.
132.

The bill to amend the salary ordinance, as relating to the payment of teachers' salaries, which was under consideration at the adjournment of the last meeting, is taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Education.

Subsequently said committee report back the same, recommending its passage with amendments, which ordinance is recommitted.

Moving buildings.

Under a suspension of the rules, the petitions of
Robert Crosscaden,

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L. Chafee
Francis A. Darling
Owen Dequan,
James Doherty,
Diana Fitzgerald
John G. Hastings
Steph Iron Daks,
Stanford C. Hovey,
Arnold P. Mathewson,
Mary May,
all for permission to move certain buildings;

Raising buildings.

Hugh Bannan,
John G. Hastings,
Arnold P. Mathewson,
Thomas R. Morris,
R. R. Rickard,
Charles J. Trottland,

all for permission to raise certain buildings, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department; who subsequently report the same recommended; and resolutions granting the prayers thereof are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Upon the recommendation of the joint committee on Highway,

Market Square
&
Westminster St
Repairing of.

Resolutions directing the Highway Commissioners to cause

Market Square, and Westminster street from Market

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Square to High street,
to be repared with granite blocks,
are severally presented, read and passed,
(2^d Res. concurred & approved)
(1st Res. on title B. Act)

Sewers ordered.

Upon the recommendation of the joint
Committee on Sewers, the following res-
olutions are presented, read and passed, viz:

Resolution (upon the petition of
Lucian Drape & others, presented July 8th
1873.) directing the Water Commissioners
to cause a main drain or common sewer,
to be constructed in Cooke street from
a point near Young Orchard Avenue
to Power street, and thence through
Power street to Joes street, in accordance
with the provisions of Chapter 313 of the
public laws;

Sewer in Cooke street.

52.

Power street

Also, a similar resolution (upon the
petition of Amos D. Smith & others, present-
ed the 23rd June last), for a sewer in
Governor street from George street to
Benvenuto street, and in George street
from Cooke to Governor streets;

Governor st. Sewer

45.

George St.

Sewer in Joes St.

52.

Also, a similar resolution (upon the
petition of Mr F. Andrews & others), for
sewer in Joes street, from Pitman to
Bower street.

(Concurred),
(Approved),

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Land on Bacon St
Purchase for school ho

73

The joint standing committee on Edu-
cation who were authorized by resolution
No 124, approved July 24, 1873 to obtain
the terms upon which the owners of
certain lands on Bacon street, fixed upon
as the location for a school house,
would convey the same to the city, make
report, that they have obtained agree-
ments in writing from the owners
aforesaid to convey said lands within
ten days to the city for the sum of
eleven thousand eight hundred dollars;
which report is received, and the accom-
panying resolutions directing the com-
mittee in City Property to purchase
from Mr Schroeder and A. T. Beckwith
said lands, at a cost not exceeding
the sum of \$11,800, and appropriating
said sum or so much thereof as may
be necessary to be paid from the appropria-
tion for school houses and lots, are
read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Adjournment

It is voted, that when the Council ad-
journ, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday,
August 27th 1873 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Resol. - Board of
Finance of Sinking Fund.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance
establishing a Board of Commissioners

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of Sinking Funds;

Appropriation for

Brook St. District

Also Resolution appropriating \$200,000 to defray expenses of taking land in the Brook street district (so called);

Apothecaries re-paid:

Also Resolution to refund to Henry H. Burrington, Charles A. Gladding, William H. Hinds, and Francis J. Phillips, apothecaries, the sum of fifty dollars each for amount overpaid on liquor licenses;

Lay out of Lippitt St.

Also Resolutions to lay out and extend Lippitt street, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are sent down, read and severally passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Messer Street

School house on

St.

The resolution to build a school house on Messer street, in which at the last meeting the Common Council concurred with the Board with certain amendments, is returned from the Board with their non-concurrence in said amendments;

Whereupon, it is voted, that the Common Council insist on their amendments, ask for a committee of conference, and appoint Messrs Aldrich, Hunt and Phillips and the President, conferees on their part.

(Note. The Board of Aldermen reads & concurs in the amendments, The Mayor vetoes the resolution in the B. of Aldermen.)

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The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer

Mo. Reports of

City Treasurer.

for;

City Debt.

Also, Monthly Reports (from March to July last, inclusive) of the Issue of Registered Bonds, are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Com. on Drainage plan

Wm. Carliss checked.

That William Carliss be duly elected a member of the committee to examine and report a plan for the drainage and sewerage of the district comprising the ninth ward, and also a new plan for draining the district now drained by the sewer in Dorraunce street, in place of Moses B. Lockwood, deceased.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pearl Street

Dudley street.

322.

A resolution directing the joint committee on Highways to examine into the expediency of extending Pearl street from its present termination to Dudley street, and of declaring Dudley street a public highway from Plane to Eddy streets, is presented, read and passed.

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Repairing High St.

111

A draft resolution for re-framing High street from Broad to Westminster street;

Curbing Star St.

111

Also, Petitions of S. Lottoulton & others for curbing of Star street; of

Grading Public St.

Samuel S. Fales & others for grading Public street; of

Reception of A. street.

114

John King & others for reception of A. street and establishing grade thereon. are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Petitions for Sewers.

John street.

104

Petitions of John C. Saynes & others for sewer in John street; of

Burr's Lane

105

Albert G. Angell & others for sewer in Burr's Lane; of

Short Alley

105

Wm. Ingraham & others for sewer in Short Alley; are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Claims for damages.

Wm. N. Bucklin

113

Petitions of Wm. N. Bucklin for damages sustained by fall on ~~Richardson~~ street, by reason of excavation; of

John C. Harris.

129

John C. Harris for compensation for injuries received on Bond street by improper condition of street; of

Hugh Trainor.

113

Hugh Trainor for allowance of

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damages for overflow on Wickenden street, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Prop. of Springfield R.R.

1/2 Jay rails.

96

A petition of the Providence & Springfield R.R. Co. for permission to lay tracks is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Railroads.

W.P. Knowles

147

A petition of W.P. Knowles relating to the North Burying Ground;

No. Burying Ground

To find burials.

147

Do.

For adjustment of matters relating to.

147

Also, Resolution to find burials in that portion of the North Burying Ground lying East of Sexton street;

Also, Resolution to adjust matters relating to the North Burying Ground as recommended by the Committee of the City Council, March 20, 1872, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the North Burying Ground.

Dredging Cove Basin.

69

The Resolution to dredge the Cove Basin, postponed from the meeting of the 21st July last, is taken from the table, and again laid on the table.

Adjourn

Adjourned till Wednesday August 27, at 8 o'clock. Present - all the members except Messrs J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Barney, Carpenter, Matthews, Nichols, Rice & Smith. 8. Mr. Alderman, Clerk

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In Common Council - August 27. 1873.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's message

Additional appropriation for Brook St. District.

A message is received from the Mayor representing that of the appropriation of \$200,000 under resolution approved on the 15th inst. to pay the cost of land taken in the Brook Street District (so called), the Commissioners have already given orders for nearly half that sum; and recommending an additional appropriation of \$200,000; and the accompanying resolution appropriating said sum, and directing the city treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on Finance to hire the same, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's message

Extension of time for filing appeals in re Brook St. District.

A message from the Mayor recommending an extension of time within which appeals for a jury trial may be filed by parties whose lands have been taken for grading the Brook Street District (so called), - the time

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for filing such appeals having expired on the 20th inst. - is presented, read and received.

(Concurred & Approved)

Mayor's message

Bill for city clerk & city treasurer.

126

197

A message from the Mayor recommending the employment of additional assistants in the offices of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, is read, received and referred to the joint committee on Finance.

(Concurred & Approved)

Mayor's message

Bill of H. T. Copeland for grading, &c.

A message from the Mayor transmitting bill of H. T. Copeland for work done by him in grading around the Engine House recently erected at the Corner of Barnside and Square streets, is presented, read and received; and the accompanying resolution appropriating the sum of \$289⁴² from the appropriation for Public Buildings to pay said claim is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's message

Bill of John M. Knowles for ringing bells 21st of July.

A message of the Mayor transmitting bill of John M. Knowles for \$450 for ringing the church bells on the 21st of July last, - the same having been contracted by the Mayor, and the committee on accounts declining to audit the same, - is presented and read; and the accompanying resolution directing the

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Committee on accounts to pass said bill, and that the same be paid from the appropriation for contingencies is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cove Land Commission

Plan of arranging R.R. business, etc.

A report of the Cove Land Commissioners transmitting a plan for a more favorable arrangement of the railroad business of the city, was read the direction of a committee of the several railroad companies; said plan not being recommended by the commissioners, who still recommend the plan formerly submitted by them & as far as relates to filling any portion of the Cove Basin which recommendation is to reduction of the area of the Cove Basin they withdrew: said report is received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Tram & Spring R.R.

To lay tracks.

93.

105.

The joint committee on railroads report back the petition of the Tridman & Springfield Railroad Co. for permission to lay tracks, and on recommendation of said committee they are discharged from further consideration thereof, and the same is referred to the Commissioners of the Cove Lands to examine and report thereon.

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Appropriation for Public Schools Mayor's veto.

86.

100.

The joint committee on Education to whom at the last meeting was referred the Mayor's message vetoing the resolution making appropriation for public schools, report the same in print and submit their report thereon in print: which is laid on the table temporarily.

Mtd. relative to

Point St. Bridge.

84.

The joint committee on the Harbor, to whom in the 11 inst. was referred a bill from the Board of Aldermen, entitled An Ordinance in relation to the Point Street Bridge, return the same not recommended, which is thereupon read and non-concurred, and recommend the accompanying substitute: which substituted An Ordinance in relation to the Point Street Bridge is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Concurred in

Cary Street.

Lay out of.

358.

Langley St.

Lay out of.

27.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz: Resolution to lay out and extend Cary street from Langley Place street of a uniform width of 40.12 feet; Also, Resolution to lay out and extend Langley street from Hospital to Plane streets, of the same width;

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Committee on accounts to pass said bill, and that the same be paid from the appropriation for contingencies is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Cove Land Comrs

Plan of arranging R.R. business, etc.

A report of the Cove Land Commissioners transmitting a plan for a more favorable arrangement of the railroad business of the city, made under the direction of a committee of the several railroad companies; said plan not being recommended by the commissioners, who still recommend the plan formerly submitted by them & as far as relates to filling any portion of the Cove Basin which recommendation as to reduction of the area of the Cove Basin they withdrew: said report is received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Trm. & Spring R.R.

To lay tracks.

93.

105.

The joint committee on railroads report back the petition of the Trinidad & Springfield Railroad Co. for permission to lay tracks, and on recommendation of said committee they are discharged from further consideration thereof, and the same is referred to the Commissioners of the Cove Lands to examine and report thereon.

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Appropriation for Public schools Mayor's veto.

86.
100.

The joint committee on education to whom at the last meeting was referred the Mayor's message relating the resolution making appropriation for public schools, report the same in print and submit their report thereon in print which is laid on the table temporarily.

Ord. relative to Point St. Bridge.

84.

The joint committee on the harbor, to whom in the 11 inst. was referred a bill from the Board of Aldermen, entitled An Ordinance in relation to the Point Street Bridge, return the same not recommended, which is thereupon read and non-concurred, and recommend the accompanying substitute which is entitled An Ordinance in relation to the Point Street Bridge" is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Concurred in

Barry Street.

Lay out of.

388.

Langley St.

Lay out of.

296.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz: Resolution to lay out and extend Crary street from May to Plane streets of a uniform width of 40.12 feet; Also, Resolution to lay out and extend Langley street from Hospital to Plane streets, of the same width;

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Borden Street

Lay out of 358.

Also Resolution to lay out and extend Borden street, from Hospital to Plane streets of the same width;

Point Street

Lay out of 259.

Also Resolution to lay out and straighten Point street from Hopkin to Plane street at a uniform width of 60.18 feet;

Scott Street.

Also Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Scott street;

Grave Street.

Also Resolution to set curb and pave gutters on Grave street from Knight to May streets;

Brook St. Comrs to lease lands.

Also Resolution authorizing Commissioners on Brook street to lease lands;

Street in Lane St.

Also Resolution for sewer in Tower street from Brown street to Benevolent street.
(Approved)

Comrs of Sinking Funds elected.

A resolution is received from the Board electing as commissioners of Sinking Funds of the City of Providence from the first Monday in January 1874, the following named persons, viz:

- In one year, Daniel E. Day,
- In two years, Seth Paulford,
- In three years, James S. Smith

Whereupon the same are elected in concurrence for the terms above stated.

A bill entitled An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled

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Ord. in relation to Harbor-master amended.

An Ordinance in relation to the Harbor Master" (regulating rate of speed of Steamboats in the Harbor), having passed the Board, is sent down for concurrence read and laid on the table.

Claims. N.W. DeWunn.

12.

Amer. Carpet Co. 113.

J.P. Huskins & son.

112.

Josiah Simmons.

118.

Wickenden St. Parishes.

112.

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102.

Petitions of

A. H. DeLluna, for compensation for services as principal, Benefic St. Grammar School, July 1870 - Jan'y 1871 of

American Carpet Co. for compensation for damages by overflow of water on Clifford street; of

J. P. Huskins & son for damages from overflow of water on premises corner of Clifford & Meadow streets; of

Josiah Simmons for allowance of damages by overflow of water on estate, corner of Brook & Transit sts;

Charles Curran,
Peter Galligan,
Daniel Kellahan,
Lawrence Lynch,

all for compensation for damage arising from overflow of water on Wickenden street,

as severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

A petition of Arnold Pelis & others

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Order in Bassett St.

104.

for sewer in Bassett street from Elm to Chestnut streets, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Streets.

Belleme Avenue

Ordering of 308.

A petition of G. H. Bellows others for curbing Belleme Avenue from Cranston street to King Road is received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Mayor's Veto

Appropriation for Public Schools

97.

The report of the committee on education on the Mayor's message relating the resolution to make appropriation for the public schools, is taken from the table, read, received, and after long debate, during which a motion to lay the same on the table till the next meeting is lost, said resolution is passed by the Common Council, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, by the following vote, viz: -

Yeas

Mr President, Messrs. March, Adorn, Barker, J. J. Barnaby, Bradford, Balthusath Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Pomroy, Rice, Rickard, & Selton.

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Nays

Messrs Hopkins, F. Johnson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Pettis, Smith, Whitcomb

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Three-fifths of all the members elected

August 27, 1873.

to the Common Council voting in the affirmative.

(Non-concurred)

Adjourn.

At 12.20 A.M. the Common Council adjourn until Monday, September 8, 1873 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present all the members except Messrs J. S. Barnaby, Binney, Brown, Mathewson & Rogers.

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H. C. Coddman,
Clerk.

In Common Council - September 8, 1873.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's message

Indexing records of Common Council.

426.

A message from the Mayor relating to causing an index to be made to each volume of the records of the Common Council prior to the election of the present clerk of that body is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

August 27, 1873.

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Mayor's Veto
Appropriation for
Public Schools
97.

The report of the committee on Education on the Mayor's message vetoing the resolution to make appropriation for the public schools, is taken from the table, read, received, and after long debate, during which a motion to lay the same on the table till the next meeting is lost, said resolution is passed by the Common Council, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, by the following vote, viz: -

Yeas

Mr President, Messrs. March, Anderson, Barker, J. J. Barnaby, Bradford, Buttsworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, G. S. Johnson, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Pimroy, Rice, Rickard, & Selton.

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Clerk.

A Common Council - September 8, 1873.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Records read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's message
Including records of
Common Council.

426.

A Message from the Mayor relative to causing an index to be made to each volume of the records of the Common Council prior to the election of the present clerk of that body is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Mayor's message

Payment of Teachers Salaries.

131.

A Message of the Mayor recommending that before any action is taken in reference to the matter of paying the salaries of the Superintendent and teachers of the public schools, the committee in accounts be directed to inquire into and ascertain how much salary is due each, is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Approved)

Wickenden St. Streets.

Damages allowed.

99

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99

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of Peter Galligan Daniel Melcher Lawrence Lynch

severally for compensation for damages from overflow of the Wickenden streets, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay said Peter Galligan fifty dollars in full compensation for said damage;

Daniel Melcher

Lawrence Lynch

Also Resolution to pay Daniel Melcher fifty dollars in full of said damage;

Also Resolution to pay Lawrence Lynch seventy five dollars in full, which report is received and said resolutions are severally read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said committee make report upon the petition of L. M. Thayer, referred on the 14th of

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L. M. Thayer

62.

July last, and recommended the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay said Thayer the sum of seventy five dollars in full for damage sustained by him by the overflow of Washington street sewer on the 25th of June 1873; which report is received and said resolution is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Martin Walling.

Heirs of estate of.

62.

Said committee make report upon the petition of heirs of the estate of Martin Walling for damages from change of line of Camp street, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay to Mary Walling, Beaudett Walling, Henry F. Walling and Nelson Walling, the heirs of the late Martin Walling, the sum of eight hundred dollars in full for all damages sustained by them in the recent improvements of Camp street; to be charged to the appropriation for opening streets; which report is received, and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broad Street

Errors in Report of Committee of estimate.

85.

The joint committee on Highways to whom on the 18th ult. was referred the Mayor's message relative to errors in the Commissioners Report in the matter of measuring Broad street, make report recommending

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the passage of the accompanying resolution, which report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz.:

Resolved

That Messrs. Lewis, Smith and Douglas of the Common Council with Alderman Le and they are hereby appointed a Committee with full power to settle with all parties that claim a jury trial resulting from the widening of Broad street, also with all the parties that are aggrieved by the taking of the wrong shut lines as a basis for the awards for damages in the matter of widening Broad street.

Assented, & (Ed. Manchester & Angell added, Approved)

Sewer ordered.

Upon the recommendation of the joint Committee on Sewers

Russell Street.

100.

Resolution (upon the petition of Arnold Peters & others) to construct a sewer in Russell street from Elm to Chestnut streets;

Chestnut Street

Also Resolution (upon the petition of W. R. Richard & others, presented previously this day under a suspension of the rules) to construct sewer in Chestnut street from Elm to Pinch streets;

John Street.

94.

Also Resolution (upon the petition of James C. Fayre & others) to construct sewer

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Sewer in Burr's Lane.

92.

in John street from East to German streets, Also Resolution (upon the petition of Albert G. Russell & others) to construct sewer in Burr's Lane from the head of said Lane to North Main street, are severally read and passed.

(Assented)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of M. W. Ingraham & others for sewer in Short alley; and of

Short Alley Sewer

92.

Iron Street (Do.

G. W. Owen for sewer in Iron

Street, make reports adverse thereto: which are received, and it is ordered that the petitions be severally have leave to withdraw.

Reports received.

The Monthly Reports of

The City Treasurer,

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department,

The Master of the Docking,

are severally presented, read and received.

(Assented)

(Approved)

Prop. & Springfield R.R.

To lay track.

96.

116.

The Commissioners of the Land Office to whom was referred on the 29th of August last the petition of the Providence & Springfield R. R. Co. for permission to lay track from Olneyville to the Passenger station in this city, make report by resolutions

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recommending the granting of said petition under certain restrictions and conditions; which report is received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Brook St. District.

Resolution for extending time to November 1, 1873 for filing appeals by land owners in the Brook street district;

Gravel Banks.

Also Resolutions authorizing the Highway Commissioners to take gravel tanks;

Chapin Avenue.

Also Resolution to grade a portion of Chapin Avenue;

J. G. Johnson, Trustee.

Also Resolution to pay J. G. Johnson

Amount in re Broad St.

Trustee, \$209, for land taken for widening Broad Street;

Unconfirmed Police

Also Resolution to pay certain unconfirmed policemen for services performed in August last;

Mr. Justice & Angell

Also Resolution to pay the salaries of the late Aldermen Justice & Angell for the full quarter.

(Approved)

Salaries paid.

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Add'l appropriation for Police & Interest.

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen, reading the sum of \$3000. to the appropriation for Police, and the sum of \$10000 to the appropriation for interest account, said amounts to be transferred from the appropriation for highways, is sent down, read and passed in concurrence with amendment striking out the word "Highways" in the last line and substituting the words "Revised Fund."

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Aldermen appointed on committees.

A communication is received from the Board, announcing the election of Alderman Clarke as a member of the Joint Committee on accounts in place of Alderman Angell (d. s.) deceased;

Accounts.

Claims.

Also, the appointments of Alderman Angell (d. s.) as a member of the joint committee on claims in place of Alderman Justice, deceased; and of Alderman Clarke on the joint committee on Police in place of Alderman Angell deceased.

Claims for damage

John Burns.

113

Thos. H. Carrigue

112.

Michael Duffey.

144

Petitions of

John Burns for damages from overflow of water on Atwell's Avenue; of Thomas H. Carrigue for damages from overflow of Pearl Street sewer; of Michael Duffey for damages sustained by widening etc. Arms Street; of

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Hugh Donnelly,
166.

Hugh Donnelly for compensation for injuries sustained during late disturbance on Atwell's Avenue; of

Grimes Bros.
144.

Grimes Bros. for damages by overflow of Pine Street sewer; of

Peter Keenan et al.
138.

Peter Keenan et al. for damage for overflow of water on Grove & Bismark streets, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Water Commissioners.
Additional appropriation
111.

An application of the Water Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$200,000 is received and referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Chestnut street
Paving of.

A petition of Geo. B. Holmes for paving Chestnut street from Cliffland to Elm streets with granite blocks is received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Moving buildings

115
115
125
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109.

Petitions of

Benjamin Bogman 1st

John Burns,

James Healey

Hugh McCabe

Thos. McCusker

for permission to move certain buildings; of

Daniel S. Hazard

to raise a certain building, are received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire De-

ressing do.
109.

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partment. Subsequently said committee under a suspension of the rules report favorably on said petitions.

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Thomas McCusker, &

Daniel S. Hazard,

and resolutions granting the prayers thereof are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

E. H. Cutler
Claim as teacher.

A claim of E. H. Cutler against the city for salary as teacher in the public schools for the months of July and August, last amounting to \$366.66, was presented; and the following resolution was also presented and read, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to E. H. Cutler by a teacher in the High School, the sum of \$366.66 the same being the amount of his claim against the city for salary as teacher in the public schools for the months of July and August 1873, the same to be paid from the appropriation for public schools, whenever the claim is approved by the Superintendent of Public Schools, the committee on Accounts and the City Auditor.

It is moved to refer the foregoing to the joint committee on Claims, upon which

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motion the eyes and nays are added with the following result, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Brown, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Peine, Pettis, Rogers, Smith & Whitecomb 10.

Nays

Messrs President, Aldrich, Arden, A. J. Barnaby, Bradford, Buttrick, Carpenter, Douglas, Turner, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Pomeroy, Rice, Richard & Tellew. 20.

Said motion is lost, and thereupon said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Record)

Salary ordinance

Teachers salaries

132.

A bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ending the first Monday in June 1874', (fixing payment of teachers in ten monthly instalments) is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Education.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, September 22, 1873 at 7 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Barker, J. S. Barnaby, Binney, Greene, Munnay & Nichols.

M. Addey Clerk.

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In Common Council - September 22, 1873

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Appropriation Bill

116.

The joint committee on Finance report in print a bill entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence, for the financial year ending September 30, A.D. 1874", which is read and temporarily laid on the table.

Water Works

Appropriation for

118.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred an application of the State Commissioners for additional appropriation of \$200,000, report back the same, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution adding the sum of \$200,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works and authorizing the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on Finance to give said sum; which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Claims allowed.

Marcus M. Wood.

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Marcus M. Wood for damages to his house on Pearl street caused by the storms of June 28 and August 22, 1873, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay one hundred dollars in full of the same;

Thos. H. Carrigue

107

Also upon the petition of Thomas H. Carrigue a tenant in the house of the above named Wood, Resolution to pay said Carrigue seventy five dollars in full of damages sustained in the above named storms;

Chas. Curran.

99.

Also upon the petition of Charles Curran for damages sustained by overflow of water in his tenement No. 186, Wickford street, August 22, 1873, Resolution to pay said Curran fifty dollars in full of the same;

J.P. Haskins & Son.

99.

Also upon the petition of J.P. Haskins & Son for damages caused to their property at the corner of Summer and Meadow streets during the heavy storm of August 22, 1873, Resolution to pay said J.P. Haskins & Son eight hundred dollars, in full of the same;

all of which resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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David S. Harris.

wife.

287.

Said committee to whom was referred by the Board a petition of David S. Harris wife for compensation for land taken in widening ^{Board} street, make report and on their recommendation the accompanying resolution discharging said committee from further consideration thereof and referring said petition to the special committee to settle such claims is there upon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wm. N. Bucklin

Leave to withdraw.

92.

Said committee to whom on the 15th of August last was referred a petition of Wm. N. Bucklin for damages sustained by fall in Richardson street by reason of excavation by city's servants, make report that said Richardson street is not an accepted street, and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; which report is received, and it is thereupon ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Buller Avenue.

cutting & paving.

62

(B. S. H. H.)

The joint committee on Highway, upon the petition of Alfred Stone & Sons for cutting and paving Buller Avenue from Pitman to South Angel street referred on the 14th of July last, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the Highway

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Commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Butler Avenue from Pitman Street to South Argyle Street;

Dudley Street.

Also upon the petition of Jas. Belcher and others, Resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Dudley Street from Friendship Street to Prairie Avenue;

Star St. (south side)

Also upon the petition of T. Moulton and others, Resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and the gutter paved on the south side of Star Street from Benefit Street to South Main Street;

A. Street.

Also upon the petition of John King and others referred on the 18th ult., Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive A. Street from Lester to Rice Streets and declare the same a public highway, - all of which are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

High Street.

Said committee to whom was referred on the 18th ult. a resolution for repairing High Street from Broad Street to Westminster Street, make report recommending the passage of the same with an amendment striking out the word "Westminster" and substituting the word "Crawston"; which report is received and said resolution is so amended, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Vetoed)

Re-paving of

92

129

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Moving buildings

108.

108.

The joint committee on the Fire Department report back the petitions for moving buildings of Benjamin Bogman 1st, Hugh McLeale, James Murphy, John H. Pella, recommending that the same be granted, which report is received and resolutions granting the same on certain conditions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

John Burns.

108.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of John Burns for permission to move wooden building without tax, report the same not recommended; and said petition is recommitted.

Central Station

Meeting re.

The joint committee on City Property submit a report upon the subject of heating and furnishing the Central Police Station, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution appropriating for said purposes a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Appropriation Bill

116.

122.

The Appropriation Bill so called, is taken from the table, amended by causing the item for the improvement of public grounds ten thousand dollars, to read "for the improvement of public parks thirteen thousand dollars"; by striking out the appropriation for the Reform School ten thousand dollars; by increasing the appropriation for rents paid by the city including water rents from five thousand to eight thousand dollars; by increasing the reserve fund from fourteen thousand to eighteen thousand dollars; and as amended is thereupon read and passed.

Messer Street.

Creating &c.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to cause Messer Street from Hudson to Cranston streets to be brought to the established grade, the curbstones set and gutters paved;

Brook St. District.

Comrs to sell &c.

Also authorizing Commissioners on Brook Street District to sell buildings; are severally read and passed in concurrence.
(Approved)

Tram. & Springfield R.R.

Petition referred.

105.

125.

A resolution (from the Board) referring to a joint special committee the petition of the Providence & Springfield Railroad Co. for a modification of the resolutions, approved September 11, assenting to the location

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of their railroad back in the city of Providence and appointing Aldermen Spicer and Cabell thereon, is read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Riggs, Prince, Mathewson, Hayward and J. B. Barnaby added to the committee.

(Approved)

Petitions of

Clifford St.

144.

A. C. Barston petitions for setting curbstone and paving gutters on Clifford Street; of

Potter's Avenue.

Levi Salisbury petitions that Potter Avenue from Eddy to Ocean Streets may be declared a highway, are received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

School for 9th Ward.

Petition of George J. Reed petitions asking that a temporary public school may be established within a certain portion of the 9th ward is received and referred to the joint committee on Education.

Claims for damages.

James Burke

143.

Wm. McCloy

144.

Ezekiel Owen

166.

Petitions of

James Burke for damages to estate on Potter Avenue; of Wm. McCloy for damages to estate; of Ezekiel Owen for damage to estate No. 138 Pearl Street, are received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

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Harbor line on West side of river.

A communication from a committee of property holders relative to harbor line from Barrance Street wharf to Sassafras Point is received and referred to the joint committee on the Harbor.

Sewers in Prospect St.

A petition of Jas. M. Kimball relative to sewers in Prospect Street from Sewals to Olive streets;

Hospital Pond.

Dredging of.

Also, Resolutions instructing committee on sewers to cause Hospital Pond to be dredged, are received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

South Water St.

Widening of.

Whereas the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term A.D. 1873, to widen South Water Street on the westerly side from Weybosset bridge to Crawford Street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence" made their first report to said court on the first day of August A.D. 1873, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;

Resolved,

That the City Council elect to make said improvement.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Dyer Street

Widening of.

Whereas the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term 1873 to widen Dyer Street on the easterly side under and pursuant to an act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence" made their first report to said court on the first day of August A.D. 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.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

S. Water & Dyer Sts.

Committee to settle.

A resolution appointing a joint special committee to confer with the parties who have filed notices of their intention to demand a jury trial in the matter of widening South Water and Dyer streets and report upon what terms settlements can be made, is presented, read and laid on the table.

City notes paid

The report of the City Treasurer on the issues and payments of the City for the term June 1873 is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Bathing Tubs
for Engine Co. Houses.

123.

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings acting under the advice of the committee on city Property, is hereby directed to supply the bathing tubs in the various Engine and Hose Company houses with hot and cold water: the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.

Resolved.

That Messrs Peave, Bealman & Anderson of the Common Council and such as the Board of Aldermen may add be appointed a committee to confer with the Commissioners on the Park Street District with the view of hastening if possible the construction of the Park Street Sewer.

(Concurred, & A.D. Sent added)

(Approved)

Tuller's Avenue

Condition of.

Resolved. That the Highways committee be and they hereby are instructed to ascertain the facts as to the condition of Tuller's Avenue from the east end of Broad Street to the North line, so called, as to them shall seem best and report thereon within a reasonable time.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn till October 13. 1873 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Binney, Douglas,

Shurt, Henry & Murray, 5. J. M. Addey Clerk.

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In Common Council - September 30. 1873.

Special Meeting

called pursuant to the Mayor's warrant.

Pursuant to said warrant the members of the Common Council assembled in their chamber this day at 7 1/2 p.m. a quorum present.

The President being absent, Mr Peave is elected President pro tem.

Record read

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's message

Reasons for meeting

A Message from the Mayor in the words following is presented and read, viz:-

Mayor's Office

City of Providence, Sept. 30. 1873.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

The disagreement of the boards on the appropriation bill and the fact that the fiscal year expires to day are my reasons for convening you at this time.

Thomas A. Doyle

Mayor.

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City Treasurer's Office.

No. 7 assistance for.

95.

The joint committee on Finance to whom was referred the Mayor's Message dated August 27, 1873, relative to additional assistance in the office of the City Treasurer, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to employ such assistance as may be necessary and appropriating therefor the sum of \$1500 per annum in addition to the sum appropriated in the Salary Ordinance, passed May 5, 1873, which report is received and said resolution is read and re-committed.

Subsequently said committee report back the foregoing resolution amended by substituting the words "one thousand dollars" for the words "fifteen hundred dollars per annum", and as amended said resolution is read and passed.

Subsequently said resolution is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "one thousand" and substituting the words "fifteen hundred"; which amendment is read and concurred in.

(Approved)

Appropriation Bill.

116.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence, for the financial year ending September 30, A.D. 1874," which

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passed the Common Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendments, viz:—

(1) In the appropriation for highways strike out the words "and locality." (making it \$200,000)

(2) After the appropriation for the health department, insert the words "for the Reform School, in addition to the amount received for labor, ten thousand dollars;"

(3) In the appropriation for the reserved fund strike out the word "eighteen" and substitute the word "twenty eight".

Which amendments are now read and disposed of as follows:

No. 1. read and non concurred.

No. 2. read and concurred.

No. 3. read and concurred with an amendment striking out the word "twenty".

The Board thereupon insist on their amendment and non-concur in the amendment of the Council.

The Council recede from their non-concurrence and concur in the amendment, and concur in the amendments of the Board.

(Approved)

Bathing tubs of
Engine Houses to
Hot and cold water for.

120.

The resolution which passed this Council at the last meeting to supply the bathing tubs of the various Engine and Fire Company Houses with hot and cold

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water, is returned from the Board with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out all after the words "expense thereof", and substituting the words "not to exceed the sum of three thousand dollars and to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department"; which amendment is read and concurred in.

(Approved)

Small Fox Hospital

Enlargement of
Messengers etc.

A Message from the Mayor calling attention to the necessity of enlarging the small fox hospital, and requesting the concurrence of this Council in the resolution which has passed the Board making appropriation therefor, is presented and read; and the above named resolution to enlarge said hospital and supply the necessary furniture therefor, the expense of the same not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings, is set down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

East River, Pitman
& Waterman Streets,
lay out of.

Resolution from the Board requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out and receive East River street, Pitman street from Canal to East River street, and Waterman street from Canal street to Central Bridge, is set down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

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Providence R.R.

Location of

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The joint special committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the petition of the Providence & Springfield Railroad Co. for a modification of the resolutions approved September 11th inst. assenting to the location of their railroad track in the city of Providence, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions granting the prayer of said petition on certain conditions as to encroachments upon Harn's Avenue etc.; which report is received and said resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Raising & moving
buildings.

Petitions of

Bridget Hughes

for permission to raise a certain building; of

Thomas J. Buckley

W. M. Wilkinson

to move certain buildings,

are received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Under a suspension of the rules said committee subsequently report back the same and also the petitions of

Charles C. Riley to raise building, &

James Healey, to move building,

and resolutions granting all of said petitions are specially read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Sewer in Hopkins St.

A petition of the R. I. N. Trust Co. voters for sewer in Hopkins St. was presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Invitation to join in convention

An invitation is, on motion, extended to the Board of Aldermen to join the Common Council in convention for the election of certain city officers.

Said invitation is accepted and the two boards join.

In Convention.

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

Constables elected.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Police, Charles H. Scott, John Edward Taylor and George Allen are elected city constables; and Amasa J. Cross and John O'Brien, police constables without power to serve civil process.

Weigher of Hay

Samuel M. Mathewson is elected by ballot weigher of hay on the hay scales in Haymarket square, receiving a ballot of votes 65 for Geo. A. Whipple.

Trustee Reform School

Amos M. Snow is elected Trustee of the Providence Reform School in place of Henry J. Angell, deceased.

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Deputy Surveyors.

The Surveyors of County nominate Messrs. Burtis, Geo. S. Cleveland and Richard Bennett Jr. for deputy surveyors to fill vacancies, and said nominations are approved.

Weigher of cotton.

Frank M. Mathewson is elected a weigher of cotton.

The two boards separate.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday October 13, 1873 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs. President, Aldrich, Butlerworth, Hayward, Cleary, Nichols and Sellen.

M. Coddeman
(Clerk.)

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's message.

Invitation to examine
Iron, Springfield, N.H.

A Message from the Mayor transmitting an invitation from the President of the Providence & Springfield R.R. Co. to examine the work done by them in the construction of their road, and recommending that an early day be fixed for an acceptance of the same, is presented and read; and a resolution accepting said invitation for Saturday next, October 18th is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's Message

Sever assessments.

236,

304.

A Message from the Mayor representing that the assessments for the construction of sewers under the existing law will in many cases be extremely burdensome, and recommending that application be made to the General Assembly at its next session, for such amendment to the law as will extend the lien for sewer assessments to three years,

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and authorizing the city treasurer to add interest to unpaid sums, is presented read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Vote message

Resolution to pave
High Street with
granite blocks.

1000

1000

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto, the resolution for re-curb and re-paving with granite blocks High Street from Broad to Cranston Streets, which passed the Common Council on the 22nd ult. and was concurred in by the Board on the 2nd inst.; which Message is read and temporarily laid on the table.

Nicholas Sheridan

Claim allowed.

The joint committee on claims report upon the petition of Nicholas Sheridan, Resolution to pay said Nicholas Sheridan the sum of sixty eight dollars in full for his claim for damage resulting from the falling of a bank wall in the Brook Street District:

(Concurred & Approved)

John C. Harris

50.

92.

Also upon the petition of John C. Harris, referred on the 18th of August last, Resolution to pay said John C. Harris the sum of five hundred dollars in full compensation for injuries sustained by reason of the improper condition of Pond Street,

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both of which are read and passed.
(Concurred)

Letter to Withersan

Said committee to whom were referred on the 27th of August last, a petition of A. H. Dillam for compensation as teacher in the Benefit St. Grammar school in the year 1872;

A. H. Dillam

Peter Kiernan et al.

also on the 5th of September last a petition of Peter Kiernan et al. for damages for overflow of water in Green & Eismald streets, make reports adverse thereto: a check reports are received and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

No. Report of Chief Eng. of Fire Dept.

The monthly report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Central Bridge Est. Appropriation for

The joint committee on City Property represent that certain expenditures are necessary to be made on the Central Bridge estate belonging to the city, and in their recommendation a resolution appropriating a sum of not exceeding one thousand dollars for the purpose of building a retaining wall and grading the lot at the Central Bridge estate, and erecting thereon

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the necessary outbuildings, - to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings, is read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

(The payment of school teachers etc.)

The joint committee on Education to whom was referred the Mayor's Message dated 8th September ult. relative to the salary of a certain primary school teacher alleged to have been unpaid, and recommending that the committee on accounts be directed to inquire into and report how much salary is due the Superintendent and teachers of the public schools, make report that the teacher above alluded to had, in addition to her services in the schools of the city, been a successful teacher for three years in schools of similar and higher grade in North Providence; and that the construction by the representatives of the School Committee of the Salary Ordinance so as to pay her the larger compensation was not warranted; and that the School Committee should have the right, in their discretion to pay increased salary for successful and valuable experience, wherever the same may have been acquired; said committee recommended the passage of the accompanying bill entitled "An Ord-

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inance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A.D. 1873," (changing the words "in our public schools" in Sec. 3, to include the public schools of this and neighboring states); which ordinance is thereupon read and passed.
(Non-concurred)

School Building on Summer Street. Removal of.

30.

Said committee to whom on the 16th of June last was referred a request of the School committee for the removal of school building on Summer street preparatory to erection of a High School thereon, report that the removal of said building would be impracticable if not impossible: which report is received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Payment of teachers salaries in ten instalments. 86. 110.

Said committee to whom on the 18th of August, and 8th of September last were referred draft ordinances relative to payment of teachers salaries in ten equal instalments, report recommending that the consideration thereof be postponed till the second Monday in March next for the purpose of being considered with the Salary Ordinance; which report is received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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High School.

277

Said committee make a verbal report upon the subject of a suitable lot for a High School, which they still have under consideration.

Moving building

146 do. 146.

Petitions of

James Sherry to move under building; Martin Quinn to raise a building, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee in the Fire Department.

Michael Ryan

Purchase of Land.

145

Petition of Michael Ryan for the purchase of land belonging to the city is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on City Property.

Claims for damages.

Daniel B. Burlingame. 143.

F.M. & M. Wood. 144.

Claims of

Daniel B. Burlingame, and F.M. & M. Wood, against the city, as gamblers of George Lee; also, petitions of

W.H. & C.A. Franklin

148.

Nelson Hopkins.

230.

W.H. & C.A. Franklin for allowance of damages, back; of Nelson Hopkins for damages for damage to property at corner of Caddy Street and Thaxter Avenue; of

F. Johnson & Co.

144.

H. I. Stone

166.

Hugh Trainor 143.

Frederick Johnson & Co. for services and materials furnished; of H. I. Stone for damages by overflow of water, August 22nd 1873; of Hugh Trainor for allowance of

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damages by reason of overflow in Wickenden street; of

J. M. Thayer.

J. M. Thayer for damage from overflow of water, August 22. 1873, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Lay out of streets west of Long Pond. 145.

Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen relating to streets west of Long Pond;

Sewer in Power St.

Also directing the Water Commissioners to construct sewer in Power street from Receipt to South Main streets, are sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Sewer in Prairie Ave.

A petition of David W. Kelley relative to sewer in Prairie Avenue from Public to Pease streets, and in Pease street from Broad street to Prairie Avenue, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Spruce Street.

Reception of.

A draft resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Spruce street from Stearn street to Daily street is received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

City Hall

Report of Com. to procure plans. 113.

The joint Special Committee appointed by resolution No 483, passed on the 5th of May last, to procure plans and

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estimates for a City Hall make report that they have been unable to procure such plans at the time fixed therefor, and they ask that the date to report such plans may be extended to the first of March next: the consideration of which report and of the accompanying resolution is postponed until the next meeting.

Committee on Parks

Report on Parks &c.

83.

The joint committee on Parks are instructed by resolution of August 11th to inquire into and report what is the present condition of the several Parks of this city, and to whom were referred the several reports and resolutions relating to the Roger Williams Park, and to a proposed monument to Roger Williams, previously in the hands of the special committee on these subjects, submit an extended report, which is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said committee submit with the foregoing report, the following resolutions which are thereupon read and passed, viz:

Washington Square.

Renovating &c. of.

(Concurred & approved)

Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on Parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause

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Washington Square to be cleared and renovated, and suitably enclosed, provided that the whole cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

2. Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on Parks be authorized and directed to procure plans for an avenue of not less than 150 feet wide extending from Roger Williams Park to the Fields Point Farm now owned by the city of Providence with the probable expense of carrying out said plans.

said committee also submit the following resolution which is read, viz:-

3. Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on Parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause new roads to be opened through Roger Williams Park, and said Park to be cleared of stumps and underbrush and the surface thereof improved, provided however that the whole expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

The ayes and nays are ordered on the foregoing resolution, which is passed by the following vote, viz:-

Ayes

The President, Messrs. Arden, Barker,

Plans for Avenue from Roger Wms. Park to Fields Point Farm.

(Concurred & approved)

Roger Williams Park

Opening of roads & clearing stumps, etc.

(Concurred & approved)

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Brown, Buttrick, Finner, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G. S. Johnson, Nichols, Pells, Tenney, Rice, Rickard, Rogers, Seltzer, & Whitcomb. 19.

Nays.

Messrs. Alcock, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Binney, Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Greene, Hunt, Mathewson, Murray, Murray, Taine, Parsons, Phillips, Place, & Smith. 14.

Said committee also submit the following resolution, which is also read and passed, viz:-

4. Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on Parks be and they hereby are authorized and directed to cause common stone bounds to be set around Roger Williams Park sufficient to mark the boundary lines thereof.

Said committee also submit the following resolution, which is read and recommended, viz:-

5. Resolved.

That the City Council hereby adopts the base and pedestal of the design designated as "Triangle No. 1" and the bronze figures of the design designated as "Triangle No. 2" for the monument to Roger Williams to be erected in the Williams Burying Ground within

Roger Williams Park.

Stone bounds to be set.

(Concurred & approved)

Roger Williams.

Base & pedestal &c for monument to

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the tract of land devised to the city by the late Miss Betsey Williams.

Said committee also submit the following resolution, which is read, viz: -

Resolved,

Reverend Williams Monument.

Brass statues for.

That the joint standing committee on Parks be and they are hereby authorized to contract with the author of the design designated as "Triangle No. 2" for the two bronze statues of Roger Williams and History, for the monument to Roger Williams, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of \$13,000 in gold.

The eyes and rays are ordered in the foregoing resolution, which is passed by the following vote, viz:

Eyes

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Adams, Barker, Bean, Butterworth, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Nichols, Pettis, Penroy, Rice, Richard, Rogers, Sellen & Whitcomb, 18

Rays

Messrs A. J. Bamahy, J. B. Bamahy, Binney, Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Fournier, Greene, Hunt, Mathewson, Starny, Murray, Paine, Parsons, Phillips, Place, & Smith, 17

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Unconfirmed Police

Payment of.

A resolution to pay certain unconfirmed policemen for services rendered in September last, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Resolved,

City Auditor to report authority for certain payments.

149

That the City Auditor is hereby directed to report to this body at its next meeting, the authority under which payments have been made on account of grading, setting curbstones, and flaring gutters on Broad Street from Public Street to City line, or on account of building a bridge over the old Stonington Railroad on said Street.

Reports received.

The Monthly Reports of

The City Treasurer.

The Harbor Master on Dredging.

The Sixteenth Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners; and

The report of the Water Commissioners on Sewers,

are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Under a suspension of the rules, the joint committee on the Harbor obtain

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Engineer to make survey & plat of the harbor.

leave to submit a report upon that portion of the Mayor's inaugural address as relates to the harbor, which was referred to them, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution instructing said committee to employ some competent engineer to make a survey and plat of the harbor: which report is received and said resolution is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mayor's vote of resolution to pave High Street with granite blocks.

The Mayor's Message, relating the resolution to repair, with granite blocks, High Street from Broad to Cranston streets, is taken from the table, read and ^{said resolution is} indefinitely postponed.

Subsequently a motion is made to reconsider the foregoing vote, pending which the Common Council adjourns until Monday, November 10th 1873 at 4 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourn

Present - all the members.

J. M. Addemore
Clerk. |

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Veto.

Res. to pay E. H. Cutler

109.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning, with his objections thereto, the resolution, which passed the Common Council on the 5th day of September last and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 16th of October last, to pay E. H. Cutler \$366.00 for services as teacher in the High School for July and August last: which message is read and temporarily laid on the table.

Subsequently the same is taken from the table, and after debate, it is voted that said resolution pass the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon the foregoing vote, the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Yeas.

The President, Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Binney, Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Green, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, G. A.

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Johnson, Murray, Parsons, Phillips,
Place, Somers, Rice, Richard & Follen, 24
Ayes.

Messrs Brown, Hopkins, F. Johnson
Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, Paine,
Pettis, Rogers & Whitcomb. 10
(Non-concurred)

Repairing of High St.
Not recommended.

The matter pending at the adjourn-
ment of the last meeting, viz: the motion
to reconsider the vote whereby the Common
Council indefinitely postponed the reso-
lution for repairing High street from
Broad to Cranston streets, (voted by the
Mayor) is taken from the table, and the
Council vote not to reconsider.

City Clerk's Office.
Assistant for.

The joint committee on Finance to whom
was referred the Mayor's Message of the
24th of August last, relative to assistant for
the city clerk, make report recommending
the accompanying resolution authoriz-
ing said committee to employ such as-
sistants as they may deem necessary in
the city clerk's office provided the expense
thereof shall not exceed the sum of four
hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending
September 30, 1914, in addition to the sum
already appropriated for assistance in the
city clerk's office: which resolution is read & passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Hugh Trainor
Damages allowed.
92.
133.

The joint committee on Claims to whom
on the 18th of August and the 13th of October
last were referred petitions of Hugh Trainor
for allowance of damage sustained by
overflow of sewer on Hickenden street,
make report and recommend the accom-
panying resolution to pay eighty three
dollars in full of the same: which re-
port is received and said resolution is
read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

John Burns
Damages allowed.
117

Said committee to whom the 8th day of
September last was referred a petition of
John Burns for allowance of damages sus-
tained by him by overflow of his premi-
ses on Athorn street caused by obstruc-
tions on Utwell's Avenue, make report and
recommend the accompanying resolution
to pay \$200. in full of the same: which
report is received and said resolution is
read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Amer. Corset Co.
99

James Burke
117

D. B. Burlingame.
133

Said committee to whom were referred
petitions of
The American Corset Co. for damages
by overflow of water in Clifford street; of
James Burke for damages to estate
on Pettis Avenue; of
Daniel B. Burlingame for allowance

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of claim against the city as garnishee of George Lee; of

F.M. & M. Warrick.

J. M. & M. Wood, for allowance of

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similar claim; of

Michael Duffy.

Michael Duffy for damages to

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Estate on Cross Street; of

Grimes Bros.

Grimes Bros, for damages by

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overflow of Pine Street sewer; of

William Mc Cloy.

William Mc Cloy for allowance of

137.

damages to estate by overflow of water, make reports severally recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Which reports are received and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

L. Johnson & Co.

Said committee to whom at the last

claim settled.

meeting was referred a petition of Free-

133.

born Johnson & Co. for compensation for services and materials furnished to the Providence Water Works, make report that the claim of the petitioners has been satisfactorily adjusted, and as their recommendation said committee is discharged from further consideration of the same.

Clifford Street

Re-curling, etc.

137.

The joint committee on Highways to whom on the 22^d of September last was referred the petition of A. C. Barstow & others to re-set the curbing and re-face the gutters on Clifford Street from Chestnut to Rich-

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mond Street, make report recommending the accompanying Resolution directing the High way Commissioners to cause new curb stones to be set and gutters re-faced on Clifford Street from Chestnut Street to Richmond Street, which report is received, and said resolution is read and passed,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Streets west of
Jung Pond.

134.

The joint committee on Streets to whom at the last meeting was referred the following resolution from the Board of Aldermen, viz:

Resolved, That Aldermen Cabott and Spicer with Messrs of the Common Council, are hereby appointed a special committee to examine and report upon the expediency of opening a street from the junction of Diamond and Superior Streets to Salem Street; and also, a street on the easterly side of Duck Pond, so called, from Althea Street to William Lane; each fifty feet wide, —

make report recommending the Council to concur therein: which report is received and said resolution is thereupon read and passed in concurrence with an amendment striking out the words "Aldermen Cabott and Spicer with Messrs of the Common Council are hereby appointed a special committee" and substituting the words "the joint standing

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Committee on Sewers are hereby directed.
(by a vote of 13 yeas to 11 nays.)

(to be held indefinitely postponed)

Sewer in Lower Street.

134.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution directing the State Commissioners to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Lower Street between Benefit and South Main Streets, report recommending the same, which is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The joint committee on the Fire Department, to whom were referred petitions of

Raising building.

133

Martin Quinn, to raise a certain building; of

Moving building.

132

James Sherry to move a certain wooden building,

make reports recommending the same, and resolutions granting the prayers of said petitions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Michael Ryan.

Purchase of lot.

133.

132.

The joint committee on City Property to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Michael Ryan for the purchase of land belonging to the city, make report recommending the passage of the accompany-

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ing resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to sell to Michael Ryan lots No. 22 and 23 on the Sessions Flat at the rate of 30 cents per foot, cash to be paid on the delivery of the deed; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Voted)

Hose Station on Public Street

Appropriation for.

Said committee make report relative to the Hose Station, now completed on Public Street, make report that an additional sum will be required on account of the contract for the same, and for furniture and building a fence around the same; which report is received, and the accompanying resolution appropriating the sum of \$1000. for the same, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

E. P. Knowles vs. North Burying Ground

93.

142.

The joint committee on the North Burying Ground to whom on the 15th of August last was referred a petition of E. P. Knowles and certain resolutions relative to the North Burying Ground, make report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; which report is laid on the table till the next meeting.

The joint committee on accounts re-

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Clock for Mayor's Office. Item without their approval a bill of E. Merr-
and Ho. for clock for the Mayor's Office,
amounting to \$300; said bill having
been certified by the Superintendent of Pub-
lic Buildings and the committee on city
property, but they finding no authori-
ty for the purchase of the same: which
report is received, and a resolution
appropriating \$300 for the payment of
said bill, is thereupon presented, read
and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Point & Plave St. School.

Comrs. Com. Report.

Report on plans for heating.

The third quarterly report of the com-
missioners to build a school house on
the corner of Point and Plave streets;
and the report of said commis-
sioners upon plans for heating said school-
house, are read and received in concur-
rence.

Mid.

Special committee on plans for heating.

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And a resolution (from the Board of Al-
dermen) appointing Aldermen Manchester
and Spicer with Messrs _____ of the Common
Council a special committee to confer with
said Commissioners in relation to said plans,
is read and passed in concurrence, and
Messrs Barker, T. Johnson, Harris, Car-
penter and Hayward are added on the part
of the Common Council.

(Approved)

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Hose Station on
Burnett & Public Sts.
Entrance to be graded.

Spruce Street.

Water connections.

City Engineer's office.

Compensation Police.

City Treas. An. Report.

City Auditor's re-
port relative to ex-
penditures for
Broad St. etc.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen)
to grade and curb entrance to hose station
on Public & Burnett streets;

Also, to put Spruce street in a safe
and convenient condition for travel;

Also, empowering the water commissioners
to grant permission to connect with sewers;

Also, to hire additional room for the
City Engineer, in Dexter Block;

Also, to pay certain unexpended police-
men for services performed in October last,
are severally sent down, read and passed
in concurrence.

(Approved)

The Monthly Report of the City Treas-
urer is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A communication is received from the
City Auditor in reply to the resolution
of inquiry passed at the last meeting,
reporting that the work being done on
Broad Street by the highway department,
was ordered by the Board of Aldermen;
a copy of the vote, and of the opinion
of the City Solicitor as to the validity of
the same, being annexed; and further re-
flecting that no payments have been made
on account of building a bridge over

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the old Stratford railroad on said sheet, which report is placed on file.

Hammond Street

Lay out of

A resolution electing to lay out Hammond Street southerly, pursuant to the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment made to the Supreme Court on the 24th of September last, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Spring Street

Lay out of

A resolution electing to lay out Spring Street from Broad Street to Lockwood Street, pursuant to the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment made to the Supreme Court on the 24th day of September last, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hope Street

Widening &c.

162.

A resolution electing to widen and straighten Hope Street pursuant to the Commissioner's report;

Remonstrance against

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And also, a remonstrance of Mr. L. Barroughs wife against said improvement, are presented received and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Binney, Nichols and Rogers to examine and report thereon.

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Point & Plane St. Sch.

Appropriation for

The City Auditor reports that the appropriation for the Point and Plane Street School estate is exhausted and an additional appropriation of \$3037.45 is needed to pay for land condemned by a resolution of the City Council approved April 16, 1873 enlarging said estate: which report is received and a resolution adding the sum of \$3037.45 to the appropriation for the Point and Plane Street School Estate, to be charged to the reserved fund, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pumping Engine

at Hope Station.

172.

The following resolutions (offered by Mr. Binney) are read, viz:-

It is resolved by the city council of the City of Providence as follows:

Whereas, The pumping engine at the Hope Station has been in successful operation for more than one month, to the great satisfaction of the citizens dependent for their ~~for their~~ supply of water upon the high service; and has attracted much commend for its apparent ease of movement and economy in fuel and attendance, as well as for its conspicuous beauty and novelty, and

Whereas, a competitive trial of that engine with the one at Pettaconsett Station under agreed conditions was provided for in the contract under which the High Ser-

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at
Hope Station, &c.

since engine was ordered; and no such trial is known to have been either ordered by the Water Commissioners or to have been had; and

Whereas, The results of such trial cannot fail to prove of the first importance in deciding upon the relative value to this city of the high service engine and all other forms of pumping engines known or in operation for raising water; and

Whereas, It has just come to the knowledge of this Council that the Water Commissioners have publicly advertised for proposals for a particular style of engine known as the Cornish engine, to be built upon plans already prepared by them, and to be decided upon early in the coming month: thus depriving this city of all possibility of profiting by any marked superiority which may hereafter appear upon trial to be possessed by the "Cortiss" or high service engine, should such superiority be revealed, and have committed this city to an engine of foreign design, while the relative merits of an engine of home invention and manufacture are still undecided, although a trial would readily and forever decide that question, and

Whereas, The need of any additional engine at the Pettaconsett station is not so pressing but that time could be well employed in waiting for the result of such trial:

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at
Hope Station, &c.

Now therefore it is

Resolved, by this City Council, that the Water Commissioners be and they hereby are requested to call for and have made in accordance with their contract with George H. Cortiss, and as soon as they shall have the right to call for the same, the competitive trial of the high service engine, according to said contract; and that they be and they hereby are requested to withdraw their advertisement calling for proposals for a Cornish engine at the Pettaconsett station and suspend all action thereunder, until a report shall have been made by said Commissioners to this Council upon the results of the trial above provided for, and the action of this Council shall have been had upon such report.

It is moved to postpone the further consideration of the foregoing resolution until the next meeting, upon which motion the eyes and rays are ordered, with the following result viz:—

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs. Harwich, Barker, Harris, Hayward, G. S. Johnson, Pettis, Rickard, Tellew & Whitcomb. 10.

Nays.

Messrs. Ardern, A. J. Bamaly, J. B. Bamaly, Binney, Bradford, Brown, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Matherson,

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Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons,
Phillips, Place, Pinsky, & Rogers. 22.

Said motion is therefore lost.

Substitute for the
preceeding.

A resolution in the following words is
offered as a substitute for the foregoing (by
Mr. Aldrich), viz:—

Resolved,

That the water commissioners
are hereby directed to require from George
H. Corlies Esq. at his earliest convenience
the test of his pumping engine at the
Station on Hope street, called for in his
contract with the city, for the purpose of
determining the comparative merits of
said engine with other pumping engines.

which resolution is lost by the fol-
lowing vote—the ayes and nays being
ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Barker,
Hayward, Pettis, Rickard, Sellen, &
Whitcomb. 8

Nays.

Messrs Ardern, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Bar-
naby, Binney, Bradford, Brown, Carpenter,
Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, F. Johnson,
G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray,
Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Phillips, Place,
Pinsky, & Rogers. 23

The original preamble and resolution
offered by Mr Binney, are now read and

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passed, by the following vote, the ayes and
nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

The President, Messrs Ardern, A. J. Barnaby,
J. B. Barnaby, Binney, Bradford, Brown, Car-
penter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, F.
Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry,
Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Pettis,
Phillips, Place, Pinsky, Rickard, Sellen, &
Whitcomb. 27

Nays.

Messrs Aldrich, Barker, Hayward
& Sellen. 11

(Continued with amendment.)

Resolved.

That authority is hereby given
to open and establish a primary and inter-
mediate school in the two rooms now
leased by the city in the building on the
corner of Ocean street and Potters Avenue.

(then concurred)

Primary & School
on Ocean St. & Potters Ave.

Messer Street

School house on

180.

A resolution directing the joint com-
mittee on Education to build a two story
six-room school house on Messer street
is presented, read and referred to the
joint committee on Education.

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H.H. Cutler

Reference of claim to Supreme Court. 113

A draft resolution directing the city Solicitor to refer claim of E. H. Cutler for services as teacher in the High School to three justices of the Supreme Court as referees is presented, read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Raising buildings.

Petitions of

- George A. Cooke
- John D. Masterson
- Charles W. Perry
- John F. Pitts

for permission to raise certain buildings; of

Moving buildings.

- John Campbell
- John D. Masterson
- Thomas Clinton
- German & McKeena
- John R. Kiernan

for permission to move certain buildings, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Subsequently said committee under a suspension of the rules, report the same recommended, and resolutions granting the prayers thereof are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Petitions of

A.W. Aldrich.

160.

Ed. O. Brown.

166.

Lawrence Lynch

Potter street assessments.

157.

A.F. Willard.

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F.M. Andrews et al.

In re Broad St.

Wm. A. Potter.

Purchase of Session lot.

Adjourn.

Anson W. Aldrich for remuneration

for land taken for highway (Eddy St.); of

Ed. O. Brown for damages caused by overflow of sewers in Lockwood Street; of

Lawrence Lynch for damages for overflow of premises on Mickenden Street; of

Wm. H. Reynolds et al. concerning assessments for improving Potter street; of

Andrew F. Willard for damages for overflow of premises on Lockwood Street,

are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

A petition of F.M. Andrews et al

for compensation for land taken for highway, is received and referred to the joint special committee to settle claims in re Broad Street.

A petition of Wm. A. Potter to purchase

lot of land corner of 14th Main and Session Street is received and referred to the joint committee on city property.

The Common Council adjourn until

Monday, November 24, 1873 at 1/2 o'clock pm.

Present - all the members except Messrs

Buttermuth & Smith. 2

J. M. Liddeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment. the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Water Works. An application of the Water Commission
Appropriation for sluiceways for an additional appropriation of
174. \$200,000 is presented under a suspension of the rules, received and referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Veto Message. A message is received from the Mayor,
Resolution to sell returning with his objections thereto, the
land to Michael Ryan resolution to sell to Michael Ryan two
146. lots in the Sessions Plat, which passed this Common Council at the last meeting, and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 13th inst., which message is read and temporarily laid on the table.

Subsequently the same is taken from the table: whereupon it is moved that said resolution pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding: upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

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Ayes

The President, and Messrs Aldrich, Aidan, A.J. Barnaby, J.D. Barnaby, Binney, Bradford, Brown, Buttermilk, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G.T. Johnson, Murray, Murray, Nichols, Saine, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rickard, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb. 30.

No.

Mr Tollev.

Said motion is therefore adopted.
(Concurred)

Potter Street.

Interest on assessments remitted.

157

The joint committee on claims to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Mr H. Reynolds relative concerning assessments for improving Potter Street make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the city treasurer to remit the interest upon the several assessments made upon parties benefitted by the extension and widening of Potter Street from Broad to Pine streets, provided said assessments shall be paid to him on or before December 1. 1874, which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said committee to whom was referred on the 13th of October last, a claim of E.M.

J.M. Thayer. claim allowed.

134.

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Prayer for damage caused by overflow of sewer on Washington street, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay \$50.00 in full of the same. which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Loan to withdraw.

A. W. Aldrich.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Mrs. W. Aldrich for indemnification for land taken make report adverse thereto which is received and it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mo. Report of Chief Eng. of Fire Dept.

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Interest on loans for water & sewers

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) directing the City Auditor to charge to the account of water rates and sewers all sums paid for interest on temporary loans made for these accounts, is sent down, read and laid on the table temporarily.

City Treasurer to report amount of temporary loans etc.

182.

A resolution requesting the City Treasurer to report to this Council the amount of all temporary loans contracted by the city during the financial year ending September 30,

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1873, the time at which each of said loans was made and the rate of interest paid in each case; also, the amount of interest on temporary loans properly charged to "Water" and "Sewers," is presented, read and passed.

Highway Comis.

Com. Report.

The quarterly report of the Highway Commissioners for quarter ending September 30, 1873 is presented, read and received in concurrence (Approved)

Steam road roller

Shed house for

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen to build a shedhouse for the steam road roller at a cost not exceeding \$1000, is sent down, read and concurred. (Approved)

Inspector of milk

Office for

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen to provide an office in the Bank of Commerce building for the Inspector of Milk is sent down, read and concurred.

Reservoir Avenue

202.

Chapin Avenue

Daboll street etc.

239

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Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen, to widen Reservoir Avenue; Also, to lay a drain pipe from Mason Street under Chapin Avenue etc; Also, to grade Daboll, Austin and Hamilton streets and to lay a drain pipe from Daboll Street to Public Street, are sent down for concurrence, read and referred

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to the joint committee on Highways, - said resolution to widen Reservoir Avenue having first been read and not concurred in, and the vote of non-concurrence reconsidered.

Hope Street

Widening & af.

150.

The special committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the draft resolution electing to make the improvement of widening and straightening Hope Street, pursuant to the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment made to the Supreme Court on the second day of October last;

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Also, to whom was referred at the same time the remonstrance of H. L. Burroughs & wife against the same, made report adversely to said remonstrance and in favor of the passage of the aforesaid resolution: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation

for Gravel Lots.

Resolved,

That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation made September 8, 1873 for the purchase of gravel lots, the same to be paid from the reserve fund.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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City Hall.

Claim of E. H. Cutler.

174.

North Burying Ground

173.

175.

The Report of Committee on a City Hall; Also the resolution directing the City Solicitor to refer claim of Edward H. Cutler to referees;

Also, the report of the committee on the North Burying Ground on the petition of E. S. Hunter, solemnly postponed till this meeting, are taken from the table, and again postponed till the next meeting.

Harrison St. Engine House Heating apparatus.

374.

A communication from the Board of Engineers relative to the incapacity of the heating apparatus at the Harrison Street Engine House is received and referred to the joint Committee on City Property.

Sewers on Broad St.

211.

A petition of J. H. C. Trace Justice & others for a sewer on Broad Street from Chestnut to Stewart streets, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Moving buildings

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Petitions of

Charles Burlingame,

Albert C. Cornell,

John R. Hicman,

Margaret Morris,

John S. Paine,

A. B. Rice & Co. and

Charles Stark

for permission to move certain wooden build-

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ings;

Amendment to Ordinance establishing a Fire Department.

168.

Also, a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a fire department in the City of Providence,'" (relative uniforms) are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Engineers to examine sewers constructed.

A draft resolution instructing the joint committee on Sewers to employ three engineers of distinguished reputation from other cities to examine the sewers already constructed, is presented, read and laid on the table.

Remission of tax.

165.

Petitions of

Welcome A. Greene Jr.

170.

Duly Greene,

166.

L. F. Hayward,

165.

Heirs of H. S. Wayland,

all for remission of tax, and of

James Kothwell.

175.

James Kothwell, for damages from injury to estate in Lockwood street, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Peter Mechan.

A petition of Peter Mechan for the purchase of two lots on the Occasions Plat, is received and referred to the joint committee on City Property.

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Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, December 8, 1873 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barker, Hayward, Mathewson, Pettis, and Tenney.

A. M. Cushman,
Clerk.

In Common Council - December 8, 1873

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Welcome A. Greene Jr.

Tax remitted.

164.

Upon the recommendation of the joint committee on claims Resolution to remit tax of Welcome A. Greene Jr, amounting to \$297 is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hefrey S. H. Wayland
Estate

Tax remitted.

164.

Also Resolution to remit tax against estate of Hefrey S. H. Wayland, deceased, amounting to \$148⁵⁰ is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Hannah G. Beedle

Tax remitted.

Also, Resolution to remit tax against Hannah G. Beedle, wife of Charles W. amounting to \$5⁰⁰ is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cornelius S. Swelland

Tax remitted.

Also, Resolution to remit tax against Cornelius S. Swelland, amounting to \$13²⁰, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ezekiel Owen

Damages allowed.

117.

Also, Resolution to pay Ezekiel Owen \$39⁰⁰ in settlement of damages to estate, No 138 Pearl Street, January 5, 1873 is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Richard C. Brown

157.

Andrew F. Willard

157.

Henry V. Stone

133.

Damages allowed.

Also, resolution to pay Edward C. Brown \$50, Andrew F. Willard \$30, and Henry V. Stone \$75 in full payment of damages sustained by them in Rothwells Block on Lockwood Street on the 22^d of August 1873 by overflow of water, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Hugh Donnelly

108.

Said committee to whom was referred on the 8th of September last, a petition of Hugh Donnelly for compensation for injuries sustained during disturbances on Hill's Avenue, and on the 24th of November last, a petition of

L. F. Hayward

164.

L. F. Hayward for remission of tax,

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make reports adverse thereto: which reports are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Upon the recommendation of the joint Committee on Highways

Knight Street

Curbing & paving.

A resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on the east side of Knight Street from Carpenter Street to Washington Street, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Burnett Street

Reception of.

Also, a resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Burnett Street from Greenwich Street to Bucklin Street and declare the same a public highway, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Brook Street

Surplus material to be put on flats.

176.

Also, a resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to deposit the surplus material taken from the grading of Brook Street on the flats owned by the city lying south of Hill's Wharf, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Voted)

The Report of

Chief Eng. of Fire Dept.

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented & received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Ord. establishing
Fire Department.
(amended.)

164.

The joint committee on the Fire Department, to whom at the last meeting was referred a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a fire department in the city of Providence'" make report recommending the enclosed substitute, which report is received, and the bill recommended, entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a fire department in the city of Providence'" is therefore read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Moving buildings.

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Said committee to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of Charles Burlingame, Albert G. Cornell, John R. Kiernan, Margaret Morris, John S. Paine, A. B. Rice & Co, Charles Stark

for permission to move certain buildings, make reports favorable thereto; which are received and resolutions granting the prayers of said petitions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Police Dept.

Wagon & harness for

The joint committee on Police make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, authorizing the Chief of Police, acting by the advice and direction of the joint committee on Police, to purchase a wagon and harness for the use of the police department (4th District) for a sum not exceeding one hundred and forty dollars, which sum is appropriated from the appropriation for police; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Print & Plane Sts

School-house.

Heating apparatus.

118.

The joint special committee appointed by resolution passed on the 10th of November last to confer with the Commissioners on the Print and Plane Sts school estate relative to plans for heating the same make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, authorizing and empowering said Commissioners to contract with Blake & Shortwell for their Steam heating apparatus to be put in said building upon such terms and conditions as to them shall seem best, and appropriating the sum of \$11000 to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

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On the recommendation of the joint committee on the South Burying Ground,

Jos. Tillinghast
Fund accepted.

A resolution accepting the gift of Mary S. Gladding, Elizabeth G. Chandler and Anne Ann Arnold, heirs of Joseph Tillinghast deceased, of the sum of \$100. to the Commissioners of the South Burying Ground in trust, the income thereof to be applied to the care of the burial lot of the donors, and designating the same as the Joseph Tillinghast fund, is read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Duty Income

At the last meeting was referred a petition of Duty Income for abatement of tax, report adversely thereon: which report and petition are recommended.

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172

Arch to Wilson Sts.

Opening new street.
322.

A petition of Geo. B. Nichols & others to open street from Arch to Wilson streets is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Fire Alarm Box

Cor. Broad & Pearl Sts.

186

A petition of the American Bell Co. for Fire Alarm box on corner of Broad and Pearl streets;

Raising building.

170

Also a petition of Cornelius Clancy for permission to raise building, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee

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on the fire department.

Cornelius Clancy

170.

Subsequently under a suspension of the rules said committee report favorably on the above named petition of Cornelius Clancy, and a resolution granting the same is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Amos M. Bowen

Claim for salary.

172.

A petition and claim of Amos M. Bowen for payment of salary as secretary of the School Committee for the months of July and August 1873, are presented received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Remission of tax.

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229.

Petitions of

H. P. Bush,

Jonathan Chace,

Elizabeth Gladding,

Mary J. Holden,

James A. Windsor,

Heirs of Francis Hayland,

Robert W. Watson et al, heirs

of Abby B. Watson, all for remission of certain taxes, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Lewis A. Phillips.

Re Broad St.
356

A petition of Lewis A. Phillips for compensation for land taken in the

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widening of Broad street, is presented, received and referred to the special committee to settle with parties damaged in the matter of widening said street.

Pumping engine
at
Hope Station.
and
comparative tests.
1871
1872
1873

The preamble and resolutions relative to pumping engine at the Hope Station, which passed this Council on the 10th of November last, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out all preceding the word 'Resolved' in the 45th line thereof.

It is moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter; upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Yeas

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Barker, Harris, Hayward, Paine, Penney, Rickard, & Sellen. 9

Nays

Messrs Arden, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb. 26

Said motion is therefore lost.

It is then moved to concur with an amendment, striking out all after the word 'Resolved' and inserting the following:

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"That the water commissioners are hereby requested not to complete a contract for a Cornish Pumping engine, to be located at Pettacousett Pumping Station, until after a sufficient time has elapsed for the comparative test to be made of the merits of the engines at Hope and Pettacousett Stations, as provided for in the contract between the City of Providence and George H. Collins."

Upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:—

Yeas

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Barker, Harris, Hayward, Penney, Rickard, & Sellen. 9

Nays

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb. 26

It is then moved that the Common Council concur in the amendment of the Board of Aldermen; upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered, and the same is passed by the following vote, viz:

Yeas

Messrs Arden, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Butterworth, Car-

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Peabody, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins,
Hunt, T. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson,
Stevy, Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Teltis,
Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers, Smith and
Whitecomb. 26.

News.

Mr President, Messrs. Aldrich, Barker,
Harris, Hayward, Paine, Penney, Richards,
Tilton. 9.

Orders.

Concurred in.

The following resolutions having passed
the Board of Aldermen, are sent down, read
and passed in concurrence, viz:

Reference of claim
of Edw. H. Cutler.

Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor
to agree to a reference of the claim of E. H. Cut-
ler for salary for the months of July and Au-
gust 1873, as teacher in the High School to
Hon. Geo. A. Brayton, Hon. Thomas Surfee and
Hon. Elisha W. Tilton, under a rule of Court;

Prov. Water Works
Appropriation for
1873

Also, Resolution appropriating \$200,000 to
the Providence Water Works;

Unconfirmed Police.

Also, Resolution to pay James McCreedy
an unconfirmed policeman, for services rendered
in November 1873;

Central Bridge Comrs
Report.

Also, in the order to receive the Report of
the Central Bridge Commissioners.

(Approved)

Edward H. Cutler
Reference of claim.
156.

The resolution directing the City Solicitor
to refer claim of Edward H. Cutler to referees,

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postponed from the last meeting, is taken
from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Report on City Hall.

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243.

No. Burying Ground.

163.
159.

The report of the joint special committee
on a City Hall;

Also, the report of the joint committee
on the North Burying Ground, upon the peti-
tion of Edward P. Knowles, etc.

Both postponed from the last meeting, are
taken from the table and postponed till
the next meeting.

Supt. & Teachers.

Claims for Salary
for July & August 1873

Claims of the Superintendent of the
Public Schools and two hundred and thirteen
teachers of the public schools, and petitions
for the allowance of salary for the months
of July and August 1873, are presented,
received and laid on the table.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, January 13, 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Mr. Binney.

A. W. Liddeman
Clerk.

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The Common Council - January 12, 1874

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present

Records read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayer's Veto

Removal of earth in Brook St. District. 167. 168.

A message is received from the Mayor returning without his approval resolution No. 347 which passed the Common Council on the 8th ult. and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 11th ult.; which is read and laid on the table temporarily.

Pumping Engine at Hope Station. Competitive trial. Voted by Mayor. 177. 178.

A message is also received from the Mayor returning without his approval resolution No. 336, which passed the Common Council on the 10th of November last, was concurred in with an amendment by the Board of Aldermen on the 26th of November and the amendment concurred in by the Common Council on the 8th of December last, which message is read and laid on the table temporarily.

James H. Windsor Tax remittal. 179.

The joint committee on Claims to whom on the 8th of December last was referred a petition of James H. Windsor for remission

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of tax, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to remit the sum of \$121⁵⁰ erroneously assessed against said James H. Windsor for the year 1873; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

F. Wayland's Heirs

Remission of tax. 179.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Francis Wayland's heirs for remission of tax, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to remit to Francis Wayland and H. Lincoln Wayland the sum of \$282⁰⁰ erroneously assessed against them as Francis Wayland's heirs in the city tax of 1873; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Amos M. Bowen

Salary allowed. 179.

Said committee to whom was referred the claim of Amos M. Bowen for salary for July and August 1873, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay to said Amos M. Bowen the sum of \$50 in full for his services as Secretary of the School Committee for the months of July and August 1873; which report is received and said res.

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Resolution is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

H. H. & C. A. Franklin

Claim allowed.

133

Said committee to whom on the 13th of October last was referred a petition of H. H. & C. A. Franklin for allowance of damages, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay said H. H. & C. A. Franklin the sum of \$32⁰⁰ in full for damages sustained by obstructions in highways; which report is received and said resolution is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

James Rothwell

Claim allowed.

161

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Said committee to whom on the 24th of November last was referred a petition of James Rothwell for damages, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay to said James Rothwell the sum of \$3500⁰⁰ in full settlement of his claims for damages to his premises on Lockwood Street by reason of obstructions in street and openings to sewer; which report is received and said resolution is thereupon read and passed.

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Leave to withdraw

Josiah Simmons

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Said committee to whom on the 27th of August last was referred a petition of Josiah Simmons for allowance of damage by overflow of estate, corner of Brook and

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Transit shuts;

Duty Greene

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Also, to whom at the last meeting was re-committed the petition of Duty Greene for abatement of tax, severally make reports adverse thereto, which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Howard street etc

Grading of.

The joint committee on Highways who were instructed by resolution of the Board of Aldermen January 8. inst. to enquire and report at this meeting upon the subject of bringing Howard, Hill and Ferry streets and Harris Avenue to grade, and also what sum the abutting owners will contribute to the cost of the work, make report and as the abutting owners would not agree to give any particular sum, etc. they make no recommendation: which report is received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Hugh Street

Curbing & paving.

Said committee, upon the petition of the Richmond Mfg. Co. & others make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Eagle street from Atwells Avenue to the North Providence line: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

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Fire Alarm boxes.

175.

The joint committee on the Fire Department to whom at the last meeting was referred the petition of the American Butt Co. and others for a fire alarm box make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department to cause fire alarm boxes to be set up on the corner of Broad & Pearl streets, of Pine & Somerset, of Broad & Laura, of Chestnut & Friendship, of North Main & Benefit streets: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(both)

City Engineer's Office

Stairway in.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on city property a resolution appropriating the sum of \$150. for building stairs in Dexter Block for the use of the City Engineer's Department - to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Messer Street

Be Humi House on.

155.

190.

The joint committee on Education to whom on the 10th of November last were referred draft resolutions to build a two story brick school house ^{on Messer street} to contain six school rooms, and appropriating \$28,000 for the purpose, make report recommending

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the passage of the same: which is received and said resolutions are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Concurrences in

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Cypress Street.

Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Cypress street;

Bridgham School
Screens for outbuildings

Also, resolution to place screens in front of the out-buildings at Bridgham School house;

Arnold St. School

Also, resolution relating to the blinds on the school house on Arnold street;

Point & Plane St. School

Also, resolutions adding \$11,000 to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school house and charging to the same the expense of placing heating apparatus therein;

Ibid.

Also, resolution adding \$30,000 to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school house;

Appropriation for Sewers.

Also, resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for sewers;

Fanning & Swan.

Also, resolution to pay Fanning & Swan \$218¹⁰ for putting up sleeping compartments in Fire Station No. 7, Richmond street;

Telegraph to City yard.

Also resolution to establish a telegraph to the city yard.

(Approved)

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From Springfield R.R.

Bonds guaranteed

The Common Council also concur in receiving the report of the Committee on City Debt in relation to guaranteeing the Bonds of the Providence & Springfield Railroad to the full amount of \$500,000, and also concur in the passage of the accompanying ordinance, entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance in relation to the loan of the credit of the city of Providence in aid of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.'"

Point Street Bridge

Supt's report recd.

Also, in the order to receive the report of the Superintendent of the Point Street Bridge;

Payment of teachers salaries for July & Aug.

Also, in the order to receive the report of the Joint Committee on Education on the request of the school committee for the payment of salaries of the teachers and Superintendent of public schools for July and August last.

(Approved)

1110.

Also, in the resolution to pay the Superintendent and teachers of the public schools their salaries for July and August 1873, in accordance with the schedules approved by the City Auditor.

Thayer St. School Storm doors for

Also, in the resolution to place storm doors on the Thayer street Grammar school house;

Federal St. School Hanging desks

Also, in the resolution to change desks in the intermediate school house on Federal Street;

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Ward Room on Harrison St. for school.

Also, in the resolution to place the ward room on Harrison Street in condition to be used for an intermediate school;

School on Harrison St.

Also, in the resolution for the temporary establishment of an intermediate school in the ward room on Harrison Street.

Salary Ordinance amended.

Also, in the ordinance entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A.D. 1874" (relative to salary of policemen whose service has been rendered here or elsewhere).

(Approved)

Reports received.

The Monthly reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; and of

The City Treasurer;

Also, the quarterly report of the City Treasurer;

The 17th Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners;

The 2^d Report of the Water Commissioners on Sewers,

are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Treas. Report on city debt &c.

1160

The City Treasurer, pursuant to resolution of 24th November last, submits a report on amount of temporary loans for year ending September 30th last, (\$1,743,500) Amount of interest chargeable to Water Works (\$131,030.77) and amount of interest chargeable to Sewers (\$4,190); which is received.

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Raising buildings

Petitions of

Jason A. Blackmar,

Edward Danin,

James Tiffany,

for permission to raise certain buildings;

Spicer S. Fish,

John Keefe,

George W. Potter,

James White,

to more certain buildings, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department. Said committee subsequently under a suspension of the rules report the same recommended; and resolutions granting the prayers of said petitions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mining

Remission of tax

Petitions of

Nathaniel C. Bushee,

John Clarke,

Henry R. Hill,

Hope Lodge, S.O.C.F.,

Sarragansett Encampment, S.O.C.F.,

John Mc Elroy,

Nicholas Sheindaw,

all for refunding or abating certain taxes; of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries for allowance of money expended for fishway in Pawtuxet Dam; of

Comrs of Inland Fish.

Pawtuxet Dam.

200.

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M.E. Taft.

248.

D.H. McCarthy.

200

Sarah A. Slocum.

191.

Bernard Swift.

221.

L.E. Wilmarth

191

Sewers in Head &

Richmond Streets.

212.

No. Burying Ground.

Comrs Report.

578.

Salary Ordinance

Comrs of Brook St. Dis.

M.E. Taft for compensation for damage to estate corner of Square and Beconside streets, by excavation; of Dennis H. McCarthy for damages to premises by overflow of water in N. Main St. Mrs Sarah A. Slocum for damages to premises 150 Lockwood street by overflow of water; of Bernard Swift for clearing out sewer on Sabin street, \$22; of L.E. Wilmarth for damages to premises 154 Lockwood street by overflow of water, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

A petition of G. W. Salyan father for sewers in Head and Richmond streets is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

The report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, on receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1873, is received from the Board of Aldermen and referred to the joint committee on the North Burying Ground.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salaries of the Commissioners on the Brook street district" is presented,

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received and referred to the joint committee on Finance.

Resolved.

That the standing committee on the city engineer's department be and they are hereby requested to report an ordinance providing for the appointment of a Board of Public Parks, and prescribing their duties, and that said committee report to the next meeting of this Council.

Board of public parks

Ord. to be reported.

Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on Parks be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to expend at any time in the care, maintenance and preservation of any one public park an amount not exceeding the sum of \$300.

with

Resolved.

That the committee on city property be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a sealer's beam for the use of the office of the scales of weights and measures at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sealer's Beam.

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Grace Church & Locust Grove Cemeteries. Removal of.

215.
315.

A petition of George B. Darling and others for the removal of Grace Church and Locust Grove Cemeteries is presented, received and referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Pettis, Hopkins and Rogers of the Common Council with such as the board of aldermen may add to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Ald. Cuyler added)

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the city treasurer is hereby directed to give to the town of Cranston a deed for highway purposes of the strip of land between Sockanisset Hill cross road and Sockanisset Bridge, purchased by the city of the Heirs of Supt Harris deceased, provided that such deed shall be approved by the city solicitor.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Deed to Cranston for highway purposes.

Resolved.

That the Highway Commissioners be and they hereby are empowered to deposit the surplus material taken from the grading of Brook Street on the flats owned by the city lying south of Hill's wharf, or in such

Removal of earth from Brook St. Dist.

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other place as they may deem most advantageous for the interests of the city.

Resolved.

That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Brook street to be brought to the established grade without delay.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Brook St. to be brought to grade.

Mayor's Message.

This was read.

The Mayor's Message relating the resolution relative to depositing the surplus earth taken from the grading of Brook street in the flats owned by the city south of Still's Wharf, this day presented, is taken from the table, and the further consideration of said resolution is now indefinitely postponed.

Resolved.

That so much of resolution No. 396 approved May 21, 1873 as relates to the construction of a sewer in Mylleset street from the summit near the bridge to Terrace street, and in Westminster street from Terrace street to Exchange street be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved.

That the Water Commissioners acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the Water Commissioners are hereby directed to cause

Since in Mylleset & Westminster streets.

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main drains or common sewers to be constructed in Mylleset street from the summit near the bridge to Terrace street, and in Westminster street from Terrace street to Exchange street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

No. Burial Ground

Dr. Kinross, etc.

The report of the committee on the state of the Burial Ground relative to petition of Dr. Kinross, etc. concerning said Burial Ground etc. postponed from the last meeting is taken up and laid on the table by vote 13 to 10.

This adjournment

For convention

Resolved.

That when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday evening 26th inst. at 7 1/2 o'clock, and that the clerk of the Council be directed to invite the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to join the Council in convention at that time for the purpose of electing certain city officers and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

Adjourn.

The Common Council now adjourn as above voted to Monday, January 26, 1874 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Binney, Dullcourath, Mathewson & Demsey.
M. Liddleman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - January 26, 1874.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Veto
Messer St. School Ho.
185

A message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto the resolutions to build a two story school house of brick, to contain six rooms, with recitation room and a hall if the committee shall deem the same desirable, on Messer street, and appropriating \$28,000 therefor, which resolutions passed the Common Council on the 12th inst, and were concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 22nd inst., which message is temporarily laid on the table.

William Binney
Designation accepted.

A communication is received from William Binney, tendering his resignation as a member of this Common Council from the second ward, which resignation is accepted, and subsequently resolutions ordering an election to fill the vacancy thereby caused, to be held in said ward on the 4th day of February next, are read and passed.

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Common Claims report
claims of

The joint committee on claims to whom are referred the following petitions, make report and recommend the accompanying resolutions, which are severally read and passed, viz:-

Sarah A. Stearns
185

Upon the petition of Mrs Sarah A. Stearns, Resolution to pay her \$50. in full for damage sustained by overflow of water on Lockwood street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wm. F. Milmarth
185

Also upon the petition of Mrs W. F. Milmarth, Resolution to pay her \$75 for damage from overflow of surface water on Lockwood street;

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Jonathan Chase
171

Also upon the petition of Jonathan Chase, Resolution to remit or refund to him \$20⁰⁰ for tax erroneously assessed on personal property for 1873;

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Henry J. Holden
171

Also upon the petition of Henry J. Holden, Resolution to remit or refund to him \$17⁵⁰ for tax erroneously assessed on personal property for 1873.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Ann C. Pearsons.

Also, upon the petition of Ann C. Pearsons of San Francisco, Cal.,

Resolution to remit or refund to her the sum of \$310⁰⁰ erroneously assessed on personal property for 1873.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Daniel W. Wiswall.

Also, upon the petition of Daniel W. Wiswall,

Resolution to refund to him the sum of \$11⁰⁰, a portion of amount paid for cutting in Camp street.

(Concurred & Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Said Committee to whom were referred petitions of

Elizabeth Gladding,

John Mc Elroy,

Nicholas Sheridan,

for remission of certain taxes, make reports advise thereof which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Mary Smith, Admr.

Sale of land on St. Main & Kendall Streets.

288

Upon the recommendation of the joint Committee on Highways a resolution to pay Mary Smith, Admr the sum of \$330, for a gore of land at the junction of North Main & Kendall streets, for highway purposes, is presented, read and passed.

(B. H. Fabb)

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Highway Commr.
Quarterly Report.

The 3rd quarterly report of the Highway Commissioners is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Camp Dept
Building for.

Upon the recommendation of the joint Committee on City property, a resolution to rebuild the building for the Camp Department, at a cost not exceeding \$700, to be done without contracting therefor, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Invitation to
join in convention
accepted.

The Board of Aldermen having accepted the invitation (made at the last meeting) to join the common Council in convention, the two boards now join in convention of the City Council.

In Convention

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

City Officers elected.

The following City officers are elected, viz:
Cladiah Stoddard, Superintendent of Public Buildings;
Charles E. Payne, City Engineer.
John S. Peck, weigher of anthracite coal and cotton.

Milton W. Skattuck, city constable.
(on recommendation of the committee on Police)

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David E. Howard, Geo. M. Turner, Marcus H. Martin, Lathrop Lewis and Alexander Forsyth were chosen city constables without power to serve civil process.

N. Crowl jr. Port Warden.

Nathaniel Crowell jr, port warden in place of Nathaniel Crowell, deceased.

Wm. Spencer, Trustee of Reform School.

William Spencer, is elected Trustee of the Providence Reform School in place of Amos H. Snow, who declines to serve.

Convention, to consider ordinances.

It is voted,

That the two boards meet in Convention on Tuesday evening, 3^d of February next, for the consideration of the revised ordinances and informal business only.

The two boards separate.

Mayor's veto.

In Common Council. The Mayor's message relating the resolutions to build school-house on Miller Street, is taken from the table.

Messrs St. school house.

190.

247.

It is moved that said resolutions pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding; which motion prevails by the following vote, viz:

Ayes.

Alfred President, Aldrich, Brown, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford,

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Brown, Butternuth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray, Penney, Rice, Rickard, Sellen, Smith, & Whitcomb. 31.

Ayes.

Aye.

(Concurred)

Mayor's message

Regarding debt of city.

A message from the Mayor relative to the floating city debt is presented and read.

Concurrences.

The following having passed the Board of Aldermen, are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Ordinance in relation to mill & amended.

An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to mill and house offal."

Grading Howard St. &

Also, Resolution for grading Howard, Hill and Perry streets, and Harris Avenue;

Appropⁿ for interest

Also, Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for interest;

Do on water loan.

Also, Resolution adding \$120,000 to the appropriation for interest on the water loan payable in 1900.

(Approved)

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Chas. Anthony
elected
Highway Commis's.

A communication is received from the Board of Aldermen, announcing the election on their part of Charles Anthony as Highway Commissioner for three years; whereupon it is resolved, by the Common Council that said Charles Anthony be elected in concurrence Highway Commissioner for the term of three years.

H. W. Vaughan's bill

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen, to pay H. W. Vaughan \$77⁰⁰ for expenses of moving office of Inspector of Milk, is sent down, read and non-concurred.

Mass. Law Reports

On the recommendation of the joint committee on ordinances, the resolution from the Board of Aldermen, passed July 31/73, to purchase a set of the Massachusetts Reports, is read and concurred.
(Approved)

Canal Street
Widening of.

A resolution relating to widen Canal Street from Allen's Lane to Smith Street, pursuant to the report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment made to the Supreme Court, Dec. 3, 1873, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

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Broad Street,
from Broad to
Greenwich Streets.

Widening & of.
203.

A resolution to widen and straighten Broad Street, from Public to Greenwich streets, pursuant to the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment made to the Supreme Court on the 19th of December 1873, is presented and read; and said report is thereupon referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Davis, Smith and Douglas, with such as the Board may wish to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Ald. Angell added)
(Approved)

Comis of Sinking funds
Report.

The first quarterly report of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mayor's Veto.

Pumping engine

27.

The Mayor's message relating to the motion relative to the cost of engine at Hope Station is taken from the table, and said resolutions are indefinitely postponed.

Remission of tax

200.

200.

F. Demus.
211.

Petitions of

Martin Dyer

Silas Steer,

for remission of tax; of Frederick Demus, for damages

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his carriage by falling into a gully on
Prairie Avenue; of
James H. Warner, for allowance of
lumber used in the construction of building
for the city,
are severally received and referred to the
joint committee on Claims.

Jos. H. Warner,

211.

Prospect street

curbing &

352.

A petition of Tela & W. S. Carpenter
for curbing and paving on Prospect street
is received and referred to the committee
on Highways.

A. B. Rice

Mining building

203.

A petition of Archibald B. Rice for
more wooden building is received and re-
ferred to the committee on the Fire Department.

Sever in Pitman St

212.

Petitions of B. K. Phelan et al for
sewer in Pitman street; of

Angell St.

285.

S. Ladefogd et al, for sewer in Angell
street; of

Prospect St.

212.

J. H. Southwick et al, for sewer in
Prospect street,
are received and referred to the committee on Sewers.

City Inders Depart.

206.

The Annual Report of the City Engineer is
presented, received and 750 copies ordered printed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Feb 9th at 7³⁰ p.m.
Present, all the members except Messrs S. A. Johnson,
Nichols, & the Mayor. W. A. Goddeman, Clerk.

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An Common Council, February 9, 1874.

The Common Council meet pursuant
to adjournment - the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

John C. Pogram

Engaged.

The credentials of John C. Pogram Esq.
member-elect from the second ward to fill
the vacancy caused by the resignation of
William Binney Esq. are presented; and
Mr Pogram is engaged by the Mayor in
the presence of the board of aldermen.

Invitation for
convention.

An invitation is sent to the board of al-
dermen to join the Common Council in con-
vention for the election of certain certain
officers: which invitation is accepted.

Harry P. Bush

171

The joint committee on claims report
with favorable recommendation.
Upon the petition of Harry P. Bush,
Resolution to remit to said Bush tax
of \$35¹⁰ erroneously assessed;

Henry R. Hill

184

Also upon the petition of Henry R.
Hill,
Resolution to remit to said Hill, tax of
\$54, erroneously assessed;

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James Lynch.

Also upon the petition of James Lynch, Resolution directing the City Treasurer to refund \$13⁷⁵ to James Lynch being amount of penalty imposed in the matter of curbing Penn and Courtland street;

Fishway in Pawhusk R.

Also upon the petition of the Commis-

Appropriation for. Sioners of Inland Fisheries,

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Resolution appropriating \$260⁰⁰ additional for fishway at mouth of Pawhusk River.

all of which are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

D.H. Mc Carthy
185.

Dennis H. Mc Carthy, for damage to premises by overflow of water; of

Martin Dyer
197.

Martin Dyer

Silas Steere
197.

Silas Steere

for abatement of tax, make reports adverse thereto; which reports are severally received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw

In Convention.

The Mayor and board of aldermen now join the common council for the purposes above named.

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

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Est A. Jilison

Elected Surveyor of Lumber.

Est A. Jilison is after fourteen informal ballots elected Surveyor of Lumber by a vote of 23 to 19 for John B. Winship and 1 scattering.

The Convention agree to meet on Friday evening next for the consideration of the city ordinances.

The two boards separate.

Narragansett Encampment I.O.O.F.

Remission of tax

184.

237.

In Common Council. The joint committee on claims to whom on the 12th ult. was referred a petition of Narragansett Encampment I.O.O.F. for abatement of tax, make report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is received, and a motion that said petitioners do have leave to withdraw is made and lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz: -

Yeas.

The President, Messrs Ardern, Bradford, Carpenter, Greene, Hunt, F. Johnson, G.A. Johnson, Murray, Paine, Parsons, Pogram, Pettis, & Rickard

Nays.

Messrs March, Barker, A.J. Barnaby, J.B. Barnaby, Brown, Butterworth,

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Douglas, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, Murray,
Phillips, Penroy, Rice, Rogers, Sellar,
Smith & Whitecomb

Said petition and report are thereupon
recommended with instructions to report a
resolution remitting the tax assessed.

Hope Lodge I.O.O.F.

Admission of tax.

184.

237

Said committee also report back the
petition of Hope Lodge I.O.O.F. for
abatement of tax with a recommenda-
tion that the petitioners have leave to
withdraw: which report and petition
are recommended with instructions to
report a resolution remitting the tax.

Reservoir Avenue

Widening of.

161.

The joint committee on Highways &
Streets on the 24th of November last was
referred a resolution (from the Board of
Aldermen) to widen Reservoir Avenue,
make report recommending the enclosed
substitute resolution: which report is re-
ceived and said substitute is read
and passed.

Meeting Street

Stone steps.

Said committee also report with recom-
mendation, accompanied by plans and
estimates of the city engineer, a resolution
to reconstruct the stone steps on Meeting Street
at a cost not to exceed \$350, which report is
received, and said resolution read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

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A.B. Rice

Moving building

198.

The joint committee on the Fire depart-
ment, to whom at the last meeting was
referred a petition of Archibald B. Rice
for permission to erect a wooden building,
make report recommending the same,
which report is received, and the accom-
panying resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Chief Eng. Fire Dep.

Mo. Report.

The report of the chief engineer of the
Fire Department for January 1874 is
presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broad Street

Widening of.

197

Under a suspension of the rules,
The joint special committee to whom at
the last meeting was referred the report of
the commissioners of estimate and assess-
ment to widen and straighten Broad Street
from Public to Greenwich streets, make their
report, which is received.

A resolution electing to make the
proposed improvement is lost by a vote
of 10 yeas to 13 nays.

A resolution electing not to make
said improvement is thereupon read
and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Ordinance relating
to Board of Pub. Works
to be reported.

Under a suspension of the rules, the following resolution is presented, read and passed, viz:—

Resolved,

That the city solicitor be requested to report at the earliest practicable moment, an ordinance relating to a Board of Public Works, conforming the powers that the city council is authorized to confer by Sect. 3 of the act authorizing such a Board, excepting however the powers now by law vested in surveyors of highways or highway commissioners.

(B. A. Taber.)

Resolved,

That Messrs. Marich, Rickard and Pegrum, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add be hereby appointed a committee to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to Chapter 640 of the Statutes as subsequently amended, permitting the City Council to extend the term of office of the Water Commissioners for such time as said City Council shall deem desirable, or to elect successors to the present board for such further term as they may deem proper.

(Concurred, Ald. Polter added)

(Approved)

Chap. 640 of Statutes

Term of office of
Water Commissioners

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Mr. Pegrum ap-
pointed as com.
on Ordinances, &c.

Mr Pegrum is appointed a member of the joint committee on ordinances, and of the joint committee on the city engineer's department, to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of William Binney, Esq.

Reports received.

The annual account of the City Treasurer, and the monthly statement of same;

The annual report of the City Auditor of receipts and expenditures;

The annual report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings;

The annual report of the Surveyor of Lumber;

The report of C. S. Gillson Surveyor of Lumber, of lumber surveyed to Feb. 10, 1873;

The monthly reports for August, September, October, November, December and January last, of the issue of registered bonds, are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Grace Church &
Lucas' Grave Com-
mittee on

Mr. Parsons in place of
Mr. Rogers.

187
375

Mr Rogers is excused from further service on the joint special committee to them on the 12th of January last was referred the petition of Geo. B. Darling et al. for the removal of Grace Church and Lucas' Grave cemeteries, and Mr. Parsons

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is appointed in his stead.

Annual Report of City Engineer
Order to print.
198.

The order to print 750 copies of the Annual report of the city engineer, passed at the last meeting is returned with the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen, ^{with an amendment} substituting 500 for 750; which amendment is read and concurred.

Trustees of Reform Sch.
Insurance re.
236.
Industrial School.

The report of the Trustees of the Reform School relative to insurance on a portion of the school property, and for the delivery of certain buildings for the establishment of an Industrial school, is received in concurrence. (Subject of insurance ref. to Com. on Finance)

The following resolutions having passed the board of Aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Industrial School.

Resolution directing the Brook Street Commissioners to turn over to the Trustees of the Reform School certain buildings for the purpose of establishing an industrial school;

Eddy Street
Broad to Pine St.
213.

Also resolution appointing a joint Special Committee to confer with parties interested in the land necessary for widening Eddy street from Broad to Pine streets and Messrs Paine, F. Johnson, Douglas, Brown and Bradford added to the Committee;

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Unconfirmed police

Also, resolution to pay Geo. W. Shaw, an unconfirmed policeman;

Harbor Line.

Also, resolution instructing City Solicitor to appear before the General Assembly relative to harbor line in the Providence river, and to request that action be deferred until after the report of the U.S. Coast Survey is made.

City Auditor's office

Assistance for.
237.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen making appropriation for assistance in the office of the City Auditor is read and referred to the joint Committee on Finance.

Chief Eng. of fire Dept's Report.

The joint committee on the Fire Department submit a report from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department relative to a national convention of Chief Engineers and Chief officers of fire departments, held October 20. 1873, which is received, and a resolution to print 500 copies thereof with the accompanying documents is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Water Works

Appropriation
215.

An application of the Water Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$200,000 is received and referred to the joint committee on Finance.

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Sewer in Congdon St.

211.

Petition of the meeting sheet Baptist Society seeking for sewer on Congdon Street is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

H. Carscaden et al

Damages in Broad St.

213.

Petition of Robert and Eliza R. Carscaden for compensation for damages suffered by widening of Broad Street is received and referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Rules of order

Amendments

Certain amendments to the rules of order of the Common Council are proposed and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Rogers, Douglass and Richard to examine and report thereon.

Moving buildings

212.

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212.

Petitions of Thomas Burns

John Cullen, B. A. Whitcomb

French, McKenzie & Co.

to move certain buildings are received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Com. on Ordinances

Organization of

The committee on ordinances report that they have organized by the election of Mr Douglas as chairman and Mr Richard as clerk.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Friday next at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except Mr Mathewson.

M. Addeney Clerk

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In Common Council - February 13. 1874

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

In Convention to consider ordinances.

The Mayor and board of aldermen join the council in convention for the consideration of the revised ordinances, and after consideration of the ordinances relative to the finances, and construction of buildings, the convention adjourns until Wednesday evening next.

Point of Plane St. School House. Report of Comis.

Hall for singing.

Under a suspension of the rules, The Fourth Quarterly report of Commissioners on School House on corner of Point and Plane streets is received in concurrence.

Also, Resolution authorizing the School Committee to hire a hall for singing, (from the Board of Aldermen) is read and passed in concurrence.

Ordinance in relation to Wards. 216.

A bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to wards" is presented, read and the consideration thereof postponed till the

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next meeting.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, February 23rd 1874. at 7 1/2 pm.

Present - all the members except Messrs Bradford, Butterworth, Harris, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Pettis, Place, Rice & Whitcomb 15

M. Addemaury Clerk.

In Common Council. February 23, 1874

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Res. of adjournment.

It is voted, that when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Friday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The joint committee on claims report with favorable recommendation. Upon the petition of Frederick Demas

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Fred. Demas 197.

(referred Jan'y 26th)

Resolution directing the city treasurer to pay to Frederick Demas \$7⁵⁰ for damage sustained by defect on Prairie Avenue;

Jas. H. Warner.

198.

Also, upon the petition of James H. Warner,

(referred January 26th ult.)

Resolution to pay said James H. Warner \$19. for lumber used in construction of building in Fourth Police Station yard;

Chas. E. Boon.

Also, upon the claim of Charles E. Boon,

Resolution directing the city treasurer to remit to said Charles E. Boon, charge for curbstones at corner of Oak and Parade streets, amounting to \$22⁴³.

John Remington.

Also, upon the petition of John Remington of Clark Kingdon, for remission of tax,

Resolution to remit a refund to said John Remington \$17⁰⁰ amount of tax erroneously assessed on personal property, all of which resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sewers ordered in

Kingdon St.

208.

Broad St.

163.

Upon the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Sewers,

Resolutions to construct sewers in Congdon Street from Bowen to Angell streets;

Also, in Broad Street from Stewart to Chestnut streets;

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Street in Pitman St.
198

Also in Pitman street from Jones to
Gauss street;

Do. Prospect St.
199.
Meeting St.

Also in Prospect street from Sencks to
Meeting street and through Meeting to
Thayer street;

Do. Richmond St.
185.

Also in Richmond street from
Broad to Pine streets;

Do. Wickenden St.

Also in Wickenden street from near
South Main to Court street, through Court
to South Main, ^{thru Sullivan} to Farthing and through
Farthing, South Water and through South Water
and Pike streets to the River,
all of which are severally read and passed.

(Concurred) except the last
(Approved)

Moring Building.

The joint committee on the Fire Depart-
ment to whom on the 9th inst. were referred
petitions of

208

John Cullen

208

D. S. Whitcomb

to more certain wooden buildings, make reports
favorable thereto; which reports are received
and resolutions granting the prayers of
said petitions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Do.

Said committee, to whom on the same
date, were referred petitions of

Leave to withdraw.

208.

Thomas Burns,

208.

French, McKenzie & Co.

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to more wooden buildings, make reports ad-
verse thereto; which are received, and it is
ordered that the petitioners severally have
leave to withdraw.

R. Corseaden wife.

Leave to withdraw.

208.

The joint special committee to confer
with parties damaged in the matter of
widening Broad street, to whom on the 9th
inst. was referred the petition of Robert and
Eliza R. Corseaden for compensation, make
report adverse thereto; which is received
and it is ordered that the petitioners have
leave to withdraw.

Eddy Street

(Broad to Pine Sts.)

Widening of.

206.

Narragansett Hotel.

Co.

225.

The joint special committee to confer
with parties interested in widening Eddy
street, between Broad and Pine streets,
present their report, which is received,
and recommend the passage of the accom-
panying resolutions, authorizing the
Mayor to execute an agreement with the
Narragansett Hotel Company to pay
said company \$10,000 in full compensation
for all damages sustained by said
widening; and also resolutions for
the appointment of commissioners to
estimate and assess in the wi-
dening of Eddy street from Broad to
Pine street; which resolutions are
severally read and passed.

(Concurred) except Narr. Hotel Co. on table
(Approved)

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Ninth Ward.

Additional school accommodations for

The joint committee on education, in pursuance of the request of the school committee for additional school accommodations in the 9th ward, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions authorizing the school committee to open an additional grammar school room and an additional primary and intermediate room in the building

Ocean St. & Lott's St. Corner of Ocean street and Lott's Avenue, and also authorizing the committee on Education to hire a room in the neighborhood of

Cass Street.

Cass street for the purpose of opening a primary and intermediate school therein - provided that the rent of the same shall not exceed \$100 per annum; which resolutions are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Lippitt Street

To discontinue proceedings for lay out.

214

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to discontinue proceedings in the lay out of Lippitt street, is read and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Voting Districts

Res. non-concurred.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for passage of an act authorizing the Board of Aldermen to establish voting districts in the several wards is read and non-concurred.

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Voting Districts

12 Wards.

Resolved.

That the city solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly at the present session for the passage of an act authorizing the city council to establish voting districts in the several wards and to divide the city into not exceeding twelve wards.

B. W. Sawyer

Point & Plane St.

School House.

Expenses of com.

in heating apparatus.

Resolved.

That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Albert H. Manchester the sum of one hundred thirty five dollars ninety cents for expenses incurred by the joint committee appointed to report plans for heating the school house on Point and Plane streets, in visiting Brooklyn, Boston and Lynn, in the discharge of the duties of the committee: said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Point and Plane street School house.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Proc. Water Works

Appropriation for

207.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance, a resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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First Ward
Division of.

A petition of John Gorham sothens for the division of the First Ward, is presented received and thereupon it is

Committee on subject of re-dividing city into wards.

301
389
411.

Resolved, that said petition, and the general subject of re-dividing the city into wards be and hereby is referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs Greene, Douglas, Rogers, A. J. Sawch, Rickard, Hayward, Murray, Hopkins and Barker, of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may add to examine and report thereon.

(Concerned, Ald. Clarke, Fisher & Daboll added)

Ordinance in relation to Wards.
208.

The bill, entitled "An ordinance in relation to Wards", postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table, and on motion of Mr Barker, another bill with the same title is substituted therefor: (making Broad street the dividing line between the 9th and 10th wards)

Said bill is referred to the joint special committee above named on the division of the city into wards.

In Convention
Invitation for.

Resolved,

That His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen be and are hereby invited to join the Common Council in convention on Friday evening next at 7 1/2

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o'clock for the transaction of such business as may legally come before them

H. P. & F. R. R. Co.

Abatement of rent.

269.

A petition of Samuel Stott, Sept. in behalf of the Trustees for the bondholders of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R. R. Co. for abatement of rent on account of obstruction to track in Dorrance street, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Railroads.

Remission of tax.

238.

318.

Petitions of

Christian Ruckert,

Executor of estate of John

Reynolds,

both for remission of tax; of

R. Wilcox;
Removal of encumbrance.
318.

Randall Wilcox for removal of incumbrance from estate, and for damages, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Sewer in Friendship St.

Do
Remonstrance.

A petition of John W. Angell sothens for sewer in Friendship street from Beacon to Chestnut streets;

also, a remonstrance of S. R. Jackson sothens against the same, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Raising buildg.

220.

Petitions of

George Henry, for loan to raise a

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Moving buildings. Building; and of
220. Charles J. Swart,
220. Joseph Wright,
for permission to move certain wooden buildings
as presented, received and referred to the
joint committee on the fire department.

Butler Avenue Widening &c.
230. A petition of John Carter Brown & others
for the widening and straightening of
Butler Avenue is received and referred to the
joint committee on Highways.

Sessions Lot
for public park. A petition of Alexander Burgess & others
asking that a portion of the Sessions Lot
may be reserved for a public park is received
and referred to the joint committee on Parks.

A. W. Godding et al.
Sessions Lot. A petition of A. W. Godding & Geo. Bortschmidt
to purchase part of the Sessions Lot is received
and referred to the joint committee on city
property.

Adjourn. The Common Council adjourn until
Friday next February 27. 1874 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except
Mr Parsons.

J. M. Cadden
Clerk.

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In Common Council - February 27. 1874.

The Common Council meet pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair,
and a quorum present.

Record. The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Mayor's Message. A Message is received from the Mayor an-
nouncing that the term of office of the Water
Commissioners will expire on the 28th inst,
and calling attention to an ordinance in rela-
tion to this subject to be submitted.

Remission of tax. 1874. Nathl. C. Bushee
The joint committee on claims to whom
on the 12th of January last was referred the
petition of Nathaniel C. Bushee for abate-
ment of tax, make report and recommend
the passage of the accompanying resolu-
tion to remit or refund to said Bushee the
sum of \$81, being the amount of tax on
personal property erroneously assessed
against him for the years 1872 and 1873;
which report is received and said resolution
is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw

John Clarke.
1874.

Said committee to whom on the same date
was referred a petition of John Clarke for

February 27. 1874.

Bernard Swift.

185.

refund of tax erroneously assessed; and a petition of Bernard Swift for the allowance of claim for clearing out sewer, make reports adverse thereto: which reports are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

In re Lippitt Street

Proceedings discontinued

220.

The joint committee on highways to whom at the last meeting was referred the resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to discontinued proceedings in the lay out of Lippitt street from East Avenue to Randall street, make report recommending the same: which is received, and said resolution is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Raising Building

217.

Moving Buildings

218.

218.

The joint committee on the fire department, to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of George Stearns for permission to raise a building; and of

Charles J. Sweet,
Joseph Wright,

for permission to move certain buildings, make reports recommending the same: which are received, and resolutions granting the same are thereupon read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Lippitt Street

Lay out of.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to lay out and extend Lippitt street forty five feet wide, from Camp street to Heves street by the lines described, and for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, are read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved.)

Raising building

231

Moving buildings

231

231

Petitions of

John Farrell, for leave to raise a

building; and of

George Crane

Patrick Goodwin

for permission to move certain wooden buildings are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Meeting Street

Reception of.

Petitions of John Carter Brown & others who have a portion of Meeting street (between Thayer and Hope streets) received and declared a public highway; of

Culvert on Meeting St.

A. A. Beckwith & others for culvert

on Meeting street; of

Wm. Woodward

William Woodward for action to re-

Damage to land

238.

pair damage done to his land, &c.

are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Geo. W. Brown

lease of land.

A petition of George W. Brown of East Providence for lease of land south of west abutment of the Central Bridge is received

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and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Mary B. Knight

Remission of assessment

266

A petition of Mary B. Knight for remission of assessment for curbing on Camp Street is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

In Convention

The board of aldermen with the Mayor join the common council in convention, pursuant to the invitation extended at the last meeting.

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

Deputy Surveyors of Lumber

The surveyor of lumber presents his nomination of deputies, which nomination is confirmed.

Police constable

Albert Sweet is elected a police constable without power to serve civil process.

Water Commission

Extension of term.

The following resolution is offered by Mr. Paine, viz:

Resolved,

That in the opinion of the City Council it is proper that the construction of the Water Works should be completed by the present board of commissioners, and for this purpose it is desirable to reelect said board for the period of six months.

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Mr Phillips moves to amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved" and inserting the following:

Election of Board of Water Commissioners.

Laid on Table.

"That this Convention proceed to elect a board of water commissioners."

It is moved to lay the foregoing on the table, upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. S. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Pegrum, Pettis, Phillips, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb. 20,

Nays

Messrs President, Alcock, Arden, Barker, Bradford, Harris, Hayward, Mathewson, Paine, Place, Pomroy, Rice, Rickard & Teller. 14

The Board of Aldermen voted 4 in the affirmative and 4 in the negative; The Mayor ruling that the motion failed, the two boards not both voting in the affirmative, it is moved (by Mr Rogers) that the Convention rise and the two boards separate: upon which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Motion that the Convention rise.

Ayes

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. S. Johnson,

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Murray, Nichols, Pegrum, Pettis, Phillip,
Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb 24.

Says

The President, Messrs. Marick, Arden,
Barker, Bradford, Harris, Hayward, Mathewson,
Paine, Place, Pomroy, Rice, Richard & Tellew, 14

The Board of Aldermen vote 4 ayes and
4 nays.

The two Boards separate.

Ordinance to es-
tablish a Board of
Water Comrs.

A bill entitled 'An ordinance to estab-
lish a board of water commissioners' is
presented, read and passed.

The Board of Aldermen having concurred
in the passage of the foregoing bill.

Com. to wait on the
Mayor as to approval
of said ordinance.

It is voted,

That a committee be appointed
to wait upon the Mayor and ascertain
if there is any probability of said ordinance
being approved this evening.

Mr. Rogers is appointed that committee,
and subsequently reports that the Mayor replies
that the ordinance will take the usual course.

Pending the foregoing report,

It is resolved,

That the Mayor and Board of
Aldermen be invited to join the common Council
in convention for the election of water commis-
sioners.

Invitation to join
in convention.

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Invitation accepted
conditionally.

A message is received from the Board
announcing their acceptance of the forego-
ing invitation for the purpose of discussing
informally the election of water commis-
sioners.

Motion to adjourn.

It is moved that the Council adjourn
until tomorrow evening at 7 1/2 o'clock,
and the ayes and nays demanded thereon;
but said motion is withdrawn.

Narragansett Hotel Co.

Agreement as to
Eddy St.

213.

The resolution authorizing the Mayor to co-
secute an agreement with the Narragansett
Hotel Company, relative to settlement of
damages caused by the proposed widening
of Eddy Street from Broad to Pine Streets,
which passed the common Council at the
last meeting is returned from the Board of
Aldermen with their concurrence therein with
an amendment: which amendment is
read and concurred.

In Convention

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are
announced and join the common Council

An Convention,

The Mayor in the chair.

First Water Comr.

Ballot for.

An informal ballot is taken for first
water commissioner, with the following result:

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Vote of the Common Council.

For Joseph J. Cooke	17
James G. Smith	16.

Vote of the Board of Aldermen

For Joseph J. Cooke	5.
James G. Smith	2
Scattering	1.

2nd Water Comr. For second water commissioner an informal ballot is taken, with the following result:

Vote of the Common Council

For Charles E. Carpenter	21.
James D. Lockwood	10.
Scattering	1.

Vote of the Board of Aldermen

For Charles E. Carpenter	4.
James D. Lockwood	4.

A second informal ballot is taken by the Board with the following result:

For Charles E. Carpenter	7.
James D. Lockwood	1.

3rd Water Comr. For third water commissioner, William Collier is nominated informally by acclamation.

The two boards separate

The Mayor approves the foregoing ordinance.

Ordinance to establish Board of Water Comrs.

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It is Resolved.

That the Mayor and board of Aldermen be invited to join the common council in convention for the election of water commissioners.

Invitation to join in convention.

Motion to adjourn

lost.

Pending the adoption of the foregoing resolution, a motion to adjourn until tomorrow evening at 7 1/2 o'clock is made and rejected by the following vote - the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:-

Yeas.

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Butlerworth, Douglas, Hopkins, Hunt, G. Johnson, Nichols, Peltier, Phillips, Rogers, Smith, and Whitcomb. 13.

Nays.

The President, Messrs Aldrich, Adams, Barker, Bradford, Brown, Carpenter, Francis, Gannett, Harris, Hayward, G. S. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray, Paine, Pogram, Place, Somroy, Rice, Richard, & Toller. 22.

In Convention

The Mayor and board of Aldermen thereupon join the common council

In Convention

The Mayor in the chair.

1st Water Comr

Ballot for.

An informal ballot is taken for first water commissioner with the following result:

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1st Water Com'rs. For Joseph S. Cooke 22

Jos. J. Cooke, " James Y. Smith 20

Scattering 1.

A formal ballot is then taken with the same result and Joseph S. Cooke is declared elected.2nd & 3rd Water Com'rsFor second and third water commissioners
Chas. E. Carpenter Charles E. Carpenter and William Corlies
Wm. Corlies respectively are elected without opposition.

The boards separate.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 12.10 A.M.) ad-
journ until Monday, March 9, 1874
at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.Present all the members, except Mr.
Parsens.

J. M. Coddman, Clerk.

March 9, 1874

In Common Council - March 9, 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair,
and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and
approved.

Mayor's message.

Locomotives on
India & S. Water Sts.

246.

A message is received from the Mayor calling
attention to the necessity of stringent regula-
tions for the use of locomotives on India
and South Water streets.

R. W. Watson, et al.

Executors,
Tax remitted.

171.

The joint committee on claims to whom
on the 8th of December last was referred a
petition of Robt. W. Watson et al. Executors
of A. B. Watson for remission of tax made
report and recommend the passage of the
accompanying resolution to adopt, or if
already paid, to remit the sum of \$833⁶²
and accrued interest from the tax as-
sessed against the estate of the late
Mrs Abby B. Watson for the year 1873.
which report is received and said resolu-
tion is read and passed.Said committee to whom was referred by
the Board a petition of Mrs La Townsend

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W.C. Townsend, Exr. *Executa* for abatement of tax, make report and
 Tax remitted. recommend the passage of the accompanying
 resolution to abate, or if already paid, to re-
 mit the sum of \$136³⁵ and accrued in-
 terest from the tax assessed against the estate
 of Sally B. Comstock for 1873; which report
 is received and said resolution is read
 and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

leave to withdraw.

Nelson Hopkins.

133.

Said committee to whom on the 13th of
 October last was referred a petition of Nelson
 Hopkins asking for remuneration for damages
 to property on the corner of Eddy street and
 Thurber Avenue, make report adverse thereto.
 which report is received, and on the recom-
 mendation of said committee it is ordered
 that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Butler Avenue

widening &c.

218.

The joint committee on highway to
 whom on the 23rd ult. was referred a petition
 of John Carter Brown & others for widening and
 straightening of Butler Avenue, make report
 recommending the passage of the accompany-
 ing resolutions to lay out, widen and extend
 Butler Avenue eighty feet wide from Providence
 River to North street, as therein described, and
 providing for appointment of commissioners
 of estimate and assessment; which report
 is received, and said resolutions are read and passed.

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Waring Building

221

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Raising do.

221

The joint committee on the fire department,
 to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions
 of George Crane
 Patrick Godwin
 to more certain wooden buildings; of
 John O'Farrell
 to raise a certain building, -
 make reports favorable thereto; which are re-
 ceived and the accompanying resolutions
 granting the same are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Reports received.

The monthly Reports of the Chief Engi-
 neer of the Fire Department; and of
 the City Treasurer;
 Also, of the issue of registered bonds;
 Also, the city treasurer's quarterly
 report of the issues and payments of
 the city debt.

Also, the third quarterly report of the
 Water Commissioners on Sewers;

Also, the final report of the Water
 Commissioners,
 were severally presented, read and received.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed
 the Board of Aldermen are sent down,
 read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

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James Rothwell
claims referred.

Resolution to agree to a reference of the claims of James Rothwell for damages by overflow to his estate in Lockwood Street;

T.W. & B.R.R. Co.

Also, Resolution permitting Mr. Warren & Bristol R.R. Co. to place water pipe in Washington Square;

Unconfirmed police

Also, Resolution to pay unconfirmed police for duty in February 1874;

St. Patrick's Day.

Also, Resolution accepting invitation to view procession on St. Patrick's Day.

House building.

Petitions of

239.

Harris W. Aldrich,

239.

William H. Gale,

239.

Terence McKinnis,

to raise certain buildings; and of

John K. Kiernan,

Moving do.

239.

to move a certain wooden building, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Petitions for sewers.

Petitions of

Hospital St.

367.

John Phinney others for a sewer in Hospital street; of

Pettis Street.

386

V. F. Leardy others for a sewer on Pettis street; of

Walling Street.

386

Edward J. Cooney others for a sewer on Walling street;

Water Comrs. business.

239.

Also, a resolution continuing certain

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powers to the water Commissioners, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Petitions of

Gen. M. Davis.

238.

George M. Davis for remission of tax;

and of

Jas. Blessington

233.

James Blessington, asking that the personal property tax of Moses P. Randall may be remitted from the real estate purchased by him from the said Randall, - are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Petitions of

Burnett St.

235.

R. H. Deming others for curbing

Burnett street; of

Congdon Street.

F. W. Carpenter others for the straightening and extending Congdon street,

are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Ord. to establish board of pub. works, Amendment.

A bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to establish a board of public works' approved February 27, 1874" is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

A resolution to build shed for

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Horse Carriage Co. No. 9,
Shed for wagon
240

Horse carriage Co. No. 9, and to ventilate
Engine house stable on Pallas street is pre-
sented and referred to the joint committee
on city property.

Pay of public school
teachers re.
310.

A resolution relating to the pay of
public school teachers, re. is presented,
read and referred to the joint committee on
Education.

Gorham P. Pomroy,
Tender resignation

A communication from Mr Gorham P.
Pomroy, member of this council from the 5th
ward, tendering his resignation of said
office to take effect on the 23rd inst. is pre-
sented, read and received.

Point & Pine St.
School house,
Furniture for

A resolution directing the commissioners
on the Place & Pine street school house to
contract for furniture therefor, and approp-
riating the sum of \$7000 for such purpose,
the same to be transferred from the approp-
riation for school houses and lots to
the appropriation for said school house,
is presented, read and passed.

Inquiry into legal
expenses, money re-
ceived by City Solr.
236,
248,
310.

A resolution appointing a joint Special
Committee in relation to amounts paid for legal
expenses since June 1, 1869; also, what
sums of money have been received by the

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City solicitor out of the city treasury for
services, expenses or otherwise, or from parties
other than the city for fees, costs or otherwise,
is presented (by Mr Phillips), read and
passed; reconsidered, amended, read
and passed again, and Messrs Paine,
Douglas & Greene appointed on the part
of the Common Council.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, March 23rd 1874 at 7th o'clock
p.m.

Present - all the members, except
Messrs Weaver, May, Nichols, & Rice.

J. M. Addenbury, Clerk

In Common Council - March 23, 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and
approved.

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Mayor's Message.

Resolution relative to fees of City Salt

234

A Message is received from the Mayor relative to the resolution passed by the Council and concurred in by the Board concerning the legal expenses of the city and fees of the city solicitor. Read and acted communicated to the Board.

Sewer Act

Amendment to

128

364

The joint committee on ordinances to whom on the 13th of October last was referred a Message of the Mayor relative to amendment to the sewer act, so as to extend time for three years, make report recommending the accompanying resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for amendment to act authorizing sewer assessments: which is read and recommitted.

Joint rules &c.

70.

Said committee to whom was referred the ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing certain joint rules and joint standing committees of the City Council," report the same not recommended; which report is received and said bill is indefinitely postponed. (Joint Com. on streets.)

Report of Com. on finance

Reports of city auditor & City Treasurer.

The joint committee on Finance submit a Report upon the Annual Reports of the City Auditor and the City Treasurer, certifying to the correctness thereof;

Insurance on Reform Schools.

206.

Also Report upon the subject of insuring the buildings of the Prison Reform

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School, recommending no action; - which are severally read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Auditor's office

Assistance in

207.

Also, with recommendation, Board of Aldermen resolution for appropriating \$600. for assistance in city Auditor's office, which was read and concurred.

(Approved)

Remission of tax

Hope Lodge I.O.O.F.

202, 240.

The joint committee on claims to whom were recommitted on the 9th of February last, petition of Hope Lodge, No. 4, I.O.O.F. for abatement of tax (\$56.70);

Narragansett Encampment I.O.O.F.

201, 250.

Also, petition of Narragansett Encampment, I.O.O.F. for abatement of tax \$6.20, with instructions to report resolutions abating the same, make reports, submitting without recommendation resolutions to remit or refund the amount of said taxes: which are read & passed.

(Concurred)

J.H. Appleton.

251.

Also, without recommendation, resolution upon the petition of John H. Appleton, Professor in Brown University, to remit or refund to him tax on \$4000, amounting to \$135: which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Mary E. Clarke.

251.

Also Resolution to remit or refund to Mary E. Clarke, wife of Benjamin F. (a professor

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Mayor's Message.

Resolution relative to fees of City Sal's

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Sewer Act

Amendment to

128.

304.

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(Concurred)

J.H. Appleton.

Voted. 259.

Also, without recommendation, resolution upon the petition of John H. Appleton, Professor in Brown University, to remit or refund to him tax on \$10,000, amounting to \$135: which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Mary E. Clarke.

257.

Also, Resolution to remit or refund to Mary E. Clarke, wife of Benjamin F. (a professor

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lot in Brown University) tax on \$10000 assessed for 1873;

Remission of tax.

R. Dyer, Trustee.

253

Also Resolution to remit or refund to E. Dyer Jr. Trustee for Sarah E. J. Bancroft (wife of J. N. Bancroft a Professor in Brown University) tax on \$1000, assessed for 1873, which are severally read and not passed.

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

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Christian Ricketts

233

George M. Davis

for remission of certain taxes, report adversely thereon; and it is voted that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Highways,

Cargill Street.

Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen lay out Cargill street from Carpenter to Fountain streets;

Keene Street.

Also, Resolution requesting the Board to receive Keene street from Prospect to Hope streets;

Myrtle Street

Also, Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Myrtle street from Friendship to Dudley streets; and Resolution to set curb and pave gutters thereon;

Do.

Wm. Woodward.

221

Also, Resolution for laying a drain across the land of William Woodward on Ridge street, which were severally read and passed. (Concurred)

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Board of Water Com.

Authority continued.

232.

The joint committee on sewers to whom was referred at the last meeting a draft resolution containing certain authority, granted to the Water Commissioners, to the Board of Water Commissioners, report the same recommended; which is thereupon read & passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Grading Daboll St. &c

Referred to jt. of Com.

161

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The joint committee on Highways to whom on the 24th of November last were referred the resolutions (from the Board) for grading Daboll, Austin & Hamilton streets, and for laying a drain pipe from Daboll street to Public street, report the same, recommending concurrence; which resolutions, with the accompanying papers, are thereupon referred to a joint special committee consisting of the members of the joint committee on Highways, and sewers to examine and report thereon.

Upon the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department the petitions (referred at the last meeting) of

John R. Kierman, to move a wooden building; of

Harris W. March,

William W. Gale,

Terence McKeenan

Moving building

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Raising buildings.

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to raise certain buildings are granted and the accompanying resolutions read & passed (Concurred & Approved)

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Pallas St. Hose Station

234.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on city property, Resolution to build shed and ventilate Pallas Street Hose Station No. 9, at a cost of not exceeding \$200, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broad St. near Public street, Relay of.

The special committee whom on the 1st of November 1872 was referred a draft resolution to relay the east side of Broad Street near Public Street, make their report and recommend the enclosed substitute which report is received and said substitute read and passed.

(Concurred)

Pearl St. extension.

322.

A resolution directing the Highway Committee to confer with parties interested in extension of Pearl Street, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Brook St. Comrs to make repairs.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) authorizing the Brook Street Commissioners to make repairs on buildings not exceeding \$50, in each case.

College Street Lay out of.

Also electing to lay out and extend College Street from South Main Street to the

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harbor line;

Bridgman St

Extension of.

Also, for appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, an extension of Bridgman Street from High to Carpenter Streets,

are sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

North Providence annexation Report of Commissioners

A Report of the Commissioners elected under a resolution of the City Council approved May 23^d 1872, to perform certain specified duties relating to the proposed annexation of a portion of the town of North Providence, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

North Providence annexation approved.

A resolution approving the annexation of a portion of North Providence, as delineated in the map accompanying the aforesaid report, was presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Fifth Ward

Election ordered.

Resolutions ordering an election in the 5th Ward on the first day of April next, to fill vacancy in this Council caused by resignation of Mr. Gaham P. Perry are presented, read and passed.

Raising building 246.

Petitions of Benjamin R. Army to

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Moving buildings.

raise a building; of
 Frank G. Allen,
 Benj. F. Aldrich,
 John D. Cranston,
 Patrick Coleman,
 A more certain buildings, are severally pre-
 sented, received and referred to the joint
 committee on the fire department, who subse-
 quently under a suspension of the rules
 recommended the above named petitions to more
 buildings, and the accompanying resolu-
 tions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of tax.

Waldo L. Gates, Es.
253.

A petition of Waldo L. Gates, Es., for
 abatement of Tax, is presented, received and
 referred to the joint committee on claims.

Eighth Ward.

Division of.

A petition of S. L. Lewis to have for
 division of Eighth Ward is presented, received
 and referred to the joint special committee on
 dividing the city into wards.

Wayland street.

Reception of.

247.

A petition of Seth Padelford to have that
 a portion of Wayland street that may be received as
 a public highway was received and referred
 to the joint committee on highways.

City Charter

Amendment as by Mayor

A draft resolution directing the city solicitor
 to apply to the General Assembly for an

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amendment of Section 3. of the city charter,
 was presented and referred to the joint com-
 mittee on ordinances.

Love Land Comrs
requested to report.

A resolution requesting the commission-
 ers of the Love Lands to make recommenda-
 tions to the Council in regard to the Love
 Lands, is presented, read and suffered to lie
 on the table.

City Hall

Committee discharged.

Resolved.

That the committee to procure
 plans and estimates for a city hall
 appointed by resolution No. 483, passed
 May 3, 1873, are hereby discharged from
 the further consideration of the subject.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Hall

New committee.

258.
295.
414.

A resolution in the words following is
 presented and read, viz.

Resolved.

That Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Nichols
 Carpenter, Rice, Place and Pettis of the
 Common Council, and such as the Board of
 Aldermen may elect, be and they are hereby
 appointed a committee to advise 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 Barrance, Washington, Eddy

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and Fuller streets; said plans to be presented to the committee 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 such sum as shall be fixed by the committee not exceeding one thousand dollars, and 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 and all plans that may be presented to them as aforesaid.

It is moved to strike out the names of the committee in the foregoing resolution which motion is lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Mauck, Ardern, Banku, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Tegram, Rickard and Teller. 10

Nays

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Fennel, Greene, Harris, Murray, Nichols, Peine, Parsons, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb. 20.

A motion to amend by adding three to the committee so that each ward should be rep-

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resented, was made and rejected.

The resolution then passed as above presented.

(Concurred) Ald. Fisher, Angell & Saboll added.)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday next, March 30. 1874 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Murray & Penroy. 21.

J. M. Laddeman, Clerk.

* It is voted. That Mr Rogers be authorized to take the seat vacated by Mr G. P. Penroy, resigned.

Monday, March 30. 1874.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's message

North Providence
annexation.

A Message is received from the Mayor recommending the passage of a resolution

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North Providence
annexation.
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requesting such amendments to the act passed at the present session of the General Assembly for the annexation of a portion of the town of North Providence to this city, as will create the territory annexed into an additional ward, instead of constituting a part of the first ward, as at present provided: which message is read, and the accompanying resolution, directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act making said territory a new ward, and for authority to order a special election therein for ward officers, members of the School Committee, and for an alderman and four members of the Common Council, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Benj. K. Mury.

Raising building.
241

On the recommendation of the joint committee in the fire department, a resolution granting to Benj. K. Mury permission to raise a building is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Locomotives on
S. Water & India Sts.
229.

The committee on railroads to whom was referred the Mayor's Message relative to use of locomotives on South Water & India streets report progress, and are continued.

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Messer Street
school house.
Contract for

Removal of old
building.
194.

The joint committee on education submit a report that they have contracted with Hiram G. Reed Esq for the erection and completion of a school house on Messer street for \$27,600; and recommending the removal of the wooden building now on the lot: which report is received, and the accompanying resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to cause the same to be moved to the northerly portion of the lot, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Diamond St.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, Resolutions requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Diamond street from Cranston to Superior streets, and to receive Wayland street from Angell street to Waterman street, and declare the same public highways, are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wayland St.
242.

Fire Department
Transfer of horses.

The joint committee on accounts submit a report relative to transfer of horses from the fire department to the highway department, which is received and referred to a joint special committee consisting of the members of the joint standing committee,

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on highways and the fire department to examine and report thereon.

Water Loan

Ordinance amended.

A bill entitled An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance creating a water loan for the city of Providence" having passed the Board of aldermen is sent down, read and passed in concurrence. (Approved)

City Solicitor's acc'ts

Committee enlarged.

234.

A resolution adding an additional member to the joint committee to investigate the accounts of the city solicitor, and giving said committee power to administer oaths, is presented by Mr Phillips, read and passed, and Mr Phillips is added to the committee.

B. God Tottle

Raising buildings.

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Petitions of

Theodore F. Chase

Peter Healey,

for permission to raise certain buildings of

John Dwyer,

Peter Healey

William B. Hart,

Thomas Peirce,

Eden Simmons,

for permission to move certain buildings, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Moving buildings.

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Remission of tax.

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James Healy

Claim for fence.

438.

Petitions of

North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F.,

H. Frank Read,

Alden A. Seabury

for remission of certain taxes; and of James Healey for compensation for destruction of fence caused by alteration of grade of Knight and Gesler streets (#64); are severally presented received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Sewer in Alorn St.

268.

Petition of R. J. Braiding Machine Co.

for sewer in Alorn street, is presented, received and referred to the committee on sewers.

Bill of Com's in matter of annexation of North Prov.

265.

A bill of the commissioners in the matter of the annexation to the city of a portion of the town of North Providence, amounting to \$150 for services rendered, is with the accompanying resolution referred to the joint committee on finance.

Re-setting curb on Broad, Snow & Chapel Streets.

256.

Petitions of G. & S. Owen for resetting

curbing in front of their estate on Broad, Snow & Chapel streets; of

Broad Street

Widening of

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Cyrus Harris et al for the widening of Broad street between Public and Greenwich streets,

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Raising buildings.

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Peter Healey

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committee on highways.

Mayor's Veto

Resolution remitting tax act. Hope Lodge I.C.O.F.

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257.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto the resolution remitting tax against Hope Lodge, I.C.O.F. which was passed by the Common Council on the 23^d inst. and by the Board of Aldermen on the 26th inst.

Upon the question whether said resolution shall pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, the ayes and nays are ordered, with the following result, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Barker, Douglas, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Murray, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers, Tollen and Whitcomb. 14

Nays

Mr President, Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Bullerworth, Carpenter, Finner, Greene, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Piquam, Pettis, Rickard and Smith. 16

Said motion is therefore lost.

Mayor's Veto

Res. remitting tax act. Narragansett Encampment, I.C.O.F.

237.

257.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto, the resolution remitting tax against Narragansett Encampment I.C. of O.F., which was passed by the Common Council on the 23^d inst. and by the Board of Aldermen on the 26th inst.

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Said resolution and message are referred to the joint committee on claims with instructions to ascertain and report the amount of ratable property of which said Encampment was possessed at the time of the assessment of said tax.

Mayor's Veto

Res. remitting tax act J. H. Appleton.

237.

257.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto the resolution remitting tax against John H. Appleton, a professor in Brown University, which was passed by the common council on the 23^d inst. and by the Board of Aldermen on the 26th inst.; which, with the resolution, is referred to the joint committee on claims with instructions to ascertain and report the amount of ratable property held by the petitioner at the time of the assessment of said tax.

Hope Lodge I.C.O.F.

Vote not reconsidered.

250.

A motion to reconsider the foregoing vote, whereby the council refused to pass the resolution on the Mayor's veto, remitting tax against Hope Lodge I.C.O.F., is made and subsequently withdrawn.

Mary F. Clarke

H. Dyer, jr. Trustee.

237.

257.

A motion to reconsider the votes passed at the last meeting, whereby the Council refused to pass resolutions remitting taxes against Mary C. Clarke, wife of Benj. F. (Professor in Brown University) and H. Dyer Jr. Trustee for

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Sarah D. Bawcroft (wife of J. N. Bawcroft, a Professor in Brown University) for the purpose of referring the same to the joint committee on claims with like instructions as above, is rejected.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, April 13, 1874 at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members except Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Brown, Harris, Mathewson, and Murray.

J. M. Coddeman, Clerk

A Common Council - April 13, 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

*See page 255.

A. J. & D. S. Anthony

Compensation of.

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred a petition of A. J. & D. S. Anthony for remuneration for loss of a horse killed in consequence of breaking his leg in the Point Shot Bridge, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying reso.

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Resolution to pay \$75 for the same, which report is received, and said resolution read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Jas. Blessington

233.

Waldo L. Gates Esq.

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North Star Lodge

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Alden A. Seabury.

249.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of James Blessington asking that the personal property tax of Messrs B. Randall may be remitted from the real estate purchased by him from the said Randall; of Waldo L. Gates, Executor; North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Alden A. Seabury.

severally for remission of tax, - make reports adverse thereto: which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Prof. J. H. Appleton.

251.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred Resolution No 539 directing the City Treasurer to remit or refund to Professor John H. Appleton tax on \$10000 assessed for 1873, together with the attorney's charges relating the same, with certain instructions, report in accordance with the same that they find the petitioner was the owner of the parcels of real estate, assessed at \$12,483⁸⁰, and which are worth and would sell for \$20,000; that he has no personal property and said real estate is

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mortgaged for \$4000, which report is received; and said resolution (a motion to postpone being lost) is thereupon read and not passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Barker, A. J. Barnaby, Douglas Hayward, & Mathewson, 5

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Arden, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Bullenwath, Carpenter, Cory, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Potts, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rickard, Sellow, Smith & Whitcomb, 21

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred Resolution No 538) directing City Treasurer to remit or refund to Narragansett Encampment I. O. O. F. tax of \$16⁰⁰ assessed in 1873, with the Mayor's Message relating same, with like instructions, report that said Encampment unpossessed of real and personal estate amounting to \$4,078⁶⁰ after deducting liabilities: which report is received, and ^{said} resolution is thereupon read and not passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Barker, A. J. Barnaby, Douglas Hayward, Place, Rice and Sellow. 7

Narragansett Encampment I. O. O. F.

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Nays

Mr. President, Messrs Arden, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Bullenwath, Carpenter, Cory, Fenner, Greene, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Potts, Phillips, Rickard, Smith & Whitcomb. 25

Mr. Hy. A. Cory (See page 253.) Mr Henry A. Cory having been elected from the fifth ward in place of Mr Fenner resigned is present and takes his seat as a member the having been previously engaged.

Burnett Street

Curbing & paving.

233.

The joint committee on Highways to whom on the 9th ult. was referred a petition of R. W. Downing & others for curbing Burnett street, make report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Burnett street from Greenwich street to Bucklin street: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pearl Street

Curbing & paving.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Daniel S. Hazard & others (B. W. W.) for paving gutters and setting curbstones on Pearl street, make report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to cause curbstones to be set and

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gutters paved on Pearl street from Pine street to Prairie Avenue; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

G. & S. Owen.

Curbing on Broad,

Snow & Chapel Sts.

244.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of G. & S. Owen for re-setting curbing in front of their estate on Broad, Snow & Chapel streets, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to cause new granite curbing to be set in place of the old blue stone curbing on the east side of Snow street between Broad and Chapel streets, also in front of the estates owned by G. & S. Owen on Broad and Snow streets; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Broad Street

(Public to Greenwich)

Widening of

249.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting were referred a petition of Cyrus Harris et al, and a draft resolution for widening Broad street from Public to Greenwich streets, make report recommending the passage thereof; which resolution is recommended.

Appropriation for

Sewers.

A report is received from the joint committee on Sewers representing that the appropriation for Sewers is exhausted; and

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The accompanying resolution adding \$100,000 to said appropriation, and authorizing the city treasurer to hire the same, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Raising buildings.

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Moving buildings.

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248.

The joint committee on the fire department to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions

Theodor F. Chase

Peter Healey,

to raise certain buildings; and of

John Boyer,

Peter Healey,

William B. Hart,

Thomas Pierce,

Ebber Simmons,

to move certain buildings,

make reports favorable thereto; and the

accompanying resolutions are thereupon

separately read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Union Railroad Co

Tax remitted

Ordinance amended.

The joint committee on Railroads to whom was referred the petition of the Union Railroad Co. for remission of tax make report recommending granting the prayer of the same and the passage of the accompanying bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance permitting

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The Union Railroad Company to lay rails in certain streets of the city of Providence, which report is received, and said ordinance is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Bridge & Market
over
Providence River.

The joint special committee appointed by Resolution No 488 (approved April 3, 1873), to procure plans for a bridge across Providence River between Wylloxer bridge and Cranford street, and for a market building to be erected thereon, make a partial report, accompanied by a bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the erection of a bridge across Providence River," and plans for the above work, which they recommend for adoption. Said report is received, and with the accompanying estimates and ordinance is postponed until the next meeting and ordered printed.

City Hall

Resolution amended.

202

The joint special committee to procure plans and estimates for a city hall make report recommending that resolution No 532 (passed March 26, 1874, be amended by striking out the words "and adopted by the City Council," wherever they occur, so as to allow the premium for the successful plans to be paid on their selection by the committee: which report is received, and the accompanying resolution read & passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Point Street
(Hopkin to Plane Sts)
Lay out of.

Resolution directing to lay out and straighten Point street from Hopkin to Plane streets;

Andrews Street

Also, Resolution to set curb and pare gutters on Andrews street;

Point, Plane & South
Streets.

Also, Resolution for grading Point, Plane and South streets, setting new curbing where needed and re-paving the gutters;

Lloyd Street.

Joint sp. Com. on

Also, Resolution appointing a joint committee to report on the expediency of erecting to lay out Lloyd street, and Messrs Paine, Parsons and Richard added to the committee;

Bourn St

Also, Resolution for curbing Bourn street from Atwell's Avenue to Aborn street;

Unconfirmed police.

Also Resolution to pay unconfirmed policemen for duty performed in March 1874;

Mayor's clerk.

Also, Resolution referring message of the Mayor relative to clerk for his office to the joint committee on finance;

Soldiers monument.

Granite sidewalk
to be laid

Also, Resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause the granite sidewalk furnished by the state to be properly laid around the Soldiers monument;

Chief of Police

Annual Report.

Also, Resolutions to receive and print the annual report of the chief of police; and referring the matter therein to the joint committee on police.

(Approved)

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Exchange Place

Sprinkling of.

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen for the payment of one fourth of the expense of sprinkling Exchange Place provided the cost thereof shall not exceed ten dollars per week, is received, read and concurred with an amendment striking out all after the word 'Resolved', and substituting the following words: 'That the water commissioners are hereby authorized to furnish during the coming summer, sufficient water for sprinkling Exchange Place, the cost of the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.'

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Supt. of Trights

Horses & carriages for.

265.

Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen, making appropriations for the purchase of horses and carriages for the superintendent of Trights, are received for concurrence and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Night Watchman

of City Yard.

353.

Utes, Resolution (from the Board), to employ night watchman at the city yard, is received for concurrence and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mr Cory appointed an Com. on Highways

Mr. Barker on Com. on finance.

Mr Cory is appointed a member of the joint committee on Highways, and Mr Barker, a member of the joint committee on finance, to fill vacancies.

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Com. on Accounts

Mr Cory elected vice Mr. Barker.

Mr Barker is excused from serving further on the joint committee on accounts, and Mr Cory is elected by ballot a member of said committee.

School accommodations

on Greenwich street.

278.

A request of the school committee for further school accommodations on Greenwich street is received and referred to the joint committee on education.

Rd. Manchester.

282.

A claim of Robert Manchester for damages is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Wayland Street

267.

A petition of Mrs E. Titman et al. to curb Wayland Street between Angell and Pitman Streets is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Reports received.

The monthly Reports of the chief Engineer of the fire department; of the City Treasurer; of the Issue of Registered Bonds; Utes, the second quarterly report of the commissioners of the sinking funds, are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Registrar.

The 19th Annual Report of the City Registrar is presented, received and 750 copies ordered printed.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Raising buildings

268.

268.

268.

Petitions of

Michael Dooley,

Alexander Hill &

James D. Rafferty,

for permission to raise certain buildings; &

Abraham T. Gray,

Patrick Goodwin,

Jm O'Donnell, &

Christina R. Jackson,

for permission to move certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint-committee on the fire department.

Moving buildings

268

279.

269

269.

Sewer in Point St.

A resolution directing the Water Commissioners to cause a main drain or common sewer in Point Street from Parsonage to Plane streets to be constructed is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Hall Committee

One member added.

A resolution to add one member from the fifth ward to the committee to advertise for plans and proposals for a city hall, is presented read and passed, and Mr Cory appointed.

(Concurred)

Fourth of July.

Resolutions appointing a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration

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of the approaching anniversary of American Independence, and appropriating \$ — therefor, are presented and read.

A motion to fill the blank in the appropriation with \$6000 is lost by a vote of 10 to 17.

The blank is then filled with the sum of \$5000, by a vote of 15 to 14, and the resolutions are then read and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:

Yeas.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Paine, Phillips, Teller and Whitecomb. 18

Nays.

Messrs Butterworth, Carpenter, Cory, Hayward, Hunt, Matherson, Nichols, Parsons, PeGRAM, Place, Rice, Richard and Smith. 13

Messrs Barker, Whitecomb and Douglas are appointed as the committee on the part of the common council.

(Concurred & Ald. Angell added)

(Approved)

It is resolved.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common

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Invitation for Convention

Council in convention on Monday next at 8 p.m. for the consideration of the revised ordinances.

Adjourn.

The common council adjourn until Monday next, April 20. 1874 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs. Mowry & Rogers.

J. M. Addeman,
Clerk.

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In Common Council - April 20. 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Petitions for sewers

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of

Eddy St.
268.

Thomas J. Hill & others for sewer in Eddy street between Borden and Langley streets; of

Claverick St.
265.

Edward G. Farmer & others for sewer in Claverick street; of
Josiah Simmons & others for sewer in

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Sever in Williams, Hope & John Sts.
268.

Williams, Hope and John streets, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Mary English
Remission of tax.
292

Also, a petition of Mary English for remission of tax is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Bill of Comrs in annexation of North Providence.
249.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance the resolution directing payment of bill of Commissioners (\$150) in the matter of annexation of a portion of North Providence (referred March 30th last.) is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Supt. of lights
Horses &c. for
Resolution returned.
260.

Said committee is discharged from further consideration of the resolution from the Board of aldermen, for the purchase of horses and carriages for the Superintendent of Lights, referred to them at the last meeting, and said resolution is returned to the Board of aldermen.

J. W. Hale vs S. W. Miller.
Damages allowed.

The joint committee on claims to whom was referred a claim of J. W. Hale and S. W. Miller for damages sustained by them in their estate at the south east corner of Broad and Public streets by the laying of water pipes and otherwise and for land required for straightening the south waly line of Public street, make report and

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recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay \$1400. in full of the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

Subsequently the same is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the word 'highways' and substituting the word 'contingencies': which amendment is read and concurred.

(Approved)

Mary B. Knight.

Assessment remitted.

222

Said committee to whom on the 29th of Feb. last was referred a petition of Mary B. Knight for remission of assessment for curbing on Camp street, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to pay \$43 in full of the same, or remit the same if already paid: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

H. Frank Read.

leave to withdraw.

205

On the recommendation of said committee, H. Frank Read, petition for remission of tax, has leave to withdraw.

In Convention.

Pursuant to the invitation extended at the last meeting, the board of aldermen join the Council in convention.

In Convention, — the Mayor in the chair.

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H. D. Lockwood

Trustee Reform School

Amos D. Lockwood is elected a trustee of the Providence Reform School in place of William Heneer, resigned.

The two boards consider the revised ordinances and agree to meet one week from to night. The two boards separate.

Brook Street.

Lay out of.

65

In Common Council — The joint committee on highways, pursuant to resolution of this body on the 14th of July last, report a resolution that it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and extend Brook street fifty feet wide from Angell to Hope streets by the meters and bounds therein set forth. which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Wayland St.

Curbing &

261

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of G. Padelford & others for that purpose make report and recommend the accompanying resolution to cut and pave gutters on Wayland street from Angell to Waterman streets: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint com-

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miller on sewers,

Sewer in Adams St.

Resolutions to construct sewers in

249.

Atom street from near Sabie street

to Cove street through West Exchange street; in

Row n St.

Rowen street from Prospect to

Congdon street; in

Carpenter St.

Carpenter street from Ruggold

to Jackson street; in

Clarevick St.

Clarevick street from Pine to

264.

Broad street; in

Eddy St.

Eddy street from Lockwood to

244

Langley street; in

Washington St.

Washington street from

Jackson street to the summit in Washington street

are severally read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

William, Hope & John Streets, Sewer in

Said committee report on the petition of Josiah

Simmons others for sewer in Williams, Hope and John streets, with recommendation that

the accompanying resolution pass: which is read and recommended.

On the recommendation of the joint committee

in the fire department, the petitions of

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Michael Dooly,

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Alexander Hill,

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James D. Rafferty

for permission to raise certain buildings; and of

Abraham A. Gray

Moving buildings 262.

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Mrs Anna P. Jackson,

Wm O. Donnell,

Moving buildings

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to move certain building, are granted and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

H. P. & P. R. R. Co

Pay committed for Ferris Street.

The joint committee on railroads to whom on the 23rd February last was referred a petition of Samuel Stott, Superintendent in behalf of the trustees for the bondholders of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co. for remission of tax for use of Ferris street with their tracks, the same having been interrupted by laying of the sewer, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution to remit the rent accruing to the city for the six months ending January 1. 1874; which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ord. for Bridge across Providence River.

255.

The bill entitled "An ordinance providing for the erection of a bridge across Providence River" postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Industrial School.

Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), in relation to an Industrial School, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Parsons and Murray to examine and report thereon.

Diamond St.

524

A petition of Michael Noonan to the effect for setting curb stones and paving gutters in Diamond street, is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Waring Building.

276

Petitions of

John Tannaham,

Peter McCabe,

to remove certain buildings; and of

Patrick Heslin,

to raise a certain building;

Waring Building.

277

Fire Brigade.

517.

Also, of the Prudential Board of Merchants for passage of an ordinance for the better protection of property at fires;

First Baptist Chh.

285.

Also, of James W. Read to the effect to have the old time honored custom of ringing the First Baptist bell at sunrise, 12 o'clock M. and 4 P.M. revived, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Sewer in Falls St.

285.

A draft resolution for construction of a sewer in Falls street from Broadway to Vernon street is presented and referred to

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the joint committee on sewers.

Geo. H. Carliss

Pumping Engine.

306.

Do

A petition of George H. Carliss for relief in the matter of the pumping engine on Hope street;

Also, Resolution for payment in full, without delay, of the award of the committee appointed under the contract between the city through the water commissioners and George H. Carliss for a pumping station at Hope station;

Do

Also, Resolution raising a committee to inquire and report what is due to and from George H. Carliss, &c.

are severally presented, read and together referred to the joint committee on claims by the following vote, the ayes and nays being added, viz:—

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Leavick, Barker, Bradford, Cory, Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Pegram, Place, Rice, Rickard & Fellow '7.

Nays

Messrs Ardern, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Greene, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. S. Johnson, Haine, Lettis, Phillips, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb.

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The following, having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and

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passed in concurrence, viz:—

Order see p 276

[Error. An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners, for the using water in public fountains, &c;"]

Mayor's Clerk

Also, an ordinance providing for the appointment of Mayor's clerk;

Salary of

Also, Resolution fixing compensation of Mayor's clerk at \$600 per annum;

Report of Trustees Reform School

Also, Resolution to receive and print 1000 copies of the 23^d Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School;

North Ward Census

Also, Resolution to take census in the North ward;

Point St. bridge wharf

Also, Resolution to repair Point Street bridge wharf on South Water street;

Broad & High Sts Curbing of

Also, Resolution to set new curb-stones on Broad and High streets between Mathewson street and the junction of High and Westminster streets;

Re South Main St. Discontinued

Also, Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to discontinue former proceedings in the widening of South Main street;

South Main St. Widening of

Also, Resolutions for laying out and widening South Main street from College to Transit streets of a uniform width of sixty feet, and for appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment;

Appropriation for Poor

Also, Resolution adding \$7000 to the appropriation for the support of the poor;

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Gettysburg Gun

Also, Resolutions appointing Alderman Fisher with Messrs — of the Common Council a committee of arrangements for the reception of the Gettysburg gun, and appropriating \$300 for the expenses of said reception; Messrs Rogers, Douglas and Pettis added. (Approved)

Fountain Street

Sanit. catches in

Resolved,

That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause as many sand catches to be constructed in Fountain street as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of abating the nuisance now existing in said street.

(Concurred,
(Approved)

Decoration Day

Resolutions for a committee of arrangements for a suitable observance of Decoration Day, and appropriating \$1000 for the same, are presented, read and passed (a motion to amend by inserting \$600 instead of \$1000, being lost,) and Messrs Rogers, F. Johnson and C. F. Phillips are appointed the committee in the part of the Council.

(Concurred & Ald. Fisher & Potter added)

Resolved,

That the joint committee upon

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Com. on Railroads
to inquire as to
use of steam in
streets &c

railroads be instructed to inquire and re-
port to the city council upon the expedi-
ency of amending section eleven of the
chapter of the ordinances relating to rail-
roads by which permission is granted to
certain railroads to operate with steam
in certain streets within the city.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Water Commis.

Ord. amended.

A bill entitled "An ordinance in
amendment of an ordinance entitled "An
ordinance to establish a board of water com-
missioners" (as to using water in public foun-
tains) is presented, read and passed,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns at 12 P.M. /
until Monday evening next, April 27,
1874, at six o'clock.

Present all the members except Messrs
Butterworth & Carpenter. 2,

M. Laddemare
Clerk

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjourn-
ment the President in the chair, and a
quorum present.

Record read.

The record of the last meeting is read and ap-
proved.

Under a suspension of the rules, -

Sewer in Cleveance St.

Petitions of Harriet B. Brownell & others
for a sewer in Cleveance street from Broad
& Westminster streets; of

Sewer in North Court St.

282.

St. Johns Church & others for sewer in
North Court street; of

Sewer in Parsonage St.

285

Mary C. Falyaw & others for sewer in
Parsonage street,
are severally received and referred to the joint
committee on sewers.

Chapin Avenue

Reception of.

The joint committee on highways report,
with favorable recommendation a resolution
requesting the board of aldermen to receive
Chapin Avenue from Parade to Messer streets,
which is read and passed.

Gaug St. received.

Also resolution to receive Gaug street from
Waterman to Petrusan streets, which is read and passed.

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Sycamore St. received.

Also resolution to receive Sycamore street from Hudson street to Chapin Avenue, which is read and passed.

Broad Street.
Public to Greenwich St.
Widening of.

Said committee to whom on the 13th of April inst were re-committed the resolutions for widening Broad street from Public street to Greenwich street, make report and recommend the enclosed substitute resolutions to widen Broad street from Public street to near Friendship street, and for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment; which report is received, and said resolutions are read and passed.

Sewer in Clemence St.

The joint committee on sewers report with favorable recommendation on the petition of Harriet W. Brownell tothens for a sewer in Clemence street from Broad to Westminster streets, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

On the recommendation of the joint committee

Mining buildings.

in the fire department, the petitions of

Peter McCabe,

John Tannahall,

270

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Raising buildings.

for permission to move certain buildings; of Patrick Huslin, for permission to raise a certain building, are granted, and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

J.W. Crooker &
R. Brook St.

Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of Josiah W. Crooker in regard to the proposed extension of Brook street, is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

High School
on
Summer Street.

30,
132,

Under a suspension of the rules, the joint committee on education to whom on the 16th of June last was referred a request of the school committee for the erection of a high school building on Summer street, make report, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution fixing upon a location for a school house on Summer, Pond and Spring streets;

Purchase of land.
for (do.)
354,

Also resolution directing the joint committee on city property to negotiate for or purchase land on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, this day fixed upon as a location for a school house;

Plans & estimates
for (do.)

Also resolution directing the joint committee on education to procure plans and estimates for a high school,

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Summer + Pond St

Plans re. for primary school h. an.

Also, resolution directing the joint committee on education to procure plans and estimates for a primary and intermediate school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city, in the north-west corner of Summer and Pond streets;

which report is received, and said resolutions are severally read and passed,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ninth Ward.

School accommoda-
tions, on Greenwich St
& Potters Avenue.

261.

Said committee to whom in the 13th inst. was referred a request of the School Committee for further school accommodations in the 9th ward, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution authorizing the school committee to establish primary school on corner of Greenwich street and Potters Avenue;

Do.

Also, resolutions ^{directing} the joint committee on education to hire a room for primary school, in the building on the south west corner of Greenwich street and Potters Avenue, and authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to have an additional room in the Greenwich street school fitted for grammar school purposes: - which report is received, and said resolutions are severally read and passed.

A communication from the school com-

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School Committee still transmitting plans for a new high school was received (under a suspension of the rules) and referred to the joint committee on education.

The following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Abbott Park

Water for fountain.

Prospect Square.

Work to be completed.

Shedd's Water Meters.

Lloyd Street.

Patrick Goodwin

Moving building.

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Resolution authorizing the water commissioners to supply Potters water to fountain on Abbott Park;

Also, resolution instructing the joint committee on city property to cause the work on Prospect Square to be completed without delay;

Also, resolution allowing the board of water commissioners to purchase and use water meters made under patents granted to J. Herbert Shedd;

Also, resolution electing to lay out Lloyd street from Hope street to Arlington Avenue;

The resolutions passed at the last meeting granting to Patrick Goodwin permission to move wooden building are returned from the board of aldermen with an amendment striking out the second resolution (fixing \$10. per day as the sum to be paid;) which amendment is read and non-concurred. The board then reads them and concurs with the Council.
(Approved)

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Reservoir Avenue
Lay out of. A resolution (from the board of aldermen, requesting the board to lay out Reservoir Avenue eighty feet wide from the railroad bridge to the Leaverton line, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint-committee on highways.

Atlantic Street. A draft resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Atlantic street from Melrose to Broad streets;

Lexington St. also, resolution requesting the board to lay out Lexington street from Melrose street to strip of land east of Niagara street;

A. Street. Also, petitions of John T. Leicester & others for setting curb and paving gutters on A. Street; of

Sutton Street F. W. Peckham & others for the extension of Sutton street from Broadway to Vernon St., of

Sycamore & Wood St. Chapin Avenue. 352. W. Morris & others for curbing and paving gutters on Sycamore Street, Wood Street and Chapin Avenue; of

Vinton St. 321. Joseph Clough & others to open Vinton street north of Gesler street, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Sewer in Broad St. A petition of Mr. St. Leman & Co. & others for sewer in Broad street from Dorrance to Chestnut streets is presented, received and referred to the committee on sewers.

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Remission of tax.

27
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Petitions of

John Sullivan, and Ellen M. Whitaker, Ex'rs

For remission of tax, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Raising buildings

286.

Petitions of

James Campbell, Oren A. Read,

for permission to raise certain buildings;

Moving buildings.

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286.

Mrs. J. S. Howard,

Sylvia Office,

James Mattson

Charles F. Miller,

to move certain wooden buildings, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Said committee subsequently (under a suspension of the rules) report favorably on said petitions of

Oren A. Read, to raise building, of

Mrs. J. S. Howard,

Sylvia Office,

to move certain buildings, and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

Charles Field St.

Sewer in. 282

A petition of Mr. R. Weston & others for sewer in Charles Field street is taken

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from the table, and re-committed to the joint committee on sewers.

Friends Yearly meetg

Elroy St. A resolution appointing a joint special committee to settle with the Friends Yearly Meeting for land taken in the extension of Elroy street is presented, read and passed. Subsequently the vote is reconsidered and said resolution withdrawn by general consent.

In Convention.

The Mayor and board of aldermen join the common council in convention.

In Convention. The mayor in the chair.

Officer under Chap. 391.

Jaboy C. Potter is elected a special constable pursuant to Chap. 391 of the public laws passed at the late January Session in relation to Birds.

After considering the revised ordinances, the two boards separate.

Sewers in

Charles Field St.

281.

North Court St.

275.

In Common Council. On the recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers (the rules being suspended.)

Resolution for sewer in Charles Field and Benefit streets from Brown to Power streets;

Also, resolution for sewer in North Court Street from Benefit to North Main Street.

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are severally read and passed.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Bridge Commissioners

282.

A resolution from the board of aldermen electing Joseph J. Cooke, Charles E. Carpenter and William Collier commissioners to build a bridge across Providence river is sent down, read and the subject of electing commissioners is postponed until the next meeting by a vote of 16 yeas to 14 nays.

Police Ordinance

(amended.)

The joint committee on police have been referred the annual report of the chief of police, make report recommending the accompanying bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance in relation to police', providing for an increase of the police force to 190 men," which report is received, and said ordinance is read and passed.

The board of aldermen concur therein with amendments (providing for appointments of not exceeding seven sergeants,) which amendments are read and concurred.
(Approved)

Mounted police

354.

Resolved, that the standing committee on police are hereby requested to consider

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and report upon the expediency of a mounted police force and a harbor police for the city.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday next, May 4, 1874 at 8 p.m.

Present- all the members except Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Carpenter, Douglas, Morry and Murray.

M. Addeman ⁵ Clerk

May 4, 1874 In Common Council - May 4, 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record. The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Sewer in Foster St. Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of George F. Martin & others for a sewer in Foster street is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

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On the recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers,

Sewers in Angell St & Wayland Ave. 198.

Resolution (upon the petition of Seth Padit & others) for sewer in Angell street and Wayland Avenue from Gaus street to Pitman street;

Sewers in Arnold & Hope Sts.

Also (upon the petition of Henry Mason & others) Resolution for sewer in Arnold and Hope streets from East to Transit streets;

Sewer in Parsonage St. 275.

Also, (upon the petition of Mary C. Taly & others) Resolution for sewer in Parsonage street from Allen to Point streets;

Sewer in Pallas St. 270.

Also, Resolution (referred at the 20th of April last) for sewer in Pallas street from Broadway to Vernon street, are successively read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

First Baptist Bell Ringing of. 270.

The joint-committee on the fire department, to whom at the 20th April last was referred the petition of James H. Read & others for revival of the time honored custom of ringing the First Baptist Bell at sunrise, 12 M. and 9 P.M. make report recommending the accompanying resolution, authorizing the Board of Aldermen to cause the same to be rung every week day at sunrise, at noon, and at nine o'clock in the evening, at an expense not exceeding \$125 per annum: which report is received and said resolution read & passed by

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The following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs. March, Arden, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Cuy, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hayward, J. Johnson, G. S. Johnson, Matherson, Murray, Nichols, Parsons, Pegrave, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers.

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Nays.

Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, Hopkins, Hunt, Henry, Peine, Peltier, Richard, Sellen and Whitcomb.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

On recommendation of said committee the petitions of James Campbell, to raise a certain building; and of James Mallon

Raising buildings 281.

Moving buildings 281. 281.

Charles F. Wilcox

to move certain buildings, (referred at the last meeting) are granted, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City's real estate. Sale of.

The joint special committee, who by resolution of July 21st last were directed to report a statement of the real estate of the city,

73. 299.

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with an estimate of its value, to whom and at what price voted, make their report, accompanied by a resolution directing the committee on city property to sell at public auction sixteen estates therein named belonging to the city: which report is laid on the table for the present and ordered printed.

Broad Street

Parties aggrieved.

P. S. Perkins

D. S. Harris wife.

113.

The joint special committee appointed to settle with parties aggrieved in the matter of widening Broad Street, to whom the petitions of Philo S. Perkins and David S. Harris wife for compensation for land taken were referred, make their report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: the former at his personal request, and the latter because with them no equitable settlement could be made: which report is received and it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

No. Burying Ground.

The Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground on the Trust Funds, and of the receipts and expenditures of income from the trust funds, is received in concurrence.

(Approved)

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The following resolutions, having passed the board of aldermen, are sent down read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Purchase of land. Resolution to purchase land of Daniel Bacon & Scott Sts. W. Bennett on Bacon and Scott street, adjoining land of the city at not exceeding \$3000;

Unconfined police. Also, Resolution to pay unconfined police for duty performed in April;

Roger Wms Park. Also, Resolution appropriating \$3000 for Appropriation for Roger Williams Park.

(Approved)

Mary Smith, Adm. The resolution to pay Mary Smith Adm. for land for highway purposes, passed by this Council on the 26th January last, is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "Mary Smith Administrator" and substituting the words "the devisees of William E. Smith"; which amendment is read and concurred in.

(Approved)

Comrs to build a bridge across Providence River. 283. The resolution from the board of aldermen, electing Messrs Joseph J. Cooke, Charles E. Carpenter, and William Corlies, commissioners to build a bridge across Providence River under the provisions of the ordinance of the city Council approved April 24, 1874, is taken from the table; and the Common Council on their part elect by ballot as

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such commissioners Messrs Amos C. Barston, Sturges P. Carpenter and Abner H. Angell.

Vinton Street. A petition of Mr. H. Arnold to the board for laying out and widening Vinton street from 321 Broadway to Carpenter street is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Sewers in Mathewson St. A petition of Samuel J. Lead to the board for a sewer in Mathewson street between Washington and Westminster streets;

309. Also, Resolutions for sewer in Abelle Avenue from Dean to Bown street, and in Broadway and Aborn street from Bown to Washington streets.

293. Also, Resolutions to suspend further proceedings for sewer on Charles Field street from Bown to Benefit street, are severally received and referred to the committee on sewers.

Williams, Hope & John St. Under a suspension of the rules, the joint committee on sewers obtain leave to report on the resolution for sewer in Williams, Hope and John streets, recommitted on the 20th of April last; which a recommendation of said committee is indefinitely postponed.

Sewer in Williams Street. Said committee report, recommending Resolution for sewer in Williams street

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from East shut to the sewer already con-
structed in Williams near Hope shut,

Sever in Foster St.

Also Resolution for sewer in Foster
from Pine to Board shut,
which are severally read and passed.

D. I. Brown, Esq.

Remission of tax.

A petition of Dwight I. Brown, Esq.
for remission of tax is received and referred
to the joint committee on claims.

Warning buildings.

Petitions of

William Dolan

Robert Muir

Erastus N. Steere

to move certain wooden buildings; and of

Stephen McDermott

Raising buildings.

to raise a certain building, are received and
referred to the joint committee on the fire de-
partment; said committee subsequently re-
port favorably on said petitions of

William Dolan

Robert Muir

Erastus N. Steere,

and the accompanying resolutions are severally
read and passed.

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Resolved,

Lot of land for
Steamer No. 3.

That the joint committee on the
fire department be and the same are hereby
authorized to examine and report upon what
terms a suitable lot of land for the location
of a steam fire engine company to take the
place of the house of Steamer No. 3 recently
taken by the city council for school purposes.

Opening Streets

Appropriation for

A communication is received from the city
Auditor stating that the appropriation for
opening streets is exhausted, and setting forth
the amounts paid and payable during the
present financial year; and the accompa-
nying resolution adding \$150,000 to the ap-
propriation for opening streets is read and
passed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday May 18, 1874 at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present all the members, except Mr. Smith

M. Addeman,
Clerk

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In Common Council, May 18. 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the president in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read. The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Tenth Ward Councilmen-elect engaged. Messrs Amasa M. Eaton, Charles E. Gorman, Hugh Hamill & James J. Nelson, members elect from the Tenth Ward, present their credentials and are engaged by the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Claims

Mary English. Resolution to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Mary English \$54. for tax erroneously assessed in 1873;

J. W. Whitaker. Also, Resolution to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Ellen M. Whitaker, Executrix \$125.00 for tax erroneously assessed in 1873;

M. E. Taft. Also, Resolution to pay M. E. Taft, wife of Edward A. Taft, \$50, in full compensation for all loss and damage sustained by her by reason of excavations at and near the corner of Square and Bunnside streets, are severally read and passed.

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Leave to withdraw

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

R. Manchester.

Robert Manchester for damages by overflow of his premises on Clifford street; of John Sullivan, and

John Sullivan

D. I. Brown Esq.

Knight J. Brown, Executors of estate of B. M. Jackson,

for remission of certain taxes, make reports adverse thereto: which reports are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Joseph W. Crocker.

Robert St.

The joint committee on Highways to whom on the 27th of April last was referred a petition of Joseph W. Crocker in regard to the proposed extension of Brook Street, report adversely thereon, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Highway Comrs Reports.

The annual report of the Highway Commissioners for 1873;

and the quarterly report of the same to March 31. 1874. are severally presented, read and received.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Leases,

George W. Howell's Av.

Resolution for sewer in Howell's Avenue from Main to Bunn side streets;

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Sever in Broadway
Main Street and Main street from Beun to Washington
shut;

Sever in Beun
& Charles Field St. Charles Field streets from George to Beek
streets.
are severally read and passed.

S. McDermott
On the recommendation of the joint com-
mittee on the fire department, a resolution
granting leave to Stephen McDermott to raise
a building is read and passed.

Mo. Report of
Capt. L. M. Dep. of the fire department is presented, read
and received.

Concurrences.
The following resolutions having passed the
Board of Aldermen are sent down, read and
passed in concurrence, viz:

Mayor's message.
Deputy recorder of deeds. Aided May 7, 1874 in relation to a deputy
recorder of deeds to the joint committee on
finance;

Sever in College St.
also Resolution for sewer in College street
from Benefit street to the river;

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J. W. Vernon wife.
Com. to confer with. Also, resolution appointing Alderman
Eagle with Messrs _____ of the Common
Council a committee to confer with John W.
Vernon wife in relation to the terms on
which they will settle for damages sustained
by them by the widening of Hope street,
and Messrs Paine, Cory and Nichols
added to the committee;

Print & Paper Sts.
School house on.
Commissioner's report. Also, order to receive 3^d quarterly report
of the Commissioners United school house
in First and Slave streets.

Appropriation for
plans to City hall. 3-2
Also, resolution adding one thousand
dollars to the appropriation for procuring
plans and estimates for a city hall.

Ala. Raymond
Com. on accounts. A communication is received from the
Board announcing the appointment of
Alderman Raymond to the joint committee on
printing and accounts, to fill a vacancy

Charles Field St.
line.
Suspended at 308.
Resolution from the Board of Aldermen,
to suspend the laying of a sewer in Charles
Field street is read and referred to the joint
committee on Sewer.

Watering troughs
Dr. J. M. from 321.
A resolution from the Board of Aldermen,
instructing the highway commissioners to pro-
vide for the water from the public watering
troughs by connecting the same with the sewer,
or otherwise, is read and referred to the joint

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Committee on Highways.

Commercial Nat. Bk
 307. Petition of the Commercial National Bank
 for rebate of tax of T. P. Mardwell; of
 Walter A. Walling for allowance for damages
 by overflow of water
 are presented, received and referred to the joint
 committee on claims.

Senes on Broad St.
 309. Petition of
 George Owen Tolson for sewer in
 Broad Street from Chestnut to Downside streets; of
 Elisha T. Marick for a sewer in
 Congdon street
 are severally received and referred to the joint
 committee on Sewers.

Stellan Street.
 Remonstrance of Wm. M. Brayton Tolson
 against extending Stellan street is received
 308. and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Appropriation for
 ventilation
 An application of the school committee for
 appropriation of \$1500 for ventilating purposes is
 received and referred to the joint committee on
 education.

Mining buildings
 Petition of
 Edmund M. Hawkins,
 John Hendrick
 John Mackelby
 Henry G. Russell

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Raising buildings

309. A more certain list of
 William Hall,
 James O'Keilly
 John Walker,
 St. Mary's Church,
 to raise certain buildings,
 are severally received and referred to the joint
 committee on the fire department; who subse-
 quently, under a suspension of the rules, report
 the same recommended (with the exception of
 the last named) and the accompanying resolu-
 tions are severally read and passed.

A. C. Barston

Com. to build bridge
 across Providence River.

Communication from

Commissioners to
 build bridge to
 report plans.

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A communication is received from
 Amos C. Barston, elected at the last meeting
 a commissioner to build a bridge across
 Providence River, in reference to the proposed
 bridge, which communication is read and
 advised communicated to the board of aldermen;
 and a resolution requesting the bridge com-
 missioners before proceeding to build said
 bridge and foundations to report to the city
 Council the best plan in their opinion for
 a bridge and foundations for a market build-
 ing for the site denoted in the ordinance,
 is thereupon read and passed.

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Mo. Reports.

The monthly report of the city treasurer,
the monthly reports relative to issues
of registered bonds,
are severally presented, read and received.

Langley Street.

A resolution relating to lay out Langley
street from Hospital street to Flane street, pur-
suant to Commissioners report to the Supreme
Court Tuesday May 12. 1874, is presented,
read and passed.

Concurred

(Approved)

Changes in joint
standing committee.

Mr Pettis of the joint committee on the
North Burying Ground;
Mr Teller of the joint committee on ac-
counts;
Mr Attorney of the joint committee on ordi-
nances;
Mr Phillips of the joint committee on
printing,
are severally excused from further service on
said committee;

Mr Eaton on
Com. on accounts

Mr Eaton is unanimously elected by ballot
a member of the joint committee on accounts;
and the following appointments are made by
the President to fill vacancies;

Mr. German on
Com. on Ordinances.

Mr German on the committee on ordinances;

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Joint Committees.

Mr Nolan, on the joint committee on
the North Burying Ground; and
Mr Hamill on the joint committee on
printing.

Battery B. Assocⁿ

An invitation from Battery B. Association
to join in the parade on Thursday next, on the
reception of the Gettysburg Gun, so called,
is presented and accepted.

City's real estate.

Sold at auction.

200

306.

The resolution (passed from the last
meeting) authorizing the joint committee
on city property to sell at public auction
sixteen estates therein named, belonging to the
city, is taken from the table and read.

A motion to amend said resolution by
adding to said estates the "town house lot",
so called, is made and lost by the follow-
ing vote, the ayes and nays being announced.

Ayes

Messrs J. B. Barnaby & Coine 2.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Adams, Barber,
J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Bullenath,
Cory, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene,
Hamill, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, J. John-
son, G. J. Johnson, Murray, Nichols,
Nolan, Parsons, Pogram, Pettis, Phillips,
Shaw, Rice, Rickard, Rogers, Teller, Smith
& Whitcomb. 35

Said resolution is amended by in-

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setting the roads from time to time, and as amended is read and passed.

(Concurred)

School house to be built on lot cor. Summer & Pond Sts. Voted. 300

Under a suspension of the rules the joint committee on education report a resolution authorizing and directing said committee to cause a school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city on the north west corner of Summer and Pond streets, to be built of brick and in accordance with plans this day submitted, and appropriating not exceeding \$24000 therefor: which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Stamer on cor. of Summer & Pond Sts. Change of location. Voted. 305.

Resolved.

That the committee on the fire department be hereby directed to provide temporary accommodations for the steam fire engine now located on the lot corner of Summer and Pond streets

(Concurred)

Chap. 313, Rel. Laws Amendment to

Resolved.

That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly at its May Session 1874 for the pas-

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sage of the amendment to Chapter 313 of the public laws accompanying this resolution.

(Non-concurred)

Jackson St. School house lot. Grading of. 316.

A resolution to grade the Jackson Avenue School House lot at a cost not exceeding \$350, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

An Ordinance in relation to finances.

A bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to finances" being the same agreed upon by the two boards in convention, is presented, read by title and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Tenth Ward

Resolved.

Teachers continued.

That the teachers at present employed in the tenth ward be continued through the present term with the same salaries which they are at present receiving.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Com. on Ward lines

Mr. Eaton added. 216.

A resolution adding a member of the Common Council from the tenth ward to the joint special committee to whom was referred the subject of re-arranging ward lines, is presented, read and passed, and Mr Eaton

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is appointed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Brook St. District

Resolved

Information requested

314

That the Brook Street commission are hereby requested to report to the Council at its next meeting

1st The area of land condemned in the Brook Street district.

2nd The area of such portion of the above land as has been conveyed to the city with the amount of money paid or to be paid for the same.

3rd An estimate of the cost of the balance of the estates to be taken.

4th What plans, if any, is being used in grading said district and the estimated cost of such grading.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, June 1st 1874 at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Carpenter, Hunt and Mathewson. 3,

A. C. Williams
Clerk

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In Common Council - June 1, 1874.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment the president in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

In Convention

Resolved

That his Honor the Mayor and the Board of aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of certain officers.

Dr.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two boards join

In Convention

The Mayor in the chair.

Assessor of taxes elected.

Mr. James C. Thibodeau is re-elected Assessor of taxes for three years.

City constables.

Certain city constables and police constables without power to serve civil process are elected, and the two boards separate.

In Common Council. - The joint committee on ordinances to whom on the 23rd of March last was referred a draft

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City charter resolution requesting an amendment to Sect. 3 of the city charter (relative to Mayor's make report which is received and in recommendation of said committee said resolution is indefinitely postponed.

Ordinance to establish board of water commis amendment.

Said committee to whom were referred the Mayor's Message of the 13th of October last relative to assessments for sewers; also, on the 23rd of March last a resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for amendment to act authorizing sewer assessments; also on the 24th of January last, a petition of G. S. Thoms for change of mode of assessment for sewers; also on the 9th of March last an ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners; make report and in recommendation of said committee the above named resolution is indefinitely postponed; and said ordinance is read and passed.

Mayor's Veto Res. to build school house cor. of 5th 11th & Lomb Sts.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections (shorts Resolution No. 72, passed by the Common Council on May 18, and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on May 21st ult. directing the committee to cause a school house to

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be erected on the city's lot with west corner of Gumm's Pond street; which Message is received and with the accompanying papers referred to the joint committee on education.

Mayor's Veto Accommodations for Steamer No. 3. 300 318.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections resolution No. 72, passed on the same date as the foregoing, directing the committee on the fire department to provide temporary accommodations for steam fire engine No. 3, corner of Gumm's Pond street being the present location. Read and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Mayor's Veto Res. for plan of bridge & market. 297.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution No. 73, passed on the same date as the foregoing, requesting the bridge commissioners to report a plan for a bridge and foundations for a market building; read and laid on the table temporarily; subsequently taken up and said resolution is indefinitely postponed. A resolution requesting said commissioners to report to the city council the best plan in their judgment for the foundation to the market is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

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Mayor's Veto.

Sale of city's real estate.

299.
320

A message is received from Ch. Mayn returning with his objections resolution No. 7011, passed on the same date, directing the committee on city property to sell certain real estate belonging to the city. Referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. March, Paine and Nichols.

Geo. H. Corlies.

Payment of account.

271.
327

The joint committee on claims to whom the 20th of April last, were referred a petition of George H. Corlies for relief, and resolutions relating to pumping engine at Hope Station, and appointing a committee to inquire and report what is due to and from George H. Corlies, submit a majority report, signed by the Chairman for himself and Messrs. Paine, Parsons and Eld. Cuyler, and a minority report signed by Mr. Bradford, which reports are severally received and the resolution recommended by the majority of the committee is substituted for the resolution referred.

A motion to lay the same on the table is ^{made} and lost by the following vote, the eyes and naps being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Mr. President, Messrs. March, Barker, Bradford, Cory, Hamis, Hopkins, Matthews, Mac, Rickard, Teller & Smith.

Nays

Messrs. Adams, A. J. Barnaby, J. W. Bingham

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Dean, Buttsworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Finner, Green, Hamill, Hayward, Hunt, T. Johnson, G. S. Johnson, Murray, Murray, Nichols, Sloan, Paine, Parsons, Pogram, Potts, Phillips, Rice Rogers & Whitcomb.

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Said resolutions (directing payment to Geo. H. Corlies of \$5000 for the Hope Station Engine, with sundry minor deductions and additions thereto), are thereupon read and passed by the following vote, the eyes and naps being ordered.

Ayes

Messrs. Adams, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Dean, Buttsworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Finner, Green, Hamill, Hamis, Hayward, Hunt, T. Johnson, G. S. Johnson, Matthews, Murray, Murray, Nichols, Sloan, Paine, Parsons, Pogram, Potts, Phillips, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb, &c.

Nays

Mr. President, Messrs. March, Bradford, Cory, Hopkins, Mac, Rickard & Teller.

(Concurred)

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Commercial Nat. Bk.

296.

Walter A. Walling.

296.

The Commercial National Bank for rebate of tax of G. P. Hardwell; and of Walter A. Walling, for damages; report adversely thereon; and it is ordered

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that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways,

Belleme Avenue
100
32

Resolution to set curb and pave gutters on Belleme Avenue from Crauston street to Long Pond;

High Street
[Broad to Crauston St]
No paving to
326.

Also, resolution to set new curb where needed, and re-pave the roadway with granite blocks on High street from Broad to Crauston street;

Chestnut Street
Curbing to Elm St.
[Non-concurred]

Also, resolution to continue the work of curbing and paving with granite blocks now in progress on Chestnut street, to Elm street;

are severally read and passed.
(Concurred, except the last.)

Fulton Street
Extension of
280
296

Said committee to whom were referred a petition of T. H. Peckham others for the extension of Fulton street from Broadway to Vernon street, and also a remonstrance of N. W. Brayton against the same, make report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Charles Field St. Sewer
Work suspended.

The joint committee on sewers to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution (from the Board of aldermen) to suspend all work on the Charles Field street sewer, make report thereon: which is received, and

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The Council non-concur with the Board in the passage of the same: which vote is subsequently reconsidered, and said resolution is read and concurred.

(Approved)

On the recommendation of said committee

Sewer in
Charles Field Street

Resolution for a sewer in Charles Field street from a point some 250 feet easterly of Benefit street to Benefit street;

Broad St.
[Chestnut to Dorrance]

Also, resolution for sewer in Broad street from Chestnut to Dorrance streets;

Martin Street
Randall Square.

Also, resolution for sewer in Martin street from a point 75 ft. west of Charles street through Randall square to the Moshassuck River;

Mathewson Street
289.

Also, resolution for sewer in Mathewson street from Washington to Westminster streets;

are severally read and passed,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

St. Mary's Church

On the recommendation of the joint Building Committee in the fire department the petitioning St. Mary's Church,

for permission to raise a building, is granted and the accompanying resolution read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Reports of Chief
& Board of Eng'rs
Fire Dept.

The monthly Report of the Chief Engineer, Fire Dept. and the annual Report of the Board of Engineers, are successively presented, read and received, and of the latter it is ordered that the usual number of copies be printed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

School teachers

Salaries for July & Aug. 73.

231

325.

The joint committee on education to whom on the 9th of March last was referred a resolution relating to the pay of public school teachers, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution for the payment to the teachers and Superintendent of the public schools the portion (two months) of their annual salaries, due in August and September 1873, and now remaining unpaid, interest not being waived, which resolution is read and passed

(Concurred)

(Voted)

Ordinance for pay-
ing salaries of
teachers.

324.

Also, a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the times for paying the salaries of teachers in the public schools", which is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Voted)

Legal expenses of city.

234.

The joint special committee appointed by resolution of March 9. 1874, to inquire into and report on legal expenses of the

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city, the receipts of the city solicitor from fees and costs re, make their report, which is read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Concurrences

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Vacation schools.

Resolution appropriating \$1500 for vacation schools;

Plans for bridge

327
Voted.

Also, resolution requesting joint special committee to procure plans for bridge and market to report if any alterations or improvements in the plan heretofore reported by them are desirable; also, to report plans and estimates for the market building;

Broad St.

Also, resolutions to widen Broad street from Public to Greenwich streets;

Meeting Street

Also, resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive a petition of Meeting Street;

Mary A. Lewis.

Also, resolution to remit assessment against Mary A. Lewis in re Meeting Street;

J.W. Vernon & wife.

Also, resolution to amend the award to John W. Vernon & wife for widening Hope Street.

(Approved)

A message from the Mayor transmitting

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C.H. Parkhurst
City Solicitor.
Resignation of.

the resignation of Charles H. Parkhurst by
as city solicitor, and recommending a change
in the organization of the law department of
the city is received from the board of alder-
men, read and referred to the joint com-
mittee on ordinances.

Ordinance to repeal
Ord. relative to
finance.

A bill entitled "An ordinance to repeal
certain ordinances in relation to finance" having
passed the board of aldermen is sent down,
read and referred to the joint committee on
ordinances.

Connecting Sewers.
334.

A resolution directing the manner of
connecting sewers with the abutting estates
is received from the board of aldermen, and
referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Chap. 313, pub. laws.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen)
for an amendment to Chap. 313 of the public
laws, relating to a board of public works,
is read and indefinitely postponed.

Reports of Water Comm.

The first quarterly report of the board
of water commissioners,

Sewers.

Also, of the same, on Sewers,
are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Water Works

An application of the board of water
commissioners for an additional ap-

Appropriation.
323.

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proposition of \$200,000 is received and
referred to the joint committee on finance.

Raising buildings.

319

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Moving (do)

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Petitions of

Thomas Cosgrove,

James Fitzgerald,

Charles G. King

to raise certain buildings, and of

William Binney,

Thomas Cosgrove,

Henry & Jeff

Wm R. Smith

to move certain buildings, are received
and referred to the joint committee on the
fire department.

E.T. Caswell M.D.

342.

J.S.A. McCabe

C.H. Pratt.

318.

Claims of Edward J. Caswell, M.D.

for damage to horse, and of

James & Annette McCabe for damage
to estate on Richardson street; also

Petition of C. H. Pratt for remission

of tax,

are severally received and referred to the
joint committee on claims.

Sewers in
Richmond St.
343.

Bradford St.

400.

A petition of Oliver Hendon & others
for sewer in Richmond street; also

Resolution for sewer in Bradford
street, are received and referred to the
joint committee on sewers.

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Bank St. Dist.

Com. Report.

302.

320.

The Bank Street District Commissioners pursuant to the resolutions of the last meeting submit their report which is received and referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs Cory, Greene, Buttsworth and J. B. Barnaby, with such as the board of aldermen may add.

(Concurred. Ald. Potter & Clarke added)

(Approved.)

Law Department.

Resolved.

That the joint committee on ordinances be directed to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council to establish and organize a law department of the city government.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The alarm telegraph.

A resolution appropriating \$15000 for extending the fire alarm telegraph into the South Ward and other parts of the city, the same to be charged to the appropriation for police is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Telegraphic instruments

A resolution to purchase ten telegraphic instruments to be used upon the line connecting the Mayor's office with the office of the chief of Police, at an expense not exceeding \$350.

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is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Ms. C. F. Gorman added to com. on Censurers &

187.
205.

Resolution adding Mr Charles C. Gorman to the joint special committee upon the petition for the removal of Grace Church and Locust Street Cemeteries, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

W. B. Haskins vs. city

Reference of suits.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to agree to a reference of the suits of Wm B. Haskins against the city, in the Supreme Court, in the matter of Spring Street under a rule of court, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Cornish Engine

328.

A resolution requesting the Water Commissioners to furnish certain information relative to a contract for a Cornish Engine is presented read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes.

Messrs Harwich, J. B. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Buttsworth, Carpenter, Douglas Greene, T. Johnson, Mathewson, Nichols, Tolson, Parsons, Phillips, Rogers, Tilton,

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and Whitcomb.

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Rolls

Mr President, Messrs Bradford, Cary
Harris, Hayward, Paine, Piquam
and Richard.

(Concurred)

8

City's Notes.

The report of the city treasurer on the is-
sues and payments of the city's notes is
presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Jackson Avenue
School-house Trk.
Grading of.

311

A resolution from the board of aldermen
directing the Superintendent of Public
Buildings to discontinue grading the
school house lot on Jackson Avenue is
read and referred to the joint committee
on Highways.

Settling of

Allen's Avenue.

T. M. Smith settles for the opening
of Allen's Avenue from Cary street southward
to the city line; also, of

Gano Street.

353.

L. G. Bradford settles to lay
out Gano Street from Pitman to Cary
streets;

Exchange Street.

Also, resolution to complete the grade
of Exchange street, and pave the same with
granite blocks;

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Jackson Avenue

Grading of

Also, resolution to bring Jackson Avenue
to grade, from Polaris Avenue northward,
are successively received and referred to the
joint committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 12.30 A.M.) ad-
journ until Monday, June 15. 1874 at
Six o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Mr.
German.

J. M. Caddenman
(Clerk)

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The Common Council met pursuant
to adjournment - the President in the
chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is
read and approved.

Settle on Cary St.

318.

Under a suspension of the rules,
petitions of James M. Clarke settlers
for a sewer on Cary street are received and
referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

On the recommendation of the joint

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Committee on claims,

Chas. A. Pratt.
Tax remitted.
313.

Resolution to remit costs and interest
in tax assessed against Charles A. Pratt
for 1873;

John Reynolds Est.
do.
317.

Also, Resolution to remit tax erroneously
assessed against executor of John Reynolds
for 1873, amounting to \$74²⁵
are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Randall Wilcox.
217

On the recommendation of said com-
mittee Randall Wilcox, petitioner for removal
of incumbrance on estate re. his lease
to withdraw.

On the recommendation of the joint
Committee on Leases,

Street in Gary St.
317

Resolution to construct sewer in Gary
Street from Caddy to many streets is read
and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's Veto.
Steamer No. 3.
300

The joint committee on the fire depart-
ment to whom at the last meeting was
referred the Mayor's veto of resolution
No 702, for providing temporary accommoda-
tions for steamer No. 3, make report,
and on their recommendation said resolu-
tion is indefinitely postponed.

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On the recommendation of said committee

Raising buildings.

313

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Moving do.

313

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the petitions of

Thomas Cosgrove

James Fitzgerald

Charles G. King.

for permission to raise certain buildings;

Thomas Cosgrove,

William Binney,

Mary & Giff

William K. Smith

to raise certain buildings, are granted,
and the accompanying resolutions severally
read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's Veto

School-house on
Summer & Simel Sts.
304.

The joint committee on education to
whom at the last meeting was referred the
Mayor's veto of resolution No. 701, directing
the committee on education to cause a
school house to be erected on Summer and
Brad streets, make their report; which is
received, and said resolutions are
read and passed, the Mayor's objections to
the contrary notwithstanding by the follow-
ing vote, viz:

Ayes.

Mr. President, Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson,
Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown,
Buttrick, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Eaton
Fenner, German, Green, Hamill, Harris

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Wayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Mathewson,
Morrey, Murray, Nichols, Kelaw, Paine,
Parsons, Piquant, Phillips, Stace, Rice,
Kegess, Tollen, Smith, Whitcomb. 35.

Ray
Mr. Pettis 1.
(Concurred)

Brook St. District.

311.

The joint special committee to whom at
the last meeting was referred the report of
the Brook Street District Commissioners,
make a partial report, which is received,
and recommend the accompanying resolu-
tion authorizing said commissioners to re-
ceive estates therein on certain conditions,
which is read and passed.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

City's real estate

Sale at auction.

306

335

The special committee to whom at the
last meeting was referred the Mayor's list
of resolution No. 7024, directing the commit-
tee on city property to sell certain real
estate belonging to the city, make report,
which is read, ordered printed, and the
consideration thereof postponed till the
next meeting.

On the recommendation of the joint
committee on Highways,
Resolutions to lay out and extend

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Vinton St.
southerly
289.
Vinton Street
northerly
250.
A. Street.
280.
B.O.
Table

Vinton street from Veruca street to Broadway, &
Also Resolutions to lay out and extend
Vinton street southerly to Abells Avenue;
Also, Resolution to set out and
pare gutters on A street from Dexter to
Rice streets;

Division St.

Also, Resolution to set out and
pare gutters on Division street from Bridge-
town to Dexter streets;

Harrison St.

Also, Resolution for curbing
Harrison street from Coniston to
Sprague streets,
are severally read and passed.

(Concurred) (Approved)

Watering troughs

Overflow of.

295

On the recommendation of said com-
mittee the resolution from the Board of
Aldermen, instructing the Highway
Commissioners to provide for the outlet
from the public watering troughs, referred
to said committee on the 18th of May last,
is read and concurred with an amend-
ment, striking out in line 1. the word
"highway" and substituting the word
"water".

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Highways

Appropriation for.

Said committee submit in print a
statement of the causes which make
an additional appropriation for highways

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necessary, which is received; and on their recommendation the accompanying resolution adding \$5000 to the appropriation for highways is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Pearl Street.

Extension of 240

Said committee who were instructed by joint resolution No 322, to confer with the owners of the land required for the extension of Pearl street, to report terms on which the land can be obtained, report that no terms can be obtained as the owners will fix no price; which report is received.

(Concurred & Approved)

No.

91

Said committee who were instructed by resolution passed on the 18th of August last to report on the expediency of extending Pearl street to Dudley street, and of declaring Dudley street from Plane to Eddy streets a public highway, make report that it is inexpedient to do anything in the premises; which report is received.

Dudley St.

91

Street to Wilson St

Opening new street

170

Said committee to whom were referred on the 8th of December last a petition of Geo. B. Nichols & others to open a street from Arch to Wilson streets, make report adverse thereto; which is received and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Unconfirmed police

Resolution to pay certain unconfirmed police for services rendered in May last;

Exchange St. 353.

Resolution to pave Exchange street with granite blocks, pathwalk;

Water Works

Appropriation for 312.

Sewer in Eddy St.

Also, Resolution adding \$20,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works;

Also, Resolution to continue the Sewer in Eddy street to Hospital street.

Sewer in Carpenter St.

A petition of J. H. Hagan settlers for a sewer in Carpenter street is received and referred to the committee on Sewers.

City Treasurer's Office.

332.

A draft resolution in relation to assistance in the City Treasurer's Office is presented and referred to the joint committee on finance.

John Rolley

357.

3^d Baptist Society

342.

Petitions of John Rolley for reimbursement of damage on Plane street by overflow of water;

Also, of Third Baptist Society for payment of claim for rent, are received and referred to the joint Committee on Claims.

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Jackson St. School House

Furnishing re of.
335

A draft resolution for furnishing and heating Jackson Avenue School House is presented and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Raising building

334

A petition of Michael Hart to raise a building; and petitions of

Moving (do)

334

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Catherine Kelly
Margaret McKinley
James Ballily
J. M. Verrier
to move certain buildings are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Junction Street

reception of.
352

Petitions of Charles W. Sprague & others to receive Junction Street,

Junction Street

curbing opening.

and of same, to set out and pass gutters on Junction Street;

Hammond Street

352

of Patrick Brown rollers for curbing a portion of Hammond Street.

Traverse Street

83

338

Also, resolution electing W. Lay out and widen Traverse Street, pursuant to the commissioner's report, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mayor's Veto.

Ordinance fixing

fine for paying

Teachers salaries.

310

A message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections to ordinance fixing the time for paying salaries of teachers in the public schools, passed by the Council

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Council at the last meeting and concurred in by the Board on the 4th inst. which is read, and said ordinance is read and passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary, notwithstanding, by the following vote, viz:

Ayes

Mr. President, Messrs. Blanch, Casan, Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Bullen, Carpenter, Cony, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene, Hamilton, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, T. Johnson, G. T. Johnson, Matherson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Segrain, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Richard, Rogers, Teller, Smith & Whitcomb. 38

Nays

None.

(Concurred)

Mayor's Veto.

Teachers salaries for July & Aug. 1873.

310.

A message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections to Resolution No. 737, directing the payment to the Superintendent and teachers of the public schools, salaries for July and August 1873, which resolution was passed at the last meeting by the Council and concurred in by the Board on the 4th inst. Said message is read,

Messrs. Eaton, Nolan, Pettis and Rogers are excused from voting, and said resolution is read and passed.

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The Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, by the following vote, viz:

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Buttumuth, Carpenter, Cary, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, G. T. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Segrave, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rickard, Teller and Whitcomb. 28

Nays.

Messrs German, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray, & Smith 6.
(Concurred)

Mayor's Veto.

Parings High St. 308.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution No. 436, passed by this Council on the 1st inst. and concurred in by the Board on the 4th inst., directing that High St. from Broad to Cranston streets, be paved with granite blocks, which is read, and said resolution fails to pass, - not three fifths of the members voting in the affirmative, - the vote being as follows, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Bradford, Brown, Douglas, Fenner, German, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, F. Johnson, Nichols, Nolan, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice,

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Rogers & Smith.

19

Ayes.

Messrs Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Buttumuth, Carpenter, Cary, Eaton, Greene, Hopkins, G. T. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray, Murray, Paine, Parsons, Segrave, Rickard, Teller, & Whitcomb. 18.

Mayor's Veto.

Carriage paving Bellevue Avenue.

304

353.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution No. 435, passed by this Council on the 1st inst. and concurred in by the Board on the 4th inst. ordering Carriage to be set and the gutters paved on Bellevue Avenue from Cranston street to Long Pond, which is read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Mayor's Veto.

Plan for foundation for market.

311.

336.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections resolution No. 434, passed on the same date as the foregoing, requesting the bridge Commissioners to present to the City Council the best plan in their opinion for the foundation for a market, &c. which is read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

Mayor's Veto.

Pay Gen. H. Carver

306.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution numbered as 433, passed on the same date as the foregoing, providing for payment to George

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Rs. Cost of 753,000 for Pumping engine at Hope Station and other minor sums, which is read and said resolution read and passed the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding by the following vote viz:

Ayes.

Alfred Alden, Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Buttsworth, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene, Hamill, Hayward, F. Johnson, G. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Piquem, Pettie, Phillips, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitecomb. 28

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs March, Bradford, Cory, Harris, Hopkins, Hogg, Richard, & Sellen. 9

(Concurred)

Mayor's Veto.

Cornish Engine & 345.

A message is received from the Mayor & Council with his objections resolution No 731 passed on the same date on the foregoing, calling upon the water committee to inquire for certain information relative to contract for Cornish engine &c. which is read, and said resolution fails to pass on the Mayor's veto (not then sufficient) the members of the Council voting therefore the vote being as follows, viz:

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Ayes

Messrs. March, Alden, J. B. Barnaby, Buttsworth, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene, Hamill, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Pettie, Phillips, Hogg, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitecomb. 23.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Barker, Bradford, Brown, Cory, Harris, Hayward, Mathewson, Murray, Paine, Parsons, Piquem, Richard & Sellen. 14.

S. W. Brigham's Tomb.

A communication from the executive committee of Brown University accepting in trust the portrait of General W. Brigham, committed to them by the city, is read and received.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Mr. Reports &c.

The report of the Harbour Master on dredging the Harbour;
Also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Port,
Also, the monthly report of the City Treasurer for May;
Also, the report of the City Treasurer on the issue of registered bonds, are severally presented, read and received.
(Concurred & Approved)

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Appropriations

A communication is received from the city auditor announcing that certain appropriations are exhausted, and a

Printing

Resolution adding \$500, to the ap- propriation for printing;

Interest.

Also, resolution adding \$75,000 to appropriation for interest;

Interest on Water Loan.

Also, resolution adding \$6,000 to appropriation for interest on water loan;

School houses & lots.

Also, resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for school houses and lots;

are formally presented read and passed

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Block St. District

A resolution appropriating \$10,000

Appropriation for additional to Block St. District is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Engineer's Dept.

On the recommendation of the joint committee

Appropriation for.

for the city engineer's department a resolution adding \$500 to the appropriation for said department is read and passed in concurrence.

Building for Fire Dept between the bridges

332.

A resolution appropriating \$25,000 for erection of a building for fire department purposes between Washington & Exchange Place Bridges

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is presented, read and passed; which last vote is reconsidered, and the consideration of said resolution postponed till the next meeting.

Smith & Orms St

Engine Station on

346.

A resolution appropriating \$10,000 for erecting an engine station on Smith & Orms St., N. Ward, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Voted)

Water Comis

Information asked,

336

Adjourn.

Resolutions to read curbing on College St., and asking for information from the Water Commissioners are presented, but without action thereon, for want of a quorum, the Council adjourns at 11.30 p.m. adjourns until Monday evening next (June 22, 1874) at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs A. J. Barnaby & Hunt.

M. (Secretary)
(Clerk)

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In Common Council - June 22, 1874.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Fire Department

Building between
No. Bridges.
332.
351.

The resolution appropriating \$25,000 for erecting over the water between the Washington Bridge and Exchange Place Bridge, a building for fire department purposes - passed from the last meeting is taken from the table and read. A motion to refer to the joint committee on city property is lost, and said resolution is read and passed by a vote of 21 for and 3 against.

City treasurer's office

Assistance in
323.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance, resolution, referred at the last meeting, appropriating \$1250 for assistance in the office of the city treasurer is read and passed.

Waring building

334

Under a suspension of the rules, the petition of Timothy O'Connor to move a certain building is received and referred.

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At the joint committee on the fire department.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims,

Joseph Wilde

Resolution to pay Joseph Wilde six ³⁰/₁₀₀ dollars for damage to wagon resulting from insecure condition of Eddy Street;

S.B. Cushing & Co.

Also, resolution to pay S. B. Cushing & Co's bill of \$175 ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ for expenses incurred and work done on Pier Street bridge. All severally read and passed.

Harris Avenue.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Highways, a resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Harris Avenue from Broadway to Atwell's Avenue and declare the same a public highway, is read and passed.

Hospital Bond.

The joint committee on Sewers to whom were referred Oct 7, 1872 a petition of Adams & Butternut for abatement of injuries to Hospital Pond, make their report, which is received, and on the recommendation of said committee a resolution to extend the Pearl Street sewer from its present termination to the river,

Pearl St. sewer.

Extension of
348.

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Dredging Hospital Pond

Also, resolutions for dredging Hospital Pond, and appropriating \$5000. therefor;

Adams & Butterworth.

Also, resolution to furnish Adams & Butterworth with Sawbush water for their Bleachery in Eddy street, free of charge, until the dredging of Hospital Pond is completed,

Pantuxet water to be furnished.

are severally read and passed.

Connecting abutting estates with sewers.

312.

On the recommendation of said committee the Council refuse to concur with the Board of aldermen in the passage of resolution for connecting each abutting estate with sewers laid.

On the recommendation of the joint

Moving buildings.

Committee on the fire department, petitioning

324

Mrs Catherine Kelly,

324

Margaret McKinley,

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Timothy O'Connor,

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James Callity,

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J. M. Vernon

to move certain buildings, and of Michael Hart.

Moving

324

A raise a building, are severally granted and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

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Jackson Avenue School house.

324.

The joint committee on city property to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution appropriating \$2000. for furniture and heating apparatus for Jackson Avenue School house, report the same recommended, which is thereupon read and passed.

Mayor's message relative to sale of lot on Charles & Back streets.

A message of the Mayor in relation to lot No. 3. Situated at the junction of Charles and Back streets, and one of the lots enumerated in the resolution providing for the sale of certain real estate belonging to the city, voted by the Mayor, is received in concurrence with the Board of aldermen.

Said resolution first passed from the last meeting, with the report of the special committee to whom was referred the Mayor's veto, are taken from the table.

Do.

A petition from the Hamilton Foundry, Suthers, asking that said lot No. 3 be not sold but reserved for highway purposes, is presented and received.

Sale of city's real estate at auction.

320.

Said resolution directing the committee on city property to sell certain real estate (sixteen parcels) belonging to the city is then read and passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding.

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By the following vote, viz

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Ordern, A. J. Barnaby,
Bradford, Brown, Buttermuth, Cory, Douglas,
Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene, Hamill,
Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, Hunt,
F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Matherson, Murray,
Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons,
Peltis, Phillips, Rice, Rickard, Rogers
& Whitcomb. 32

Nays.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Follen & Smith. 3.
(Concurred)

Resolution No. 734, relating to plans
for foundation of a market, which by the
Mayor, postponed from the last meeting,
is taken from the table and again post-
poned till the next meeting.

Market & bridge
foundations.
337.
346.

Water Commission
Cornish Engine.
331
347.

The resolution postponed from the
last meeting calling upon the water
Commissioners for certain information
in relation to the contract, bond and
cost of the Cornish Engine, is taken
from the table.

A motion to strike out so much
as relates to the bond to given by the
contractor is lost.

The resolution is amended by
adding thereto and a copy of the contract.

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with Sandding, Kimball & Co. for the
building of the Cornish Engine, and
as amended the resolution is read and
passed by the following vote, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Ordern, A. J. Barnaby,
J. B. Barnaby, Buttermuth, Douglas,
Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene, Hamill,
Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson,
Murray, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Peltis,
Phillips, Rice, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb. 25.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Bradford, Cory,
Harris, Hayward, Matherson, Paine, Par-
sons, Rickard & Follen 10.

(Concurred)

(Retired)

Resolved.

Work-house lands
Sale suspended.

That the committee on city
property are hereby requested not to
sell the work-house lands until the
subject of relaying Back Street shall
have been considered and reported upon
to the city council by the committee on
highways.

(Concurred & approved)

Law Department.
342.

Resolutions instructing the committee
on ordinances to report at the next meeting
an ordinance establishing a law depart-

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Board of pub. works... and "An ordinance to establish a Board of public works", are severally presented, read and passed.

Traverse Street lay out of... The joint committee on highways, to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution electing to lay out and widen Traverse street from Pike street to Sheldon street, pursuant to the Commissioners' report made May 5th ult., are discharged from further consideration thereof, and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Randall Street Widening of... A resolution requesting the Board of aldermen to widen Randall street at its junction with South Main street by taking land from the estate of William C. Smith, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Erection of buildings Amendment of law... A resolution requesting the Mayor to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to the act concerning the erection of buildings in the city is read and passed.

Bridge for market... A preliminary report from the Commissioners to build a bridge (for market) across Providence river, in reference to the building

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proposed to be erected thereon, is presented, read and received.

North Main, Mill & Charles streets widening of. 356.

A resolution referring report of the commissioners on widening of North Main, Mill and Charles streets to a special committee to examine and report thereon is presented, read and passed, and Messrs. Pease, Nichols and T. Johnson appointed the committee.

Water rates for street sprinkling. 344.

A petition of Hollar & Mack for reduction of water rates is received and referred to the water commissioners.

Chalkstone Road. 367.

Petition of Abel Sampson & others to set out and pave gutters on southerly line of Chalkstone Road from Pine Ave. to Mt Pleasant Ave.; of

D Street. 398.

J. B. Craunton & others for reception of D. street; of

Harvard Avenue 352.

Wm Butler & others for reception of Harvard Avenue; of

Susan street.

Nedrick Hunt & others for extending Susan street from Diamond to Dexter streets; of

Cushing street

H. Co. Harick & others for reception of Cushing street from Hope to Brook streets; and of same to set curb and

Do.

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pare gutters thereon; of
Lloyd Street
524. Amasa S. Westcott & others for re-
caption of Lloyd street; and of same
for setting out and paving gutters thereon;
are severally received and referred to
the joint committee on highways.

Moving building.
343. A petition of the Richmond Mill Co.
to move building is received and referred
to the joint committee on the fire department.

Sewer in Angell St.
368. A petition of J. Z. Truitt for sewer
in Angell street between Hope & Brook streets.

Sewer in Arnold St.
400. John B. Allen & others for sewer
in Arnold street from Hope to Brook
streets
are received and referred to the joint
committee on sewers.

Wm. R. Babcock Adm.
357. Petitions of
Wm. R. Babcock, administrator
for refunding of tax erroneously assessed;

John B. Thurston.
357. John B. Thurston for reimburse-
ment of money paid for defective tax
title; of

Walter D. Walling
397. Walter D. Walling for damages
caused by overflow of sewer in Martin &
Charles streets,
are received and referred to the committee
on claims.

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Hour of adjournment

426

A draft resolution fixing the hour of
adjournment at 10 1/2 o'clock p.m. is pre-
sented, and referred to the committee
on ordinances.

Adjourn

The Common Council at 11 o'clock p.m.
adjourn until Monday evening next,
June 29, 1874 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except
Alfred Carpenter, Pepraw & Rice. 3

M. Anderson
Clerk.

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The Common Council June 29, 1874

The Common Council met pursu-
ant to adjournment - the President in the
chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Vetrec.

Sunday votes are received from
the Mayor and temporarily laid on
the table.

The joint committee on claims
whom on the 1st of June inst. was re-

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Dr. E. T. Caswell
Claim allowed.
313

presented a claim of Dr. E. T. Caswell for damages to his carriage resulting from a defect in Washington street make report, recommending the accompanying resolution to pay \$18⁰⁰/₁₀₀ in full of the same: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

3^d Baptist Soc.
Claim for rent.
321

Said committee to whom on the 15th inst. was referred a petition of the Third Baptist Society for payment of rent make report that since presenting the same, the petitioners' claim has been paid in full, and asking to be discharged: which report is received: and the committee are discharged from further consideration thereof and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Ordinance in relation
to Board of public works.
338.
410.

The joint committee on ordinances pursuant to resolutions passed at the last meeting report a bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to the board of public works,"

Tax Department.
337.
362.
363.

Also, a bill entitled "An ordinance establishing a law department," with the recommendation that said bill be severally printed: which recommendation is adopted, and it is so ordered.

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Sewers in
Bourn St.

On the recommendation of the joint Committee on Sewers,

Friendship St.

Resolution ordering a sewer in Bourn street from Atwell's Avenue to Aborn street, Also, Resolution ordering sewer in Friendship street from Beacon street to Chestnut street;

Hope & Arnold St.

Also, Resolution ordering sewer in Hope and Arnold streets from John street to Brook street;

Richmond Street.
398

Also, Resolution ordering sewer in Richmond street from Elm street to Ship street, are severally read and passed.

Moving building.

On the recommendation of the joint Committee on the fire department, the petition of the Richmond Mill Co. for permission to move wooden building is granted, and the accompanying resolution read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Bridges
Appropriation for

A resolution from the board of assessors adding \$15,000 to the appropriation for Bridges is sent down, read and passed in concurrence,

(Concurred & Approved)

The Water Commissioners to whom

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Water rates for
sprinkling streets.

339.

at the last meeting was referred the petition of Yetter & Mack sothers for reduction of water rates, in sprinkling streets, make their report, which is received, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Moving building

Petitions of

Charles H. Bassett, &

Margaret McKinlay,

to move certain wooden buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department, who subsequently, under a suspension of the rules, report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved.)

W.H. & L. Trorer.

366.

A petition of Drs W.H. & L. Trorer for payment of judgment against Wm H. Grant, a police constable, whose pay they claimed to have trusted, is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Sewer in Lemon St.

A petition of Albert N. Angell sothers for sewer in Lemon street, is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

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School houses

Doyle Avenue
355.

Gano & Waterman Sts.

Peace & Taylor Sts.

Miss Chace.

441

Teachers salaries
for July & Aug. '73.

355.

City hall lot

Sale of buildings.

349.

Dorrance Street
wharf estate.

Resolutions passed by the school committee, requesting the erection of school houses on Doyle Avenue; in the vicinity of the junction of Gano & Waterman streets; in the vicinity of Peace & Taylor streets; also, in relation to pay of Miss Chace, an assistant teacher in the High School, are presented and referred to the joint committee on education.

A draft resolution to pay the teachers in the public schools, who were not included in resolution No. 737 the salaries due them for July and August 1873, is presented and referred to the joint committee on education.

A resolution to sell at auction on the first day of August next, the buildings except the engine house on the city hall lot (so called) is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Noted)

Resolved.

That the committee on city property is hereby instructed to report to the Council at an early day, the reasons - if any there be - why the Dorrance street wharf estate owned by

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the city, should not be added to the list of unproductive estates ordered to be sold at public auction.

Market & foundations for 336,

Resolution (No. 734) relating to plans for foundation to the public market - vetoed by the Mayor - postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, and the consideration thereof is indefinitely postponed.

Building for fire dept.

Smith & Orms St.

Mayor's Veto 331.

A message is received from the Mayor, returning with his objections resolution (No. 791) authorizing the erection of a building for fire engine station, corner of Smith & Orms street, and appropriating \$10,000 therefor to be charged to appropriation for the fire department, which passed the Council on the 15th inst., and the board of aldermen on the 25th inst.; said message is read and the further consideration of said resolution is indefinitely postponed.

Building for fire dept.

Smith & Orms St.

A resolution to erect a building for the fire department on the school estate at the junction of Smith & Orms street and appropriations not exceeding \$10,000 therefor, which sum the city treasurer is authorized to hire, is presented, read and passed, a motion

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to amend by striking out the words authorizing the city treasurer to hire the same, and substituting the words which shall be charged to the appropriation for the fire department being lost.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's Veto Cornish Engine.

336.

367.

Resolution (No. 792) asking for information from the water commissioners, relative to contract and bond for construction of a Cornish engine, which passed the Common Council at the last meeting was concurred in by the board of aldermen on the 25th inst. is returned by the Mayor with his objections to the passage of the same: which is received and the further consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Alden, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Butterworth, Carpenter, Eaton, Feaner, Hamill, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. T. Johnson, Mowry, Nolan, Phillips, Plau, Rogers, Smith & Whitcomb.

20.

Nays

Messrs Aldrich, Barker, Bradford,

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Brown, Cory, Douglas, Gorman, Greene,
Harris, Hayward, Murray, Paine,
Parsons, Pegram, Richard, & Teller. 16.

Mayor's Veto.

Pearl St. Sewer

333.

372.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution (No 789) ordering a sewer in continuation of the Pearl street sewer to the river, which passed this Council at the last meeting, and was concurred in by the Board of aldermen on the 25th inst. which is read, and referred to the joint committee on sewers, and the consideration thereof postponed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday July 13. 1874 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Mathewson, Nichols, Pettis and Rice.

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J. Addeman
Clerk

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In Common Council - July 13. 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Veto

Sale of buildings on city hall lot.

345.

A message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution (No. 801) to sell at auction buildings on City Hall lot (so called) passed at the last meeting of this Council and concurred in by the Board on the 9th inst. which message is read and temporarily laid on the table: subsequently taken from the table, read and passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding by the following vote, viz:
Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Barber, A. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, Greene, Hamill, Harris, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Henry, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rogers, Teller, Smith & Whitecomb. 30.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Bradford, Hayward,

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Hopkins, F. Johnson, & Richard 6.
Concurred,

Water Works

Appropriations
(infra)

Under a suspension of the rules,
An application of the Water Commis-
sioners for an additional appropria-
tion of \$200,000 is received and refer-
red to the joint committee on finance.

Also, petitions of

Sewer in Ship St.

356

James Tiffany soldier for
sewer in Ship street; of

Sewer in Friendship St.

355.

John W. Cuyell soldier for
sewer in Friendship street; of

Sewer in Wickenden St.

356.

Abner F. Fuller soldier for
sewer in Wickenden street,
are received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on sewers.

On the recommendation of the joint
committee on finance

Recorder of Deeds

Assistance for

Resolution authorizing the employ-
ment of an assistant in the office of
the Recorder of Deeds;

Health Department.

Also, resolution adding \$2000
to the appropriation for the Health de-
partment;

Brook St. District.

Also, resolution making addi-
tional appropriation of \$100,000 for
Brook street district;

Water Works
(supra)

Also, resolution appropriating
\$20000 for Improved Water Works;

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Sewerage
Appropriation for

Also, resolution adding \$100,000 to
the appropriation for sewerage,
are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint
committee on claims

W.R. Babcock Adm's

340.

Resolution to refund to Wm. K. Babcock
Administrators of estate of Samuel Plasee,
\$211^{1/4} tax erroneously assessed;

John Rolley

323.

Also, resolution to pay John Rolley
\$25. for damage from overflow of water
on Plane street;

Chas. H. Lewis.

366.

Also, resolution to purchase of
Charles H. Lewis his estate on the north-
ly side of Richardson street for \$3500-
(being a settlement of said Lewis' claim
for damages)

which are severally read and passed, &

(Concurred)

(Approved)

J.B. Thurston.

340.

Said committee to whom was referred
on the 22^d of June ult. a petition of
John B. Thurston for reimbursement
of money paid for defective tax title,
make report advise thereof; which
is received, and it is ordered that
said petitioner have leave to with-
draw.

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On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:—

Hammond St. 324. Resolution to set curb and pave gutters on Hammond street from Gilbert street to Division street;

Junction St 324. Also, resolutions requesting the board of aldermen to receive Junction street from Bidgham street to Arch street, and

Harvard Ave. 339. Harvard Avenue from Broad street to Taylor street, and to declare the same public highways.

(Concurred & Approved)

Chapin Avenue 280. Also, resolution to set curb and pave gutters on Chapin Avenue from Parade street to Messer street, and on Sycamore street from Hudson street to Chapin Avenue;

Sycamore Street 280. Also, resolution to set new curb and re-pave gutters in front of the estate owned by Toba & M. T. Carpenter on Prospect street;

Square St. 365. Also, resolution requesting the board to lay out and straighten Square street from Louisa to Miller streets of a uniform width of forty feet;

Valley Street. Also, resolution for completing the widening of Valley street as laid out by Commissioners of the town of South Providence and to set curb and pave gutters from Eagle street to the Three Bridges, so called.

(Concurred & Approved except Square St.)

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Gano Street

386.

Said committee to whom the 1st of June last was referred a petition of Arthur F. S. Weston Dexter to the committee for receiving and laying out Gano street, make report that the same is not at the established grade, and on their recommendation the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Exchange St.

323.

On the recommendation of said committee the following subjects are indefinitely postponed (the same things having been done, viz: Reduction to complete the grade of and to pave with granite blocks, Exchange street;

Clifford & Ship Sts
Corner rounded.

Also, resolution to round the corner of Clifford and Ship streets;

City Yard.
Night watchman.
260.

Also, resolution to employ a night watchman at the city yard.

Bellvue Avenue.

327

Said committee to whom on the 15th of June last was referred the Mayor's veto of Resolution (No. 735) to curb and pave gutters on Bellvue Avenue, make report, and on their recommendation the subject is indefinitely postponed.

Mo. Reports.

The Monthly reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, The Harbor Master on Dredging, The City Treasurer, The City Auditor, The Issue of Registrar's Bonds, are serially presented, read and received.
(Concurred & Approved)

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In Convention.

The Board of aldermen are invited to join the Council in convention for the election of certain city officers, aires being accepted, the two boards join in Convention.

Certain police constables to serve with and to serve without civil process, are elected.

Terminations of certain police constables are referred to the joint committee on police.

The two boards separate.

Harbor & mounted police 283.

The joint committee on police to whom was referred the subject of the expediency of establishing a harbor and mounted police, make report, not recommending either, but recommending the accompanying resolution to purchase a horse for the use of the police department, and appropriating \$400 therefor: which report is received, and said resolution is read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Horse for police dept. 427

Report of Com. to purchase land for school house Summer & Bond Sts. 277.

The joint committee on city property who were instructed to negotiate and purchase lands fixed on as a location for a school house on Summer, Bond and Spring streets, make their report

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which is received,

(Concurred & approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on education,

Doyle Avenue Plans for Grammar school do. 345.

Resolution directing said committee to procure plans and estimates for a Grammar school building on Doyle Ave;

Teachers' salaries payment of. 345.

Also Resolution (para. substitutes) to pay certain teachers who have taught in the public schools continuously the first school year, and who have not received the full amount of their annual salary by reason of the date of their appointment, such portion of said salaries as now remain unpaid;

Salary ordinance amended.

Also, An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the City of Providence," (authorizing the appointment of additional teachers in Junior Class of Girls and Boys department of the High School, which are severally read and passed & Concurred

Sever in Friendship St. 350

On the recommendation of the joint committee on sewers the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:

Resolution for sewer in Friendship Street from near Beacon to Chestnut streets;

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Sewer in Ship St.

350

Also, resolution for sewer in Ship Street from Clifford & Richmond streets, (Concurred & Approved)

Sewer in Wickenden St.

350

Also, resolution for sewer in Wickenden Street from Hope & Brook streets. (Concurred & Approved)

I. A. Phillips

in re Broad St.

171.

The joint special committee to settle with parties claiming in the matter of widening Broad Street to whom was referred on the 5th of December last, a petition of Lewis A. Phillips for compensation for land taken for widening Broad Street, make report, and on their recommendation it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Fourth of July

The joint special committee of arrangements for the municipal celebration of the 4th of July inst. submit their report, which is received;

Res. of Thanks to Hon. C. C. Van Landut.

Also, & Resolutions of thanks to the Orator of the Day, Lieut. Governor Charles C. Van Landut, and a request for a copy of the oration for publication, which are read and passed. (Concurred & Approved)

North Main, Mill, & Charles streets. 339.

The special committee appointed on the 22nd of June last to examine the report of the commissioners upon the

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widening of North Main, Mill and Charles streets, submit their report, which is received, and on recommendation of said committee the accompanying resolution electing not to make said improvement is thereupon read and passed. (Concurred & Approved)

Com. on Market

Report & plans.

407

Bridge.

407

The joint special committee appointed to procure plans for a public market building, submit their report accompanied by plans and estimates, which is received, and the accompanying bill, recommended by said committee, entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the erection of a bridge across Providence River'" is read and passed.

Harbor

Appropriation

The joint committee on the harbor make report in print of the cause whereby the appropriation for the harbor is exhausted, which is received, and the accompanying resolution, recommended by said committee, adding \$5000. to the appropriation for dredging and improving the harbor is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Unconfirmed police.

Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen to pay unconfirmed police for duty performed in June 1874;

Hope & Lloyd Sts.

Com. of conference.

Also, appointing a joint special com. to confer with parties taking an appeal in the matter of Hope street and Lloyd street,

are severally read and concurred, and Messrs Eaton, Brown and Hayward added to the last named committee.

(Approved)

Resolutions relating to make the improvements of laying out

Crary Street

47

Crary Street from Mary street to Plane street; and

Borden Street.

98.

Borden Street from Hospital street to Plane street, pursuant to the reports of the commissioners of estimate and assessment, are severally presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Brook St. District.

Fountain for.

579.

A communication is received from the Commissioners of the Brook street district requesting that a temporary fountain be established therein to supply the city's tenants with water; and a resolution directing the water commissioners to erect the same, the expense thereof to be charged to the water rates, and the

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water rates for supplying the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

North Main St from Branch Av. Widening of.

Report referred.

380.

A resolution for referring the report of the commissioners upon the widening of North Main street from Branch street northerly to a joint special committee is read and passed, and Messrs Parise, Brown and Hayward appointed on the part of the Council.

(Concurred. Ald. Hayward & attached etc. added) (Approved)

Police Station at Weyerville.

A resolution for making necessary repairs and alterations in the police station at Weyerville, at an expense not exceeding \$500, is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Harbor.

Survey & plat of.

Resolved.

That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of making a survey and plat of the harbor, to be paid out of the reserve fund.

(Concurred) (Approved)

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Reservoir Ave.

Resolved.

Part of appropriation
Twin paid.

That the sum of six thousand dollars of the fifteen thousand dollars appropriation for widening Reservoir Avenue to 80 feet wide be paid John C. Harris Jr. (the land owners agent for widening said av.) to finish the work.

Concurred.

Spring street

Resolutions for the purchase of a lot of

Land for fire dept.

Retired 364.

land on the west side of Spring street near Broad, for the use of the fire department, and containing 5565 feet, belonging to Stephen C. Arnold and appropriating \$10706 for the same, are presented, read and passed.

Concurred

Langley street.

Com. to confer with
parties damaged.

379.

A resolution appointing a joint special committee to confer with the parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the lay out and extension of Langley street from Hospital to Flave streets and report upon what terms a settlement can be made, is presented read and passed, and Messrs Greene, Barker and Pegram appointed on the part of the Council, by the Council.

(Concurred. All South & Earl added)

(Approved)

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Moving buildings

368

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Raising (do)

368

Petitions of

Charles H. Bassett,

Fanning & Swan

John James

Wm B. Seckell,

to move certain wooden buildings; and of

Albert J. Sheldon

to raise a building,

are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Union R.R. Co

Rails in Washington
& Franklin Sts.

495.

A petition of the Union Railroad Co for amendment of ordinance in relation to laying rails in Washington and Franklin streets is received and referred to the joint committee on railroads.

Petitions of

Asia Street

398.

Brig. R. C. Chaffee et al. petitioners, for reception of Asia street from America to Clinton streets; and of

Williams St.

481

Charlotte A. C. Foster et al. for reception of Williams street from Jerome street to H. Seckonk river, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Petitions of

Charlotte A. C. Foster

Claim for damages

Charlotte A. C. Foster for compensation for damages to her estate on Williams

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Hiram F. Page wife
366.

Meat; of
Hiram F. Page wife for compensation for
damage to their estate on Prairie Avenue by
change of grade; of

Sarah A. Simmons.
1101.

Sarah A. Simmons for payment of salary
as teacher for July & August, 1873; of

C. H. Gates.
366.

C. H. Gates, teacher of French in the
High School, for \$30 for extra instructions; of

E. H. Cutler et als.
403.

Edward H. Cutler, for himself, the
teacher and Superintendent of the public
schools, for remuneration for legal expenses,
and also for a portion of their salaries,
are severally received and referred to the joint
Committee on claims.

City Auditor's estimate

of receipts & expenditures

The City Auditor submits an estimate
of the receipts and expenditures for the fi-
nancial year ending Sept. 30, 1874, which
is received and referred to the joint committee
on finance.

Ord. establishing

a
Law Department.
342.
343

The bill entitled "An ordinance estab-
lishing a law department" presented at the
last meeting, is taken from the table and
by sections.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, stand as part of
the bill, an amendment to strike out the
word "third" in Sec. 2, line 3, (so as to
make the election of city attorney annual),
having been lost by a vote of 12 to 22.

It is moved to strike out in section 7

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all after the word "expenses" in line 6, (leaving
so much as allows to the attorney the taxed
costs). Pending the consideration of
which, the Common Council adjourns
until Monday, July 27, 1874 at 8
o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except
Messrs Buttumuth, Carpenter, Gray, Gorham, S.

A. C. [unclear]
[unclear]

In Common Council - July 27, 1874

The Common Council meet pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the
Chair - and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Law Department.

342

371

The bill entitled "An ordinance establish-
ing a law department", the consideration
of which was pending at the adjournment
of the last meeting, is taken from the
table.

The pending amendment to strike out in
Sec. 7, all after the word "expenses" in line
6, is adopted. Said section is further

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Law Department. amended by adding thereto the following words: "provided, also, that he shall pay into the city treasury all such legal taxable costs as he may receive from adverse parties in suits where the city is a party."

Section 7. stands as a part of the bill.
Section 8. is amended by inserting "May" in lieu of "January";
The vote whereby Sec. 2. was adopted is reconsidered, and the word "January" wherever it occurs is stricken out and "May" inserted.

The vote whereby Sec. 3. was adopted is reconsidered, the word "January" stricken out and "May" inserted; the word "February" stricken out, and "June" inserted.

The vote whereby Sec. 6. was adopted is reconsidered, and the words "June" and "December" stricken out and the words "April" and "October" respectively inserted.

The foregoing sections stand as parts of the bill, and the ordinance is then read and passed.

Mayor's Veto.

Lot on Spring St.
for Fire Dept.

360.
378.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections resolutions (No 844) to purchase lot of land on Spring street for the use of the fire department. Said message is read, and after a recess to examine the plat accompanying, is referred to a special committee consisting of the members on the part of the Common Council of the

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joint committee on the fire department and city property.

Mayor's Veto

Square street.

352.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution (No. 843) requesting the board of aldermen to lay out and straighten Square street, which is read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Tax Ordinance.

376.

The joint committee on finance submit in print a report in relation to the taxes of the city for the next financial year, which is received, and recommended the passage of the accompanying bill entitled "An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence" (rate \$1.15), which is read, and after debate, the further consideration thereof is postponed until the next meeting, which it is voted shall be held two weeks from this date by a vote of 24 to 12.

Brink St. District.

Pay of Commission's

On the recommendation of said Committee, a resolution to pay the Commissioners on the Brink Street district \$1000 each for their services ending July, 1874, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

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C. H. Gates

Claim allowed.

342

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to pay C. H. Gates \$50. for extra services as teacher of French in the High School is read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

(Approved).

Dr. W. H. & L. Traver.

344

Said committee to whom on the 29th of June last was referred a petition of Drs. W. H. & L. Traver for payment of judgment against one Mrs. H. Grant, make report adverse thereto, which is received and on recommendation of said committee it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Hiram F. Page wife

345

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Hiram F. Page wife for compensation for damages caused by change of grade on Prairie Avenue, and at their own request discharged from further consideration thereof, and said petition is referred to the Hon. Board of Aldermen.

C. H. Lewis

Appropriation for Gravel lands.

351

On recommendation of said committee (the rules being suspended), a resolution to transfer from the appropriation for contingencies to the appropriation for gravel lands the sum of \$3500. being the sum voted at the last meeting to Chas. H. Lewis for estate on Richardson Street, is read and passed.

(Non-concurred & approved)

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Mayor's Veto

Cornish Engine.

347

The rules being suspended, the resolutions No 792, vetoed by the Mayor, asking for certain information from the water commissioners relative to contract for a Cornish engine, are taken from the table, and the further consideration thereof indefinitely postponed.

Cornish Engine.

Information requested.

A resolution requesting the water commissioners to furnish certain information relative to probable cost of rough pieces for the Cornish engine, of finishing the stand pipe, boiler and connecting pipe, the reasons for altering the 35" and 36" sections of the specifications under which proposals for building a Cornish engine at Totta can set, were introduced for, r. is presented, read, and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Chalkstone Ave.

Curbing & paving.

339

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, a resolution to set curbs and pave gutters on Chalkstone Avenue from Pine to Mt. Pleasant Avenues is read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Sewer in Hospital St.

232

On the recommendation of the joint committee on sewers a resolution to construct a sewer in Hospital Street from Borden Street to Eddy Street is

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read and passed

(Concurred & approved)

sewer in Angell St.

340.

394.

A resolution, recommended by said committee, ordering a sewer in Angell street from Hope to Brook streets is postponed until the next meeting.

Moving buildings

361

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On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, petitions of

Charles H. Bassett,

Tanning & Swan,

John James,

Mrs B. Seckell,

to move certain buildings, and of

Albat T. Sheldon.

Raising (do)

361

to raise a certain building, are severally granted, and the accompanying resolutions read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

D. S. Harris wife
re Broad St.

A petition of David S. Harris wife for compensation for land taken in widening Broad street, is received and referred to the special committee in the matter of Broad street.

Gann street

385.

Petitions of Mrs P. Vaughn et al, for curbing and paving gutters on Gann street from Mattiman to Pitman streets; of

Manton A. Weaver et al. for reap.

Westfield St.
385.

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Florence St.

438.

Lin of Westfield street; of the inhabitants of Florence street, 10th Ward, for extension of said street to Manton Avenue, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Moving buildings

Raising (do)

374

Petitions of Thomas Bradford for permission to move and to raise certain buildings are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

E. H. Brown.

397.

A petition of E. H. Brown for payment of judgment against George A. Lee, is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

C. K. Goddard
laying rails in Orange St.
1143.

A petition of Charlotte K. Goddard for permission to lay rails on Orange & Clifft streets; and

Rails on Franklin & Washington Sts

495.

A remonstrance of Charles E. Paine & others against the continued use of Franklin and Washington streets by the Union Railroad Co.

are severally received and referred to the joint committee on railroads.

Free public library
accommodations in
City Hall.

A petition of Henri K. Joslin & others for accommodations for a free public library in the new city hall building, is received and referred to the joint special committee

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in a City Hall.

Hopkins Burying Ground on Branch St.

The joint committee on the North Burying Ground, who were instructed by the board of aldermen, to examine and report on the title of the Hopkins burying ground so called, on Branch Avenue, and report what measures are necessary to preserve the ground from desecration, make report that in the opinion of the city solicitor the title of the city therein for burial purposes is beyond question, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution for placing a suitable fence around said burying ground, and to place the same in charge of the commissioners of the North Burying Ground: which is laid on the table.

Uncollectable Taxes.

372.

A communication from the City Treasurer transmitting lists of uncollectable taxes for years 1871 and 1872, is received and referred to the Hon. board of aldermen.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 11.40 p.m.) adjourn until Monday, August 10. 1874 at 10 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs. Cary, Mowry & Rice.

A. Cadman, Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Law Department.

The rules being suspended - The bill entitled "An ordinance establishing a law department," which passed the Common Council at its last meeting and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen with amendments, is taken from the table.

The amendments of the board of aldermen are severally read and concurred in. (Approved)

In Convention

Resolved.

That his honor the Mayor and the board of aldermen be invited to join the common council in convention for the purpose of informally considering the subject of a nominee for the office of city solicitor.

Resolved, further.

That the Mayor and board of aldermen be invited to join the

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Common Council in convention for the election of certain city officers.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance

Uncollectable taxes.

370.

Resolution to abate the uncollectable taxes for the years 1871 and 1872, reported by the city treasurer, amounting to \$6231 ⁴¹/₁₀₀, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's Veto

Pearl St. Sewer.

348.

The joint committee on sewers to whom on the 29th of June last was referred the Mayor's Message relating Resolution (No 789) ordering a sewer in continuation of the Pearl street sewer, make report, and on their recommendation the further consideration thereof is indefinitely postponed; and

Bleachery St.

Resolution to lay out and extend Bleachery street from Eddy street to the Park;

Pearl Street extension of.

Also, resolution to lay out Pearl street from its present easterly termination to the junction of Plain street and Dudley street,

Dudley St.

Also, resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Dudley street from Plain to Eddy streets, are severally read and passed.

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The rules being suspended,

City Hall Lot

James Harrington

A resolution to allow Messrs Larned Harrington to remove certain brick buildings on the City Hall lot, so called, previous to Sept. 1. 1874, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

In Convention

The board of aldermen accept the invitation of the common council to join in convention for the purposes specified, and the two boards join

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

Weighers of cotton &c.

Certain persons are elected weighers of cotton, hay, coal and measurers of wood.

Police

Certain nominations for police constables are referred to the joint committee on police.

City Solicitor

Ballot for

An informal ballot is taken for city solicitor, with the following result:

Vote of the Board of Aldermen:

For Hon. Nicholas Tanslych 5
" " Charles Hart 1

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City Solicitor
Ballot for.

Vote of the Common Council:

For Hon. N. Van Slyck	26
" " Chas. Hart	3
" " Edwin Metcalf	2
" " Abraham Payne	1.

The two boards separate.

Thos. Bradfield

Moving buildings

369

On the recommendation of the joint Committee on the fire department, the petitions of Thomas Bradfield for permission to move and raise certain buildings are granted, and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Harrison St. Station

Heating apparatus.

163.

391.

The joint committee on City Property to whom on the 24th of November last was referred a communication from the board of engineers in relation to the incapacity of the heating apparatus at the Harrison Street Engine Station, make report which is received, and the accompanying resolution to put said apparatus in proper condition at a cost not exceeding \$1000. is thereupon read and passed.

(Amended)

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On the recommendation of the joint Committee on Education,

Plans for High School

Doyle Ave. School

461.

Ventilating schools.

Resolution authorizing said committee to advertise for plans for a High school building on Summer street, and a Grammar School building on Doyle Avenue,

Also resolution authorizing Superintendent of public buildings to expend \$500 in ventilating certain school houses,

are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

(Mr. Pegram in the chair.)

N. Van Slyck

Resignation of.

The Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck tenders his resignation as a member of this Common Council from the 5th Ward, which is accepted.

Mr. Rogers elected

President.

Mr Rogers is elected by ballot President of the Common Council.

(The President in the chair.)

The rules being suspended.

N. Van Slyck
elected
City Solicitor.

The Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck is elected on the part of the Common Council, city Solicitor.

A communication is received from the board of aldermen announcing the

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election on their part of the Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck as city solicitor.

The rules being suspended.

Tax Ordinance
365

The bill entitled "An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence," postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being added, viz:-

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Adams, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Carpenter, Eaton, Fenner, German, Greene, Hamill, Hayward, Moran, Parsons, Papan, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Richard, Soller, Smith & Whitcomb. 24

Nays

Messrs Aldrich, Bradford, Harris, Hunt, T. Johnson, Uowry, & Paine, 7.
(Concurred)

Do.

A bill, with the same title and in the same language, having passed the board of aldermen, is sent down for concurrence, and the consideration thereof is indefinitely postponed.

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Fifth Ward.
Election ordered.

Resolutions ordering an election in the 5th ward to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Nicholas Van Slyck as a member of the Common Council, said election to be held on the 19th inst. are presented, read and passed.

N. Van Slyck
Thanks to.

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Common Council be and they are hereby tendered to our late President, the Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck for the able, impartial and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office.

Mrs. H. Parkhurst
Claim as acting
City Solicitor.

387
173.

The joint committee on accounts submit, without recommendation, a bill in favor of Charles H. Parkhurst for legal services rendered the city from June 1. 1871 to Aug. 1. 1874, amounting to \$1250. (approved by the Mayor), which, with a draft resolution to pay the same, is referred to the joint committee on claims, with instructions to ascertain and report the amount due for professional services to date, and also to report in detail the items of said services and the authority for his acting as city solicitor since the 30th day of May last.

The special committee to whom at the

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Mayor's Veto
Purchase of land
on Spring street.
354.

Last meeting was referred the Mayor's veto of Resolutions (ch. 544) to purchase lot of land on Spring street for the use of the fire department, made report, and on their recommendation the further consideration of said resolutions is indefinitely postponed.

Buildings for fire dept.
on Bond & Central Sts.

Said committee report a resolution appropriating \$15000 for the erection of buildings of brick on the lots owned by the city on Bond and Central streets, for hose stations for the use of the fire department, which is read.

Petition for engine
on Friendship St.

A petition of G. P. Conway sothes for the location of a steam fire engine in the neighborhood of Friendship street, is presented, read and received.

The above named resolution is recommended and said petition is referred to the same special committee by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

- Mrs. Aldrich, Barker, A. J. Barnaby,
- J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Eaton, Greene,
- Hunt, F. Johnson, Mowry, Paine, Petts,
- Phillips, Richard & Whitecomb. 15

Nays

- Mrs. Ardern, Brown, Fuller, German,
- Hamill, Harris, Hayward, Nolan, Parsons,
- Seaman, Place, Rice, Teller & Smith. 14

Subsequently, the foregoing vote to re-

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Commit said resolution and petition is reconsidered; said resolution is read and passed, and said petition is referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Re Langley Street
360.

The joint special committee to confer with the parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of laying out Langley street, submit a report, which is received.

Com. to settle appeals.

A resolution appointing a joint special committee to settle with the parties claiming a jury trial in the matter of Langley street, is presented, read and passed and Messrs Greene, Ferguson and Barker are appointed members thereof on the part of this Council.

(Concurred. Ald. Sweet & Earle added)
(Approved)

Adjournment.

It is voted

That when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Monday, August 31, 1874 at 8 o'clock p.m.

City Solicitor's Office
Transfer of books &c.
280

Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen, directing a committee on ordinances to transfer books and papers from the acting city solicitor to the present city solicitor.

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Hope Street
Catch Basin

Also, resolution directing the Water Com-
missioners to place a catch basin on Hope
Street, opposite Barnes Street;

Washington Square

Also, resolutions directing the joint
Committee on Parks to complete the reno-
vation of Washington Square at an ex-
pense not to exceed \$300; and to

Cove Promenade.

repair the fence around the Cove Promenade
at an expense not to exceed \$500;

Unconfirmed police

Also, resolution to pay certain unem-
ployed police;

North Main St

Also, resolutions directing not to lay
out and widen North Main Street from
Branch Avenue, westerly;

Not widened.

G. E. Hayward et al.

Also, resolution to amend the award
in a Broad St. to G. E. Hayward wife et al. in the matter
of widening Broad Street near Snow Street,
by striking out \$2069 and inserting
\$2875, and by striking out the assess-
ment of \$1444;

Sinking Fund

Also, orders to receive the 3^d Quarterly
Report of the Commissioners of the Sinking
Fund; and to receive and print the
annual report of the school committee,
are severally read and passed in concu-
rence.

(Approved)

Point & Plane St.
School house.
Report.

The 6th Quarterly Report of the Commis-
sioners to build the school house on
Point and Plane streets (received from the

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Board of aldermen) is read and referred
to the joint Committee on education.

Lippitt Street

414.

Resolutions (from the Board of aldermen)
to discontinue proceedings in the matter
of Lippitt Street; and

Branch Avenue

399.

Steuben Street.

385

Requesting the Board of aldermen to
lay out Branch Avenue, and to revive Steuben St.,
are read and referred to the joint com-
mittee on highways.

Bridges over River

Report.

A report of the commissioners to
build a bridge across Providence River,
with accompanying plans, is received
in concurrence.

(Approved)

Mo. Reports.

The Monthly reports of
The City Treasurer;
The City Auditor;

The issue of registered bonds,
The chief engineer of the fire
department;

The Water Masters on Dredging,
are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved.

Building over river
at Exchange Place.

332.

That the joint standing com-
mittee on city property be and they are
hereby directed to cause to be erected a

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building over the water at the easterly end of Exchange Place in accordance with resolution No. 845 approved July 30, 1874.

(Concurred)
(Approved)

Claims of
Helen A. Buffinton
1102.

Petitions of

Helen A. Buffinton for payment of salary as teacher for July & August 1873; of

Patrick Costigan
413.

Patrick Costigan for compensation for injuries sustained during quelling of riot on Soes street, June 14, 1874; of

David Hall

David Hall for payment of account of \$4750, for work done on Broad Street and damages; of

John Kelly

John Kelly for damages for injuries to minor child on the highway; of

Michael Kelly
396.

Michael Kelly for compensation for damage sustained by change of grade of Spruce street; of

Hattie C. Wightman
413.

Hattie C. Wightman for two months salary as teacher in the public schools; of

Lewis S. Woodward
455.

Lewis S. Woodward for damages for injuries received by being run into by city cart No. 11.

are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Petitions of James Murry et al.

A grade and cart Steuben street from

Steuben street.

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Dorrence & Westminster
Streets.
Removal of obstructions

Manton Avenue to Atwell's Avenue; of George H. Slade, agt. voters for removal of obstructions on the corner of Dorrence and Westminster streets, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Moving buildings

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Petitions of

Edward C. Hale,

Roscoe Hale,

Mary Kiernan,

Samuel Morrow,

Spencer & Peckham

to have certain buildings; and of

Rhoda K. Dillbus

Raising do.
386.

to raise a building, are severally received and referred to the joint com. on the fire department.

Fire Dept. building

Julian St. 10th Ward.
384

A report from the joint committee on the fire department, that it is desirable and necessary that the portion of the 10th ward, known as Sky High Hill should be provided with fire apparatus, and recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions for the purchase of two lots of land on Julian Street at a sum not exceeding \$1800, and for the erection of a building of brick thereon for the use of the fire department, and appropriating \$10000, therefor, is re-

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building over the water at the easterly end of Exchange Place in accordance with resolution no. 885 approved July 30, 1874.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Claims of Helen A. Buffinton 402.

Petitions of

Helen A. Buffinton for payment of salary as teacher for July & August 1873; of

Patrick Costigan 413.

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Michael Kelly for compensation for damage sustained by change of grade of Spruce street; of

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Hattie C. Wightman for two months salary as teacher in the public schools; of

Lewis S. Woodward 453.

Lewis S. Woodward for damages for injuries received by being run into by city cart No. 11.

are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Petitions of James Murry et al.

to grade and cart Steuben street from

Steuben street.

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Adjourne. ceived, and pending the consideration thereof, the Common Council (for want of a quorum) adjourn (at 11.30 p.m.) until Monday, August 31. 1874 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Members present. Present - all the members except Messrs Butterworth, Cory, Douglas, G. W. Johnson, Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, &

M. Caddenary,
Clerk

In Common Council - August 31. 1874

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the president in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Wm. Spencer Member elect The credentials of William Spencer Esq member-elect from the 5th Ward, are presented, read, and the oath of office is administered to him by the Mayor.

Julian street. Engine Station &c. The resolutions for purchase of two lots of land on Julian street, in view for the use of the fire department, at a sum not

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exceeding \$1800, and for the erection of a building of brick thereon for the fire department, appropriating therefor the sum of \$10000, in the consideration of which the Council were engaged at the adjournment of the last meeting, are taken from the table, read and passed. (Concurred with amendment)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Highways, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz: -

Gann street. 368 Resolution to set curb stones and pave gutters on Gann street between Waterman and Pitman streets; (Concurred & approved)

Westfield street. 368 Also resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Westfield street from Greenwich street to Fuller street, and declare the same a public highway; (Concurred & approved)

Steuben street. 381 Also, a similar resolution for receiving Steuben street from Amherst street to Atwell's Avenue. (in concurrence with the Board)

Highway Comrs. An. Report. The Quarterly Report of the Highway Commissioners is presented, read and received. (Concurred & approved)

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On the recommendation of the joint committee on sewers, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:—

Resolutions to construct main drains or common sewers, respectively in

Sewers ordered in Pettis street 232

Pettis street, from Palmer to

Walling streets;

He Pine Street

Also, in Pine street from Beacon to Chestnut streets;

It Transit street

Also, in Transit street from Hope to East streets;

Walling & Nichols St. 232.

Also, in Walling and Nichols streets from West River to Charles streets;

Charles & W. River St.

Also, in Charles and West River streets from Randall Square to Walling street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the

Moving buildings, petitions of

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Edward C. Hale,

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Roscoe Hall,

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Mary Kierman,

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Dennis Morrow,

383

Spicers & Peckham

to move certain buildings; and of

Raising do.

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Thoda H. Wilbur

to raise a certain building, are severally granted, and the accom-

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panying resolutions granting the same, are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Education, a resolution directing the Superintendent of public buildings to place suitable iron columns for the support of the floors, in the school rooms of Thayer and Federal street grammar schools, at a cost not exceeding \$2500, is read and passed.

Thayer & Federal St School houses Iron columns &c

(Concurred & Approved)

C.H. Parkhurst's claim as Actg City Solicitor

377. 404.

The joint committee on claims to whom at the last meeting was referred & with instructions the resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst \$1250. in full compensation for general retainer and professional services as acting City Solicitor during the months of June and July 1874, make report which is received and recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles H. Parkhurst the sum of Fourteen hundred & Fifty dollars in full compensation for his professional services as acting City Solicitor to date and take his receipt

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On the recommendation of the joint committee on sewers, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:—

Resolutions to construct main drains

Sewers ordered or common sewers, respectively in

Peltis street
232

Peltis street, from Palmer to Walling streets;

He Pine street.

Also, in Pine street from Beacon to Chestnut streets;

To Transit street.

Also, in Transit street from Hope to East streets;

Walling & Nichols St.
232.

Also, in Walling and Nichols streets from West River to Charles streets;

Charles & W. River St.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

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(Concurred & Approved)

Thayer & Federal St
School houses
Iron columns &c

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Education, a resolution directing the Superintendent of public buildings to place suitable iron columns for the support of the floors, in the school rooms of Thayer and Federal street grammar schools, at a cost not exceeding \$2500, is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

C.H. Parkhurst's
claim as
Acting City Solicitor

377.

1101.

The joint committee on claims to whom at the last meeting was referred & with instructions the resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst \$1250. in full compensation for general retainer and professional services as acting City Solicitor during the months of June and July 1874, make report which is received and recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved.

That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles H. Parkhurst the sum of Fourteen Hundred & Fifty dollars in full compensation for his professional services as acting City Solicitor to date and take his receipt

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therefor," as a substitute for the one referred.
A motion to recommit is lost.

Said resolution is substituted for the resolution referred, and is amended by substituting the words "eleven hundred and sixty seven dollars;" for the words "fourteen hundred and fifty dollars," (by a vote of 19 to 11); and is still further amended by striking out the words "and take his receipt therefor," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "upon the said Charles H. Parkhurst executing a release and discharge of and from all claims and demands he may have against the City of Providence and all departments and officers thereof for professional services," and as amended, is read and passed.

(Amended)

The president (Mr. Rogers) resigns his position as a member of the joint committee on highways, and appoints Mr Whitcomb to fill the vacancy.

The president tenders his resignation as a member of the joint committee on Parks, which the Council decline to accept, and the resignation is withdrawn.

Mr Whitcomb tenders his resignation

Mr. Whitcomb on
Com. on Highways.

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Mr. Spencer on
Com. on Accounts.

as a member of the joint committee on Accounts, which is accepted, and Mr Spencer is elected by ballot to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Spencer on
Com. on Harbor.

Mr Whitcomb also tenders his resignation as a member of the joint committee on the harbor, which is accepted, and Mr Spencer is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Sellen on Sp.
Com. on Wards.

216.

The president tenders his resignation as a member of the joint special committee on the division of the city into wards, which is accepted, and Mr Sellen is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Resignation withdrawn.

The president also tenders his resignation as a member of the special committee on proposed amendments to the rules of order of the common council, which is not accepted, and is thereupon withdrawn by request of the Council.

Hours of meeting
at 7 1/2 p.m.

It is voted,

that the hour of meeting be hereafter fixed at 7 1/2 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

Adjournment.

Voted.

That when this Council adjourns

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it adjourn until next Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Amanda & D.S. Manry
Claims allowed.

417

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred a petition of Amanda W. and Duly S. Manry for refunding curb stone tax, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the City Treasurer to receive from Amanda W. & Duly S. Manry the sum of \$257⁹³ in full payment for curbing furnished to their estate on Broad street in December 1873 and to abate all penalties which they may have incurred by non-payment of the same: which is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of aldermen are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Maiden Lane.

Resolution requesting the Board of aldermen to declare Maiden Lane, from Potter's Avenue to Mashpaug Pond, a public highway;

Point & Plane street
School House
Appropriation for.

Also, Resolution adding \$25000 to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street School House;

Fire Department

Appropriation

Also, Resolution adding \$6500 to the appropriation for the fire department;

Police Department

Appropriation.

Also, Resolution adding \$15000 to the appropriation for the police department;

Also, Resolution to remove the

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Reservoirs removed. reservoirs from the Engine houses on Harrison street and Doyle Avenue;

Roger Wm. Park.

Appropriation

Also, resolution for continuing the work of improving Roger Williams Park, provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of \$1400, in addition to the sums already applied to that purpose.

(Approved)

Harrison St. Station

Heating apparatus.

374.

The resolution, passed at the last meeting directing the committee on city property to cause the steam heating apparatus in the Harrison street steam station to be put in proper condition, is returned from the Board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment, inserting after the words "steam station" the words "and ward room"; which amendment is read and concurred in.

(Approved)

Mt. Pleasant School

House &c

Furnace & out buildings
500.

A resolution directing the Superintendent of public buildings to place new furnaces in the school house on Mt. Pleasant, and to provide suitable outbuildings for said school at a cost not exceeding \$800, having passed the Board of aldermen, is sent down, read and passed in concurrence with an amendment substituting the words \$1500 for \$800.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Harvard Avenue
Grading of

A draft resolution directing the highway Commissioners to bring Harvard Avenue to the established grade forthwith;

Harvard Avenue
Curbing to
572.

Also, petition of H. B. Aylsworth et al to have curbstones set and gutters paved on Harvard Avenue;

Ring street
Curbing to

Also, petitions of Jos. T. Snow to have set curbstones and pave gutters on Ring Street;

Whelden st.
490

Edward J. Cooney to have for the reception of Whelden street;

Gross street
1191.

Francis Busick to have for the reception of Gross street;

Gallup street.

Lucian Drafu to have property owners and residents on Gallup street to bring Gallup street to the established grade;

Charles street
399

Also, draft resolutions to lay out Charles street from Inceuland street to the North Providence line;

Darling street.

Also, to lay out Darling street from West River street to McKenna street;

Douglas Avenue
399.

Also, to lay out Douglas Avenue from Chalkstone Avenue to the North Providence line;

Smith Street
398.

Also, to lay out Smith street from Chalkstone Avenue to the North Providence line, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

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Support of Poor
Appropriation for.

A communication is received from the overseer of the poor, setting forth the necessity of an additional appropriation for the support of the poor, and a resolution adding \$2500. to the appropriation for the support of the poor is presented, read and passed

(Concurred & Approved)

Re Traverse street.
Com. to confer with appellants.

417.

A resolution for a joint special committee to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with the parties who have claimed jury trials in the matter of widening Traverse street is presented, read and passed, and Messrs Smith, Paine and Parsons are appointed on the part of the Common Council,

(Concurred, Ald. Sweet & Carl added)

(Approved)

Crary & Borden Sts.

Com. to settle with appellants.

405.

A resolution appointing a joint special committee with power to settle with the trustees of the estate of Thomas Rodgers dec'd and such other parties as have claimed jury trials, any claims they may have against the city arising out of the opening of Crary and Borden streets, is presented, read and passed, and Messrs George Barker and Pegrain are appointed

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on the part of the Common Council,
(Ald. Sweet & Earle added)
(Amended)

Angell Street
Sewer in
368.

The resolution ordering a sewer in
Angell street from Hope to Brook streets,
reported by the joint committee on Sewers
on the 27th of July last, and then postponed
till the next meeting, is taken from the
table, read and passed.
(Concurred)
(Approved)

Cove Basin.
Dredging &c.

Resolutions from the board of aldermen,
for dredging the Cove Basin and to hire
\$50,000 therefor, are sent down, read and
referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Col'd Orphan's Shelter.
Loan of desks &c.

A resolution (from the board of
aldermen) to loan school desks and seats
to the Colored orphan's Shelter, is sent
down for concurrence, read and referred
to the joint committee on education.

Isaac M. Potter.
Claim in re Broad St.

A petition of Isaac M. Potter for
reimbursement for land taken in widen-
ing Broad street, is presented, received
and referred to the special committee in
the matter of Broad street.

Sewer in High St.

A petition of Mr. Olney et al for sewer in High
street and a petition of Samuel James to the

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Sewer in South St.

for a sewer in South street between Cuddy
and Plave streets is received and referred
to the joint committee on sewers.

Raising buildings

400

400

400

Moving do.

400

400

Petitions of

J. H. Barter

Wm Hall,

Bernard O'Donnell,

to raise certain buildings; and of
Joseph Hagan,
Fayette Hardenburg,
Wm J. Snyder &c.

to move certain buildings,
are severally received and referred to the
joint committee on the fire department.

Claims of

Ida L. Dunster.

414

John Hanley

James Mc Guire.

415

Wm. A. Potter

412

John Rolley

412

Petitions of

Ida L. Dunster for compensa-
tion for services as teacher in the public
schools for two months; of

John Hanley, and

James Mc Guire,

for damages by overflow of water on
their estates on Lippitt street; of

William A. Potter, for

compensation for injury to horse; of
John Rolley,

for damages by overflow of water
on Plave street,

are severally received and referred
to the joint committee on claims.

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Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, September 7, 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, Pagan, Sellen

J. M. Laddeman,
Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Claims,

Said committee are discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Michael Kelly for compensation for damage by reason of change of grade of Spruce street, and ^{said} petition is referred to the Hon. Board of aldermen.

Michael Kelly

382.

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E. H. Brown.

367.

Said committee to whom on the 27 July last was referred a petition of E. H. Brown for payment of judgment, make report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, the matter having been settled. which report is received, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Walter A. Walling.

3110.

On the recommendation of said committee Resolution to pay Walter A. Walling \$35. compensation for damage to estate at corner of Martin and Charles streets by overflow of sewer;

Francis J. Phillips.

Also, resolution to pay Francis J. Phillips \$53⁵⁰ for damage to estate at corner of Randall and Charles streets by overflow of sewer, are severally read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Teachers Salaries.

Said committee make reports relative to petitions of
Annie F. Freeman,
Alma Rhodes
Sarah A. Simmons
Helen S. Buffinton
E. H. Butler for self & others,
relative to claims for salaries as teachers, which are temporarily laid on the table.

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On the recommendation of the joint
Committee on highways

Asia Street.

361.

Resolution to receive Asia street from
America to Vinton streets;

D Street.

339

Also, resolution to receive D. street
from Leicester to Booth streets, and de-
clare the same public highways,
are severally read and passed.

Concurred,

(Approved)

Lay out of Smith St.

392

Said committee to whom at the last
meeting were referred a resolution, ^{requesting the Ald.} to lay
out Smith street from Chalkstone Avenue to
the North Providence line, report the same
recommended:

A motion to recommit the same with
instructions to report a plat of the same is lost
by the following vote, the ayes and nays
being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, As. Bamaly, Bradford,
Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson
G. A. Johnson, Place, Richard, Spencer,
Sellew & Smith. 14

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Adams, Brown,
Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Gorman, Hamill,
Hunt, Mathewson, Murray, Nolan, Paine,
Parsons, Pegrum, Phillips, Rice, &
Whitcomb. 18.

Said resolution is then amended by

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striking out the words "to lay out" and
substituting the words "to ascertain and
define the lines of", and as amended is
read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Charles street

392

Said committee to whom at the last
meeting were referred draft resolutions
requesting the board of aldermen to lay
out Charles street from Greenland street to
the North Providence line;

Douglas Avenue.

392

Also, to lay out Douglas Avenue from
Chalkstone Avenue to the North Providence line,
report the same recommended, which are
thereupon amended severally by striking
out the words "lay out", and substituting
the words "ascertain and define the lines
of", and, as amended, are severally
read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Branch Avenue.

381.

(Non-concurred)

417

Said committee to whom on the 10th of
August last was referred the resolution
(from the board of aldermen), requesting the
board to lay out Branch Avenue from
North Main street to Douglas Avenue,
make report recommending concurrence therein,
which is thereupon read and passed in con-
currence with an amendment striking out
the words "lay out" and substituting the words
"ascertain and define the lines of," and striking
out the words "as a public highway".

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Sewers ordered
Orange & Dyer Sts.
 On the recommendation of the joint
 Committee on Sewers,
 Resolutions ordering sewers in Orange
 and Dyer streets, from Keybosset to Dorrance
 streets;

Bradford Street
 313.
 Also, in Bradford street from a point
 160 feet south of Howells Avenue to At-
 wells Avenue;

Lockwood Street.
 Also, in Lockwood street from Plane
 to Hospital streets,
 are severally read and passed.
 (Concurred)
 (Approved)

Moving buildings
 395
 395
 On the recommendation of the joint com-
 mitter on the fire department, the petitions of
 Fayette Handenburg
 Mrs. J. Snyder & Co.
 to move certain buildings; and of
 J. W. Barker,
 William Hall,
 Bernard O'Donnell,

Raising (do)
 395
 395
 395.
 to raise certain buildings, are granted, and
 the accompanying resolutions are severally
 read and passed.
 (Concurred)
 (Approved)

Teachers salaries.
 The reports of the joint committee on claims
 relative to petitions of Sarah A. Simmons and
 others are taken from the table.

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Annie F. Freeman
Alma Rhodes.

Said committee to whom were referred a
 petition of Annie F. Freeman, and a claim
 of Alma Rhodes, severally for payments
 of salaries as teachers in the public schools,
 make report, accompanied by opinions of the
 City solicitor, and recommend that the pe-
 titioners and claimant have leave to withdraw,
 which report is received, and it is ordered
 that said Annie F. Freeman have leave to with-
 draw.

Alma Rhodes.

It is moved that so much of said report
 as relates to the said Alma Rhodes be recom-
 mitted with instructions to report a resolution
 for the payment to her of the balance of her
 annual salary, which motion is lost, and
 it is ordered that the petitioners have leave
 to withdraw.

Sarah A. Simmons.

362.

487

Said committee to whom on the 13th of
 July last was referred a claim of Sarah A.
 Simmons for payment of salary as
 teacher in the public schools for July
 and August 1873, make report, accom-
 panied by the opinion of the City Solle-
 ita, in accordance with which opinion
 the committee present a resolution to pay
 said claim, the committee however reserving
 the right to vote their individual opinions,
 which report is received, and said resolution
 is read and passed by the following vote,
 the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

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Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Bradford, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, Parsons, Pegrum, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rickard, & Smith. 16.

Nays

Messrs Ardern, A.J. Bamaby, Brown, Carpenter, Gorman, Hamill, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G.A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Spencer & Whitcomb. 15.

Helen A. Buffinton.

382.

Said committee to whom on the 10th of August last was referred a petition of Helen A. Buffinton, formerly Helen A. Carrigue for payment of salary as teacher for July & August 1873, make report accompanied by the opinion of the city solicitor, in accordance with which opinion, said committee present a resolution for the payment of said petitioners, the members of the committee reserving the right to vote their individual opinions, which report is received and said resolution is passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Ardern, A.J. Bamaby, Bradford, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, Parsons, Pegrum, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rickard, Sellar & Smith. 18.

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Nays

Messrs Brown, Carpenter, Gorman, Hamill, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G.A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Spencer and Whitcomb. 13.

E.H. Cutler et al.

382

Said committee to whom was referred on the 13th of July last, a memorial of E.H. Cutler for himself and the Sept. and teachers in the public schools, asking for remuneration for legal expenses and for interest, make report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: the consideration of which is postponed till the next meeting.

Adjournment.

It is moved, that when the common Council adjourn this day, it adjourn until Monday, September 21. 1874: which motion is adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Ardern, A.J. Bamaby, Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Fenner, Hayward, Hopkins, Mathewson, Parsons, Pegrum, Phillips, Rice, Rickard, Spencer & Sellar 17.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Brown, Cory,

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Gorman, Hamill, Harris, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. Johnson, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Place, Smith & Whitecomb. 15

Chas. H. Parkhurst, acting city solicitor.

387
435
443
453

The resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst \$1167 for services as acting city solicitor, which passed the Common Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board of aldermen with their concurrence with an amendment striking out \$1167 and substituting \$1450: the consideration of which is postponed till the next meeting.

Unconfirmed police

Resolutions (from the Board of aldermen) to pay certain unconfirmed police for duty in August 1874.

Teaching French and Music.

Also, appropriating \$160 for teaching French in the High School, and \$400 for teaching music in the public schools, are severally read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Julian St. 10th Ward.

Fire Station &c. 384.

The resolutions for building a fire station on Julian street, 10th ward, which passed the Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board with amendment striking out \$10,000 and substituting \$8200, which amendment is read and concurred.

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Crary & Borden St. Appellants & 393.

The resolution appointing a committee to settle with Trustees of estate of Thomas Rodgers dec^d and other appellants in the matter of opening Crary and Borden streets, passed at the last meeting of the Council, is returned from the Board with amendments inserting after the word "and" the words "confer with"; and in line 8 inserting the word "upon": which are read and concurred.

(Approved)

Note of adjournment reconsidered.

It is moved, that the vote whereby the Common Council agreed that when it adjourns this day, it will adjourn until Monday September 22nd inst. be reconsidered, which motion prevails by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Brown, Cory, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Harris, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. Johnson, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Phillips & Whitecomb. 15

Nays

Messrs Alanch, Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Hayward, Hopkins, Mathewson, Parsons, Pegram, Rice, Rickard, Spencer, Teller & Smith. 14

Upon said motion to adjourn until Monday, September 21st inst. the ayes and

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may are then ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Bradford, Carpenter, Douglas, Hayward, Hopkins, Mathewson, Parsons, Pegram, Rice, Rickard, Spencer, Tellew & Smith 14

Nays

Mr President, Messrs A. Barnaby, Brown, Cory, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Harris, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Phillips & Whitcomb. 16

Said motion is therefore lost.

It is then voted, that when the Council adjourn it adjourn until Monday evening next.

Adjournment

It is moved, that the Council do now adjourn, which motion is lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs Hunt, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Rickard & Whitcomb 6.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, A. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Parsons, Pegram, Phillips, Rice, Spencer, Tellew & Smith. 24.

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Ordinance

Bridg^e across
Prin^c River.

357.

The bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the erection of a bridge across Princed River'", which passed the Common Council on the 13th of July last, is returned from the Board of Aldermen, with their concurrence therein with amendments (striking out so much as relates to market bridge, which amendments are read and concurred (a motion to postpone till the next meeting being lost.)

(Approved)

Rules not
suspended

The Council refuse to suspend the rules so as to take from the table the ordinance in relation to a board of public works for the purpose of introducing amendments proposed by Mr. Gorman.

Reports received.

The second quarterly report of the Water Commissioners;

Also, of the same on Sewers;

Also, the monthly reports of

The City Treasurer

The City Auditor,

The issue of registered bonds,

The Harbor Master in Dredging,

are severally presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Petitions of

Sewer in Friendship St.

424

E. S. Jackson & others for a sewer on Friendship street from near Richmond to Chestnut streets; and of

Sewer in Fenner St.

406.

J. F. Hendrickson & others for a sewer through Fenner street. all received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Amendments to ordinance relative to city engineer

Resolutions directing the joint committee on ordinances to prepare an amendment to the ordinance providing for the appointment of a city engineer, making it the duty of that officer to prepare a record book for recording locality of stones and other bounds set for defining street lines;

Do.

Also an amendment to said ordinance, requiring said officer to prepare a record book for recording public highways;

Do.

Also, an ordinance providing penalties for removal of stones or other bounds set for defining lines of streets &c. are read and referred to the joint committee on the city engineer's department.

City plats belonging in city engineer's office

A resolution for the appointment of a committee to collect such plats belonging to the city as by ordinance are required to be kept in the office of the city engineer, and place the same in the

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Custody of that officer, is presented, read and passed, and Messrs Cory, Alanick and Brown are appointed on the part of the Common Council.

(Concurred. Ald. Raynesford added.)
(Approved)

Shingles on Catholic Church, Broad St.

A draft resolution that the shingles on the new Catholic church at the corner of Broad and Fenner streets be replaced with slate;

Jos. Hagan

Moving building

Also, a remonstrance of Edward Seave and others against granting petition of Joseph Hagan for moving wooden building from Dye street to Jackson Court;

Watering troughs

on Branch Avenue &c

416

Also, a communication from the Overseer of Pumps and wells, that it is necessary that public watering troughs should be placed at the junction of Branch Avenue and Charles street, at the junction of Manton and Atwell's Avenues and at Eagle Park, all severally received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

John Murphy.

481

A petition of John Murphy for compensation for damage caused by overflow of water on Leiffitt street is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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Vote of adjournment
reconsidered.

The vote whereby the Council agreed to adjourn until next Monday evening is reconsidered by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs Alarick, Bradford, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Gorham, Hayward, Hopkins, Melherson, Parsons, Pegrum, Rice, Rickard, Spencer, & Tellew. 15.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Brown, Fenner, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Maury, Nolan, Paine, Phillips, Smith and Whitcomb. 12.

Motions to adjourn for one week with amendments severally for three and four weeks are made, and the last named amendment is laid on the table. A motion that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn for two weeks, is adopted.

Board of Public Works.

312

426

The bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to the Board of Public Works" is taken from the table under a suspension of the rules, and certain amendments offered by Mr Gorham are referred with said bill to the joint committee on ordinances, with leave to report in print such amendments as are recommended by them.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 12.20 A.M.) adjourn until Monday, September 21. 1874 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barber, J. B. Barnaby, Butterworth, Eaton, Grege, Murray, Nichols & Pettis. 7.
M. Addenbury
Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the Chair, and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Appropriation

Bill.

478.

The joint committee on finances report in print a bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. A.D. 1875," which is temporarily laid on the table; subsequently the same is taken from the table, read and on page two, the appropriation for the Lamp department is amended so as to read as follows, viz:—

"In the Lamp department, including the salary of a superintendent of lights, to be elected by the city Council, one hundred and forty thousand dollars, provided that the same shall be expended under the direction of a joint standing committee of the city council."

Upon the question of adopting said amendment, the ayes and nays are ordered

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Vote of adjournment
reconsidered.

The vote whereby the Council agreed to adjourn until next Monday evening is reconsidered by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Bradford, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Gorman, Hayward, Hopkins, Matherson, Parsons, Peggan, Rice, Richard, Spencer, & Tellew. 15.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs A. J. Bamaby, Brown, Fenner, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Maury, Tolan, Paine, Phillips, Smith and Whitcomb. 12.

Motions to adjourn for one week with amendments serially for three and four weeks are made, and the last named amendment is laid on the table. A motion that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn for two weeks, is adopted.

The bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to the Board of Public Works" is taken from the table under a suspension of the rules, and certain amendments offered by Mr Gorman are referred with said bill to the joint committee on ordinances, with leave to report in print such amendments as are recommended by them.

The Common Council (at 12.30 A.M.) adjourn until Monday, September 21. 1874 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Banks, J. B. Bamaby, Butterworth, Eaton, Greys, Murray, Nichols & Tellew. 7.

M. Addemaury
Clerk.

Board of Public Works.

317.

426.

Adjourn.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Appropriation

Bill.

478.

The joint committee on finance reports in print a bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. A.D. 1875," which is temporarily laid on the table; subsequently the same is taken from the table, read and on page two, the appropriation for the Lamp department is amended so as to read as follows, viz:—

"For the Lamp department, including the salary of a superintendent of lights, to be elected by the city Council, one hundred and forty thousand dollars, provided that the same shall be expended under the direction of a joint standing committee of the city council."

Upon the question of adopting said amendment, the ayes and nays are ordered

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with the following result, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Arden, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Buttrick, Carpenter, Cony, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, Gorman, Greene, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mowry, Murray, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Rice, Richard, Spencer, Sellen, Smith & Whiteout.

34

Nays

Mr Pettis

1.

Said amendment therefore prevails and the ordinance as amended is thereupon read and passed.

(Amended)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:-

Claims allowed.

John Rolley.

395.

Resolution to pay John Rolley \$100. in full compensation for damage sustained by overflow of his premises on Plane street;

(Concurred & approved)

Wm. A. Potter.

395.

Also, Resolution to pay William A. Potter \$175. in full compensation for injuries to horse caused by defect in bridge at foot of Park street;

(Concurred & approved)

Maturin R. Capron.

Also, Resolution to pay Maturin R. Capron \$300 in full for all damage sus-

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tained by reason of obstructions in Martin street causing the overflow of his premises;

(Concurred & approved)

Hattie C. Baker.

382.

Also, Resolution to pay to Hattie C. Baker (formerly Hattie C. Nightman) \$100. in payment of her services as a teacher in the Federal Street Grammar school during the months of July and August 1873;

(Table 13. a. c. 4)

Thos. P. Cole et ux.

Also (upon the petition of Thomas P. Cole & wife for compensation for damages caused by excavating Richardson street) Resolutions directing the highway commissioners to purchase of Thomas P. Cole & wife at a price not to exceed \$9550 a certain parcel of land with all the building and improvements thereon, situated on the northwly side of Richardson street, containing 12500 square feet, to be charged to the appropriation for gravel lands, and adding the sum of \$10000 to the appropriation for gravel lands, the city treasurer being authorized to hire the same.

(Concurred & approved)

Patrick Costigan.

382.

Said Committee to whom on the 11th of August last was referred a petition of Patrick Costigan for compensation for injuries sustained by him during the quelling of riot on Jones street June 14. 1874;

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Ida I. Dunster
395 and on the 31st of August last a petition of Ida L. Dunster for compensation for services as teacher in the public schools, make reports and recommend that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw: which reports are received and said recommendations adopted.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Highways,

Lippitt Street
Proceedings discontinued
381 The resolution (from the board of aldermen) to discontinue proceedings in the matter of Lippitt street, referred on the 10th of August last, is read and passed in concurrence.

Lippitt Street
Lay out of
242. Also, a resolution (reported by said committee, that it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Lippitt street forty five feet wide from Camp street to both Main street, and directing the city solicitor to make application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, are read and passed.

(Amended)

City Hall.
Report of committee
Plans & estimates.
242. Under a suspension of the rules, the joint special committee appointed March 26, 1874, to advertise for plans, with approximate estimates of cost of a city hall, to be built on the city hall lot, so called, bounded by

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Sorranee, Washington, Eddy & Fulton streets, submit a partial report, recommending the plans with the device a "blue seal" to which they award the first premium (\$1000), and awarding the 2^d premium (\$500) to the plans bearing the device a "Maltese Cross," and the third premium (\$300) to the plans with the motto "Fiat." The committee recommend for adoption the first named plans as modified under their direction, and also the accompanying resolutions providing for the election by concurrent vote of three taxpayers of this city as a commission to build a city hall on the city hall lot, so called, in accordance with the plans presented by said committee with their report: which report is received.

A recess is taken, during which the architect of the first named plans, Mr Samuel J. F. Thayer of Boston, explains the same.

After the recess, it is ordered that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next meeting, at which time it shall be made the special order, and that the clerk be instructed to cause said resolution and documents to be printed, and forwarded to the members of the council as soon as printed.

Voted. That when the Common Council

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adjourn this day, it adjourn until Monday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock.

City Hall Plans
Exhibition of.

Resolved.

That the committee on City Hall are hereby directed to place on public exhibition the plans upon which they have awarded premiums and also any modifications they may have made of any such plans.

Sewers ordered

On recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers,

Beneficial & Benefit St.

455.

Resolution ordering sewer in Beneficial and Benefit streets from Brown to College street;

Fenner Street

408.

Also, resolution ordering sewer in Fenner street from Broad to High streets, are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pumps & Wells

10th Ward.

409.

On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the resolution (referred to them at the last meeting) authorizing the construction of wells for drinking purposes at the junction of Branch Avenue and Charles streets; at the junction of Manton Avenue and Atwells Avenue, and at Eagle Park, is read and passed.

(Table. C. 1st.)

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Traverse Street

Report of committee to confer with abpts.

393.

The joint special committee to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with the parties claiming a jury trial in the matter of widening Traverse street, submit their report, recommending no further action in the premises: which report is received, and said committee is discharged from further consideration of the subject.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Branch Avenue

Lay out of

Resolution (from the board of aldermen) to lay out Branch Avenue from South Main Street to Douglas Avenue as near as may be fifty feet wide and following the present bounds of said Avenue.

Do.

399.

572.

Also, the non-concurrence of the board of aldermen in the amendments passed by the Council at the last meeting to the resolution to lay out Branch Avenue, are sent down, read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

A. M. & D. S. Mowry.

390.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay to Amanda M. and Duty S. Mowry \$17²⁹, amount of penalty for non-payment of assessment for curbing within a specified time, is read and passed in concurrence.

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adjourn this day, it adjourn until Monday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock.

City Hall Plans
Exhibition of.

Resolved.

That the committee on City Hall are hereby directed to place on public exhibition the plans upon which they have awarded premiums and also any modifications they may have made of any such plans.

Sewers ordered

On recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers.

Beneficial & Benefit St.

455.

Resolution ordering sewer in Beneficial and Benefit streets from Brown to College street;

Fenner Street

208.

Also, resolution ordering sewer in Fenner street from Broad to High streets, are severally read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Pumps & Wells

10th Ward.

409.

On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the resolution (referred to them at the last meeting) authorizing the construction of wells for drinking purposes at the junction of Branch Avenue and Charles streets; at the junction of Manton Avenue and Howells Avenue, and at Eagle Park, is read and passed.

(Atts. C. Kes.)

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Traverse Street

Report of committee to confer with abtts.

393.

The joint special committee to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with the parties claiming a jury trial in the matter of widening Traverse street, submit their report, recommending no further action in the premises. which report is received, and said committee is discharged from further consideration of the subject.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Branch Avenue

Lay out of

Do.

399.

512.

Resolution (from the Board of aldermen) to lay out Branch Avenue from South Main Street to Douglass Avenue as near as may be fifty feet wide and following the present bounds of said Avenue.

Also, the non-concurrence of the Board of aldermen in the amendments passed by the Council at the last meeting to the resolution to lay out Branch Avenue, are sent down, read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

A. W. & D. S. Mowry.

390.

A resolution from the Board of aldermen, to pay to Amanda W. and Duty S. Mowry \$17²², amount of penalty for non-payment of assessment for curbing within a specified time, is read and passed in concurrence.

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Salaries
Appropriation for. A communication is received from the City Auditor representing that the appropriation for salaries has been overdrawn upon orders of the city council, and the accompanying resolution adding \$100. to said appropriation, to be transferred from the reserved fund, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Police department.
Appropriation for. A communication is received from the City Auditor representing that the appropriation for the police department is exhausted, and the accompanying resolution adding the sum of \$1362⁵⁰ to the said appropriation to be transferred from the reserved fund, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sewers.
Appropriation for. The joint committee on sewers report in print that the appropriation for sewers is exhausted, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution adding the sum of \$100,000 to the appropriation for sewerage, and authorizing the City Treasurer to hire the same: which resolution is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A draft resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to provide suitable ar-

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Williams street
Removal of surface water. 482
rangements to take the surface water from Williams street near the Children's Survey is presented, read and referred to the joint Committee on Highways.

Prov. Water Works
Appropriation 423
A communication from the Water Commissioners asking for an additional appropriation of \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works is received and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Benefit St. Sewer

Extension of.

Resolved,
That the water Commissioners be hereby directed to continue northward to the summit in Benefit street the sewer ordered by the city Council to be constructed in said street between Charles Field and Power streets.

(Concurred & Approved)

Steamer No. 3.

Temporary accommodations for.

A resolution directing the committee on the fire department to hire temporary accommodations for Steamer No. 3 on Broad street is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Bridge across River

Appropriation for.

427

A resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the purpose of building a bridge across Providence River from Westport bridge to Crawford street and directing the City Treasurer to hire the same and

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place it to the credit of the commissioners elected to build said bridge is presented, read and passed.

(Amended)

Fire Department
to be represented in
Convention at
St. Louis.

A communication is received from the joint committee on the fire department, recommending that this city be represented in the convention of chief officers of fire departments of the United States, to meet in St. Louis, October 5. 1874, and the accompanying resolution authorizing the Chief and one member of the committee on the fire department to attend and represent this city in said convention, and that their travelling expenses not to exceed the sum of \$300. be paid out of the appropriation for the fire department, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Sever in Atwell's Ave.
2140.

Petitions of Jos. B. Chace tothrus for sewer in Atwell's Avenue from Bourne to Aborn streets; of

Sever in Courtland St.

F. M. Ballou tothrus for sewer in Courtland street from High to Groce streets; of

Sever in Pine St.
2111

S. W. Nickerson tothrus to extend the sewer in Pine street towards Stewart street; of

Sever in Richmond St.

C. Dalrymple tothrus for sewer in Richmond street from Elm to Point streets,

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are severally received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Resolved.

Sight of Lights &
Ordinance relative to.

That the committee on ordinances be and they are hereby directed to prepare and report an ordinance establishing the office of Superintendent of Lights and providing for the expenditure of the appropriation for the lamp department under the direction of a joint committee on Lamps.

Hardenberg street
Curbing &c.

A petition of William Ralston tothrus to pare gutters and set curb stones on Hardenberg street is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Harriet Chace
Claim for damages.
523.

A petition of Harriet Chace for compensation for damage to her estate on Lexington street arising from a sewer, is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Raising buildings.
425
451
425

Petitions of

Edward P. Knowles
Edmund Choulton
Peter C. Taylor
to raise certain buildings, and of
Benjamin Davis
Henry L. Norris

Moving do.
425
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Moving buildings.
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425.

William H. Stevens,
Peter C. Taylor.

To move certain buildings, as severally received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Ord. relating to Harbor

Cove Basin

An Ordinance relating to the Harbor, and a resolution to dredge the Cove Basin, are taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on the Harbor.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, September 28. 1874 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Mathewson & Pegrum 2.

A. Addemare
Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the Chair, and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

(Mr Paine in the chair)

Water Works

Appropriation

419

On the recommendation of the joint Committee on finance, a resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, and directing the City Treasurer to hire the same, is read and passed.

Highway Dept.

Payment of employes.

The joint committee on Highways report a resolution appropriating the sum of \$20,000 to pay the employes of the Highway department, and authorizing the city treasurer to hire the same: which is read and recommitted. Subsequently said committee report the same recommended with an amendment adding the words and that said sum be deducted from the appropriation for highways for the year ending September 30. 1875: which resolution, as amended, is read and passed.

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Gravel Land on
Ridge & Gesler Sts.
450

Said committee report a resolutions for the purchase of gravel land on Ridge and Gesler streets, and adding the sum of \$16500. to the appropriation for gravel lands: which are read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Newton Street
Curbing on

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Dennis Sullivan & others (in town of Aldermen) for curbing of Newton street. report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is received and said recommendation is adopted.

Wood street
Curbing &c.

Said committee on the petition of J. D. Phelan (Place et al.) report a resolution directing the highway commissioners to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Wood street from Parade to Messer streets, which is read and passed.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers,

Sewer in Friendship St.
408.

Resolution to construct sewer in Friendship street from Chestnut street to the present drain in Friendship street above Richmond street;

Sewer in West River St.
431

Also, resolution to construct sewer in West River street from a point about 65 ft. north easterly from Walling street to Walling street.

are severally read and passed.

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Plaine Street
Sewer & curbing.

Said committee to whom was referred by the board of aldermen, a petition of J. P. Eddy, trustee et al for sewer in Plaine street, and curbing of Plaine street, make report recommending that so far as relates to said sewer the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and that so much of the petition as relates to highways be referred to the committee on highways: which report is received, the joint committee on sewers discharged from further consideration thereof, and said petition is referred to the joint committee on highways.

Raising buildings
421

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, petitions of Edward P. Knowles, Peter C. Taylor

Moving (do)
421

to raise certain buildings; and of Benjamin Davis, Henry L. Morris, William H. Stevens, Peter C. Taylor

422
422

to move certain buildings, are granted and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

Cove Basin.
Time to report on.

The joint committee on the harbor request an extension of time to report on the subject of dredging the Cove Basin

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until the report of the U. S. Coast Survey on the Harbor is completed, which request is granted.

Hour of adjournment.

341

The joint committee on Ordinances to whom on the 22^d of June last was referred a draft resolution fixing the hour of adjournment of the meetings of the Common Council at not later than 10^h o'clock p.m. report the same without recommendation: which resolution is read and not passed.

Index to Records of Common Council.

101.

Said committee to whom was referred a message of the Mayor dated Sept 8. 1873, relative to indexing the records of the Common Council prior to the election of the present clerk, make report recommending the accompanying resolution directing the Clerk of the Common Council to cause an index to be made to each volume of the records of the Common Council which is now without an index: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

Ordinance relative to

Board of Public Works.

410.

The bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to the Board of public works", which was recommended to the joint committee on ordinances, on the 7th inst. is reported back by said committee with certain amendments in print: the consideration of which is postponed until the next meeting.

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Ord. Streets re

Ord. Standing Rules.

Said committee to whom on the 14th of October 1872 was referred a bill (from the board of aldermen) entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance in relation to streets and highways'; and, also, on the 20th of January 1873, a bill entitled "An ordinance relating to Standing Rules", report adversely thereon, and said bills are indefinitely postponed.

Ordinance

Joint St. Committee.

A bill entitled "An ordinance relating to joint standing committees of the City Council" having passed the board of aldermen, is sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Police Department

Purchase of horses.

354.

A resolution directing the Chief of Police to purchase two horses for the police department and appropriating the sum of \$500, therefor, from the appropriation for police, having passed the board of aldermen, is sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Bridge across Pom. River

Appropriation for.

419.

The resolution appropriating \$1000 for the construction of a bridge across Providence river, passed at the last meeting of the Council is returned with the concurrence of the board of aldermen, therein with

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until the report of the U. S. Coast Survey on the Harbor is completed, which request is granted.

Hour of adjournment.

3:41

The joint committee on Ordinances to whom on the 22^d of June last was referred a draft resolution fixing the hour of adjournment of the meetings of the Common Council at not later than 10^o o'clock p.m. report the same without recommendation: which resolution is read and not passed.

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Indef. postponed

Ord. Streets &c

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Bridge across Prov. River

Appropriation for.

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an amendment, striking out so much as places the same to the credit of the commissioners to build said bridge: which amendment is read and concurred in.

Ord. relating to the
Public Lamps.

437

A bill entitled "An ordinance relating to the public lamps," having passed the board of aldermen is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

Appropriation Bill.

411

440

The bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. A.D. 1875" which passed the Common Council at the last meeting; is returned from the board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with amendments, viz:

(1) Strike out the clause relating to the lamp department and substitute the words following: "For the lamp department, including the salary of the superintendent of lights, one hundred and forty thousand dollars."

(2) Amend the appropriation for school houses and lots by striking out the words "ninety thousand and substituting the words "seventy five thousand."

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(3) Amend the appropriation for the city debt by striking out the words "fifty thousand" and substituting the words "sixty five thousand," all of which amendments are severally read and non-concurred.

Charles Street

Lay out of.

572.

A draft resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Charles street as a highway as near as may be following its present travelled way, of a width not exceeding fifty feet from Greenland street to West River and from West River to the line of North Providence is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on highways by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Messrs. French, Arden, Barker, Bradford, Butterworth, Carpenter, Greene, Hayward, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Paive, Pegram, Phillips, Place, Richard, Spencer, Sellow & Smith. 20.

Nays

Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, J. C. Barnaby, Brown, Cory, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Hunt, Nolan, Parsons, Pettis & Rice 14.

A resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Charles street from the

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an amendment, striking out so much as places the same to the credit of the commissioners to build said bridge: which amendment is read and concurred in.

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Charles Street

Lay out of.

372.

A draft resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Charles street as a highway as near as may be following its present travelled way, of a width not exceeding fifty feet from Greenland street to West River and from West River to the line of North Providence is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on highways by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Messrs. Flavin, Arden, Barker, Bradford, Butterworth, Carpenter, Greene, Hayward, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Paive, Pegram, Phillips, Place, Richard, Spencer, Sellar & Smith. 20.

Nays

Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Cory, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Hunt, Nolan, Parsons, Pettis & Rice 14.

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Charles Street
Reception of
old city line to the bridge over West River
and to declare and establish the same to be
a public highway is presented, read and re-
ferred to the joint committee on Highways by
a vote of 16 to 10.

Petitions of

Newton Street
Curbing of.
524.
Dennis Sullivan & others for curbing
of Newton street from Atwells Avenue to
Federal street;

Pine Street
Curbing &c.
450
James Tucker's administrators and
others to set curb and pave gutters on Pine
street between Chestnut and Beacon streets;

Sherburne Street
Reception &c
St. P. B. Carpenter & others that
Sherburne street between Eddy and Plane streets
be received and curbstones set and gutters
paved;

Douglas Avenue
Layout of
513.
Also, resolutions requesting the Board
of aldermen to lay out Douglas Avenue
from Chalkstone Avenue to North Providence
line; and to lay out Smith street from
Chalkstone Avenue to North Providence line,
are severally presented, received and referred
to the joint committee on Highways.

Petitions of

J. Bowers Hazard,
Ambrose N. Whitford

to move certain buildings, are received and re-
ferred to the joint committee on the fire de-
partment. Subsequently said Committee

Moving buildings.

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under a suspension of the rules report the
same recommended, and the accompanying
resolutions are severally read and passed.

Jos. Hagan

Moving building,

On the recommendation of said committee to
whom on the 31st of August last, was referred
a petition of Joseph Hagan for permission to
move a certain wooden building from 281
Dyer street about 15 feet northward, said peti-
tioner has leave to withdraw.

Ezra Hutchins

Damages claimed,

511.

Petition of E. Hutchins for damages to
estate on Richardson street is received and
referred to the joint committee on
Claims.

Sewer in Angell St

Petitions of S. M. Lewis for sewer in
Angell street from Ives street to Arlington
Avenue; of

Sewer in West River St.

424

John Mc Caron for continuation
of sewer on West River street;
are received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on sewers.

City Hall.

435.

The Special order, viz: the resolutions
appointing a commission of other taxpayers
of the city of Providence to build a City Hall,
upon the City Hall lot, so called, in ac-
cordance with the plans recommended
by the committee on City hall plans,

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City Hall.

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is taken from the table.

Resolutions (offered by Mr. Alarick) as a substitute for those reported by said committee, directing said committee to procure complete detailed plans, working drawings and specifications for a city hall, to be erected on the city hall lot, so-called, which plans and specifications shall be presented to the city council for their approval, and appropriating thousand dollars therefor, and providing for detailed estimates of cost, are read and rejected.

A motion to postpone the consideration of the subject until the next meeting is rejected.

A motion (offered by Mr. Eaton) to amend the first resolution reported by the committee by striking out all after the words "elevations"; and insert the words "bearing the signature 'Fiat', to which was awarded the third premium as amended by the estimates of Messrs. Morse & Child for fire proof basement and all over and under the record and transfer rooms"; is lost.

An amendment offered by Mr. Alarick, adding to the first resolution the words "provided that said commissioners shall present to the city council for their approval detailed plans and specifications for said

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work and any alterations which they may recommend to said plans," is rejected.

An amendment (offered by Mr. Rickard) to strike out all after "Resolved" and insert the words "that the subject of the building of a city hall be referred to the taxpayers at the next municipal election in November," is rejected.

The resolutions reported by the joint special committee are (after a long discussion) read and passed by the following vote: the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Mr. President, Messrs. Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, Gorman, Greene, Hamill, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paive, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips, Rice, Sellar & Smith, Spencer.

Nays

Messrs. Alarick, Arden, Hayward, F. Johnson, Rickard & Spencer. 6.

(Concurred)

(Retired)

Resolved.

That the commission appointed to build a city hall, be and they are hereby requested to report to the

Commission on City Hall to report modifications of plans.

435.

436.

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City Council, from time to time, such modifications in the details of the City Hall plans, as they may deem required by the interests of the city.

(Concurred)

(Vetted)

City's Real Estate

Resolved.

That the joint committee upon city property be instructed to ascertain and report to the city council what lots or parcels of real estate are the property or claimed to be the property of the city of Providence, and how, by whom, and under what terms and conditions the several lots or parcels are occupied.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 11.45 p.m.) adjourn until Monday evening next, October 5. 1874 at 7 o'clock.

Present - all the members except
Aepus Harris, Hopkins, Mathewson &
Mowry.

J. M. Liddeman
Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Record read

Mayor's Message

Dredging Harbor

439.

A message is received from the Mayor recommending the dredging of the harbor between Keybosset bridge and Crawford street before driving the piles of the new bridge and also the removal of the deposit under Keybosset bridge: which is read and referred to the joint committee on the harbor.

Mayor's Veto

City Hall.

431.

433.

A message of the Mayor vetoing the resolutions for a commission to build a City Hall on the City Hall lot, so called, and the resolution requesting said commission to report such modifications as they may deem required by the interests of the city, is received and temporarily laid on the table.

431.

Subsequently said message is taken from the table, and the resolutions (No. 974) for a commission to build a City Hall, are read and passed, the Mayor's objections to

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the contrary notwithstanding, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes.

Mr President Rogers, Messrs Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Greene, Hamill, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Rice, Sellow, Smith & Whitcomb.

30.

Nays

Messrs Aldrich, Aderm, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Mathewson, Rickard & Spencer. 8
(Concurred.)

City Hall Comis
to report modification
of city hall plans.

433.

Said resolution requesting the commission to build a City Hall to report such modifications in the details of the City Hall plans, as they may deem required by the interests of the city, is also read and passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes.

Mr President Rogers, Messrs Aldrich, Aderm, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Greene, Hamill, Hayward, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips, Place,

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Rice, Rickard, Spencer, Sellow, Smith & Whitcomb. 38.

Nays

None.

(Concurred)

0.

Stephen A. Cooke, Jr
Asst City Solicitor.

The joint committee on ordinances submit a communication from the City Solicitor stating that he has appointed Stephen A. Cooke Jr. as Assistant City Solicitor, and requesting the approval of said committee; the committee report that they have granted the same: which report is received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance relating
to
Public Lamps.

1128.
1148.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the bill (from the board of aldermen) entitled "An ordinance relating to the public lamps"; make report recommending concurrence therein with an amendment substituting for section 3, a section providing that the Superintendent of Lights shall be annually elected by the city council, whose duties shall be such as the board of aldermen may prescribe: which report is received and said ordinance is read and concurred in with said amendment.

Subsequently the same is returned from the board of aldermen with their

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non-concurrence in said amendment.

The Common Council insist on their amendment, ask for a committee of conference and appoint Messrs Aldrich, A.J. Barnaby and Douglas conferees on their part.

The board agree to the conference and appoint Aldermen Clarke, Daboll and Raynsford, conferees.

James Healey.

217.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to pay James Healey \$40. in full compensation for damage to fence on Gesler and Knight streets is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

C.H. Parkhurst

Rule not suspended.

211.

The Council refuse to suspend the rules so as to take from the table the resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst for services as acting City Solicitor by a vote of 15 ayes to 9 nays (not two thirds).

Florence Street

Lay out of

369.

450.

The joint committee on highways, to whom on the 27 of July last was referred a petition of the inhabitants of Florence street, 10th ward, to extend said street to Manton Avenue, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Florence street from Rosenth to Malden street, and Malden street from Florence street to

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Manton Avenue: which is read and re-committed with instructions to report resolutions for opening the same under the new highway act, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Ardern, Parker, J.B. Barnaby, Butterworth, Carpenter, Douglas, Greene, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Moory, Paine, Parsons, Place, Rickard, Spencer, Sillett Smith & Bradford 20.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs A.J. Barnaby, Brown, Cory, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Hunt, G.A. Johnson, Matherson, Murray, Nolan, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips, Rice & Whitcomb. 17.

Dredging harbor for new bridge.

435.

Under a suspension of the rules, the joint committee on the harbor to whom was referred this day, the Mayor's message relative to dredging the harbor, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions directing the committee on the harbor to cause that portion of the harbor between Heybosset bridge and Crawford street to be dredged to a proper depth before any piles are driven for the new bridge, and to cause the deposits under Heybosset bridge to be removed, and appropriating \$2000. therefor, to be charged to the appropriation for the bridge

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across Providence River: which report is received and said resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation Bill.

428.

446.

The bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30, 1875", passed by this Council on the 21st ult., concurred in by the board with amendments on the 24th ult. and in which amendments the Council at the last meeting non-concurred, is returned from the board who recede from amendments numbered 2. and 3. and insist on amendment No. 1.

The Common Council now insist on their non-concurrence in amendment No. 1; ask for a committee of conference and appoint Messrs Aldrich, A. J. Barnaby and Douglas as conferees on their part.

The board agree to the conference and appoint Aldermen Clarke, Raymond and Daboll conferees.

Sewers ordered in

Arnold Street
340.

Atwell's Avenue
420

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers,

Resolution to construct sewer in Arnold Street from Hope to Brook streets,

Also, resolution to construct sewer in Atwell's Avenue and Aborn streets from Beacon & Fountain streets;

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Sewer in Pine St.

420.

Also, resolution to construct sewer in Pine street from Beacon street to near Seckell street,

are severally read and passed

(Concurred & approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on education,

Rebecca Chase

345.

Assistant Teacher

High School.

Resolution to pay Rebecca Chase \$150. for balance due for services as teacher in the Junior class of girls, High School;

Also, resolution authorizing the school committee to expend not exceeding \$200 during the present municipal year for an assistant teacher in the English Department in the High School,

are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Hall for Music.

Said committee report with recommendation a resolution authorizing the school committee to expend not exceeding \$100. for the use of a suitable hall for musical practice during the present school year: which report is received and said resolution is read and not passed by a vote of 12 to 14.

Division into Wards.

216

301.

389.

411

The joint special committee to whom were referred sundry petitions for a re-division of the city into wards, submit their report, recommending that no alterations be made in any of the ward lines: which

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report is read, received and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Sever suspended in Farthing & S. Water Sts.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen) to suspend work in the construction of a sewer in Farthing and South water streets;

Sever ordered in S. Main & Pike Sts.

and ordering a sewer in South Main and Pike streets from Farthing to South water streets;

Unconfirmed police.

Also, resolution to pay unconfirmed police for services in September last; one serially read and concurred.

(Approved)

John Toye.

Com. to settle with.

Also, resolution referring the claim of John Toye for damages caused by the lay out of Traverse street to a joint special committee, consisting of Alderman Sweet of the board and Messrs of the Common Council,

is read and concurred and Messrs Paine, Pettis and Richard added to the committee.

(Approved)

Lippitt street

Lay out of.

414.

The resolutions to lay out and extend Lippitt street from Camp to South Main streets, which passed this Council on the 21st of September last, are returned from the board with their concurrence therein with amendments, which are now read and concurred.

(Approved)

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Mayor to employ Counsel.

450

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) authorizing the Mayor to employ counsel in behalf of the city in cases where the present City Solicitor was counsel against the city, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

City Clerk's Office

Assistance in.

454

A resolution (from the board) authorizing expenditure of \$150. for assistance in office of City Clerk, is referred to the joint committee on finance.

Cargill street

Lay out of.

494

A resolution (from the board) to lay out Cargill street from Carpenter to Fountain streets is referred to the joint committee on highways.

Ord. permitting C.R. Goddard to lay rails.

369

458.

462.

Under a suspension of the rules, the joint committee on railroads report without recommendation a bill entitled "An ordinance permitting Charlotte K. Goddard to lay rails through Clifford street to rear of building upon Orange street"; which is read, ordered printed and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

C.H. Parkhurst.

404.

The Council refuse to take from the table the resolution to pay bill of Charles H. Parkhurst, by a vote of 13 to 17.

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Petitions of

Jackson Court

Edward Pearce & others to declare Jackson Court a public highway; of

Laura Street

Charles S. Boyd & others for reception of Laura street; of

Easton Street

Patrick Donnelly & others to have Easton street, curbed to; of

Asia Street
524

Gen. W. Smith & others for curbing on Asia street; of

Wash Lane

Franklin Foundry & Machine Co. to build wall from Wash Lane; all severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Raising buildings

452

Petitions of

Bernard O'Donnell

452

Michael J. Mc Hugh

456

Thomas Corcoran

to raise certain buildings; and of

Moving 1201

Bernard O'Byrne

456

to move a building, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

J. A. Phillips

Petition of Lewis A. Phillips for

The Broad St.

compensation for extra land taken in widening Broad street from Public street southwards, is received and referred to the joint special committee in the matter of Broad street.

In Convention.

The board of aldermen, being invited to join the Common Council in convention for

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The election of certain city officers, accept the invitation, and the two boards join in Convention for that purpose.

Officers elected.

Certain city constables and constables without power to serve civil process, and magister of colton are elected, after which the two boards separate.

Nancy Greene.
460.

Petitions of Nancy Greene wife of Wm

Henry Greene for payment of curbing; and of

R. B. Wilcox.
481

Randall B. Wilcox for compensation for damage on Hicks street are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Salary Bill.

459.

A resolution requesting the joint committee on finance to report an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the municipal year ending the first Monday in January 1875 is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Reports received.

The Monthly Reports of

The City Auditor,

The City Treasurer,

The Issue of Registered Bonds,

and the quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds, are read and received.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Ninth Ward

Voting Districts in

4461

A petition of Mrs. J. Crossley, C. M. Aldrich and 92 others for the division of the 9th ward into two voting districts, and a bill entitled "An ordinance dividing the Ninth Ward into two voting districts," are received, read and referred to the joint Committee on Ordinances.

Com. of conference

Appropriation Bill

Lamp Ordinance.

437

440

The Committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two boards relating to the appropriation bill, and the Ordinance relating to the Lamp Department, make a verbal report that they have agreed to recommend that the Common Council recede from its non-concurrence in Amendment No. 1. to the Appropriation Bill and concur in said amendment; and that the Board of aldermen recede from their non-concurrence in the amendment of the Council to the ordinance relating to the Public Lamps: which report is received.

Appropriation Bill

440

Thereupon the Council recede from their non-concurrence in amendment No. 1. to the Appropriation Bill and concur with the board in the passage thereof.

(Approved)

Public Lamps

437

The bill entitled "An ordinance relating to the public Lamps" is received from the Board of aldermen, who recede from their non-concurrence in the amendment of the Common Council and concur in the passage thereof.

(Approved)

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City indebtedness.

Sept. 30. 1874.

449

Adjourn.

A resolution requesting the City Auditor to furnish statement of the indebtedness of the city at the close of business on the 30th day of September 1874, is presented, read and pending the consideration thereof the Common Council by the following vote

viz:

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Arden, A. J. Barnaby, Bradford, Brown, Bullenworth, Carpenter, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson, Mowry, Nolan, Paine, Rice, Rickard.

17

Nays

Messrs Aldrich, Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Cory, Douglas, Greene, Hayward, Hoptkinds, F. Johnson, Pepram, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Spencer, Smith & Whitcomb.

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adjourn until Thursday evening next, October 8th 1874 at 5 o'clock.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Eaton & Harris

2.

J. M. Laddemary
Clerk.

11.30 p.m.

(over)

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Appendix

Mayor's Veto
City Hall.

Message of the Mayor vetoing Resolutions relative
to building a City Hall, on the City Hall Lot, (see also 449)

MAYOR'S VETO.
City of Providence, Oct. 5, 1874.
Gentlemen of the Common Council:
The resolutions numbered 774 and 776 which passed the Common Council on the 29th ultimo, and were concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 1st inst. I return without my approval.

These resolutions authorize a commission of three persons to be hereafter selected by concurrent vote of the two branches of the City Council, to build a City Hall upon the lot bounded by Deane, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, in accordance with plans and elevations recommended by the Joint Special Committee on City Hall Plans.

The commission are to report their doings to the City Council, and also any modifications of the plans which they may deem expedient.

Three things strike me as very singular in connection with these resolutions:

First—That a building of the importance and heavy cost of the one proposed should be ordered to be built before the interior arrangements have been perfected, and open plans which are sadly defective in this respect.

Second—That this heavy expenditure should be fixed upon, without any provision whatever for the payment thereof, and

Third—That with the large number and variety of expensive public improvements now in process, many of which have been ordered during the annual term of office of the present City Council, this large work should be undertaken within six weeks of the time fixed for the election of a new City Government.

The interior plans require a more careful consideration than they have as yet received, and if the present City Council will not give that attention to the details of this work which is demanded, then it must devolve on our successors to remedy, as far as practicable, this negligence as greatly increased cost.

I do not in this connection refer to the uses proposed for the various rooms, as marked upon the plans submitted, but I refer to the size and arrangement of these rooms, and to details which could be and should be altered and thereby improved.

The foundation walls cannot properly be commenced until the interior plans are fully determined upon.

In the debate which occurred in the Common Council upon the report of the committee, the chairman is reported as declaring as the policy of the committee, "that the intelligence and knowledge in affairs of this kind, i. e. the erection of public structures of a member of the Common Council could not be avoided, or because of his known opposition to the erection of a city hall."

Such, indeed, seemed to be the policy of the committee, but it is a matter of surprise that it should have been publicly avowed, although an examination of the plans will give ample evidence of the fact.

If a majority of the City Council have determined to order a city hall to be built, they should not be guilty of the folly of refusing to obtain from any source whatever, a criticism of the plans adopted by their committee before the final vote is taken.

There is sufficient time previous to the expiration of the term of office of the present City Council to perfect these plans, and then an intelligent vote can be given thereon.

The building proposed to be erected will require at least two years to complete it, and is intended to last for generations. The work of preparing specifications, and all the preliminary steps preceding so great an undertaking, will of necessity consume so much time that little if anything can be done in the actual laying of the foundations before winter sets in.

As a large majority of both branches of the City Council have recorded their votes in favor of the project, would it not be well to delay the final vote until after the municipal election, which occurs less than six weeks hence?

In the meantime, the plans can be perfected, working drawings can be ordered, and the specifications put in proper form to receive the proposals of builders.

If the tax-payers of this city, by whom alone the members of the two branches of the City Council are elected, and who are to bear the burden of this measure, shall by a reflection endorse the action of the majority, then there can be no longer an excuse for delaying the proposed work, as a chief executive, who is chosen by a larger constituency, would hardly deem it to be his duty to oppose the expressed will of the tax-payers.

The resolution requiring the commissioners to report modifications of the plans is an acknowledgment by the City Council of their imperfection, and is delegating to three men, a responsibility which primarily devolves upon the members of the City Council.

Such a structure, arranged with reference to the wants of the various departments, without the lofty stories and architectural display of the plan proposed, would answer for half a century, and the only could indeed be commended, on the ground of conservatism and economy.

A building on the location in question will be surrounded on three sides by other buildings, and the great fire of Chicago and Boston have shown that granite is one of the poorest building materials that can be used to resist fire.

Is there such an urgent necessity for a city hall that in our present financial condition we are warranted in proceeding with the expense and magnificent work proposed by the committee?

This question each member of the City Council should carefully consider before he records a vote in haste, which he may hereafter repent of at leisure.

For the next three or four years the floating debt of this city, which must be carried by temporary loans, will range from two millions to three millions of dollars. The expenditures for which these loans are to be made of such character that they cannot properly be converted into a funded debt.

Experience has proved that in a close money market, the city, if a large borrower, must pay for its money the current rate, and that money lenders regard its notes, when in the brokers' hands, as but little better, if any, than first class business paper.

Is there a member of the City Council who believes that this large sum, which must be carried as a floating debt, can be obtained at an average rate of interest of even eight per cent?

Is it wise, then, to add three-quarters of a million dollars to the prospective debt of the city, until permission has first been obtained from the General Assembly to fund so much as may be needed for the City Hall?

Is it not our duty to make arrangements to issue bonds for the amount needed, before the contracts are given out, rather than attempt to sell the bonds when the money is required to pay contractors, and then be compelled to submit to any price which lenders may offer?

As it is intended to make a great show on borrowed money, it should be first ascertained how the money proposed to be expended is to be obtained before the display is commenced.

The city is rapidly changing and in a transition state, in consequence of which the City Council has been compelled to extend, widen and straighten streets; to erect school-houses and engine houses; to build water works and sewers; to construct bridges and to carry on other great works, all of which were rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the city, and for which the creation of a floating debt was justifiable, although it might be very burdensome to carry, and even though an unusual rate of interest was paid for the money.

The public welfare demanded that these works should be carried on, and every portion of the city has benefited thereby. If they had not been ordered, the growth of the city would have been checked, and its prosperity materially diminished, but no such necessity can be claimed for a city hall. It should not be built for the next twenty years, no person except the city officials would be seriously inconvenienced, nor would there be any depreciation in the value of property within the city limits. The history of the city for the last twenty years is proof of this.

The building of a city hall has been urged on the plea of economy and convenience, for the reason that the city offices are now located in different buildings, for which the city is paying an enormous rent.

The rents paid by the city for all purposes are less than ten thousand dollars per annum, while the interest on the cost of the proposed building, with the annual payment into the sinking fund, will not be less than sixty thousand dollars per annum. Certainly, there is no economy in placing in the annual tax levy the sum of sixty thousand dollars for rent of city offices instead of ten thousand dollars as at present, and if the expenditure for the proposed building should reach many intelligent tax payers believe it will—of one million dollars, then the amount, which must be included in the tax levy will be nearly one hundred thousand dollars annually.

As to the matter of the public convenience, the offices of the City Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds are in the City Building, five steps above the street, while in the new building they will be thirty steps above the street.

The City Clerk and Municipal Court are in the City Building, twenty-four steps above the street, while the same offices in the new building, will be fifty-nine steps above the street.

The Highway Commissioners and City Engineer have their offices in the second story of Dexter Block, twenty-three steps above the sidewalk, and the same offices are to be located in the third story of the City Hall, eighty-four steps above the sidewalk.

The water department occupy for their offices the second story of Brock's Building, twenty-seven steps above the sidewalk, and they are provided for in the second story of the new City Hall, fifty-nine steps above the sidewalk.

The public are more interested in the location of the above offices than in many of the others, and the new building, when completed, will not, as regards the rooms occupied by these departments, be considered a convenience.

An elevator is to be placed in the building, but it will not more furnish accommodation for the hundreds of people who visit the offices referred to, than one passenger car will answer for the business of either of the railroads out of this city.

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In Common Council- October 8, 1874

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment—the president in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read,

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City's indebtedness,

Sept. 30, 1874

447

477

The resolution requesting the City Auditor to furnish a statement of the indebtedness of the city at the close of business on the 30th day of September 1874, which was pending at the adjournment of the last meeting is taken from the table, and on motion temporarily laid on the table; subsequently taken from the table, read and passed.

City Hall Commis.

Ord. prescribing duties.

Under a suspension of the rules, a bill entitled "An ordinance prescribing the duties of the City Hall Commissioners" is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances, which committee is authorized to sit during the session of the Council. Subsequently said committee report the same, recommended with amendments, which are adopted and said ordinance is amended is read and passed. (Recurring)

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Appendix

Mayor's Veto
City Hall.

Message of the Mayor vetoing Resolutions relative
to building a City Hall, on the City Hall Lot

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Oct. 5, 1874.
Gentlemen of the Common Council:
The resolutions numbered 714 and 970 which passed the Common Council on the 28th ultimo, and were concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 1st inst. I return without my approval.

These resolutions authorize a commission of three persons, to be hereafter selected by concurrent vote of the two branches of the City Council, to build a City Hall upon the estate bounded by Doxance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, in accordance with plans and elevations recommended by the Joint Special Committee on City Hall Plans.

The commissioners are to report their doings to the City Council, and also any modifications of the plans which they may deem expedient.

Three things strike me as very singular in connection with these resolutions:
First—That the importance and heavy cost of the one proposed should be ordered to be built before the interior arrangements have been perfected, and upon plans which are sadly defective in this respect.

Second—That this heavy expenditure should be fixed upon, without any provision whatever for the payment thereof, and

Third—That with the large number and variety of extensive public improvements now in process, many of which have been ordered during the unusual term of office of the present City Council, this large work should be undertaken within six weeks of the time fixed for the election of a new city government.

The interior plans require a more careful consideration than they have as yet received, and if the present City Council will not do that attention to the details of this work which is demanded, then it must devolve on our successors to remedy, as far as practicable, this negligence at greatly increased cost.

I do not in this connection refer to the uses proposed for the various rooms, as marked upon the plans submitted, but I refer to the elevations and arrangements of these rooms, and to details, which could be and should be altered and thereby improved.

The foundation walls cannot properly be commenced until the interior plans are fully determined upon.

In the debate which occurred in the Common Council upon the report of the committee, the chairman is reported as declaring as the policy of the committee, "that the intelligence and knowledge in affairs of this kind, &c. the credit of the public structures of a member of the Common Council could not be availed of, because of his known opposition to the erection of a city hall."

Such, indeed, seemed to be the policy of the committee, but it is a matter of surprise that it should have been publicly avowed, although an examination of the plans will give ample evidence of the fact.

If a majority of the City Council have determined to order a city hall to be built, they should not be guilty of the folly of refusing to obtain from any source whatever, a criticism of the plans adopted by their committee before the final vote is taken.

There is sufficient time previous to the expiration of the term of office of the present City Council to perfect these plans, and then an insubstantial vote can be given thereon.

The building proposed to be erected will require at least two years to complete it, and is intended to last for generations. The work of preparing specifications, and all the preliminary steps preceding so great an undertaking, will of necessity consume so much time that little if anything can be done in the actual laying of the foundations before winter sets in.

As a large majority of both branches of the City Council have recorded their votes in favor of the project, would it not be well to delay the final vote until after the municipal election, which occurs less than six weeks hence?

In the meantime, the plans can be perfected, working drawings can be ordered, and the specifications put in proper form to receive the proposals of builders.

If the tax-payers of this city, by whom alone the members of the two branches of the City Council are elected, and who are to bear the burden of the action of the majority, then there can be no longer an excuse for delaying the proposed work, as a chief executive, who is chosen by a larger constituency, would hardly deem it to be his duty to oppose the expressed will of the tax-payers.

The resolution requiring the commissioners to report modifications of the plans is an acknowledgment by the City Council of their imperfection, and is delegating to three men a responsibility which primarily devolves upon the members of the City Council.

What is gained by this transfer of power? The commissioners cannot make a contract or drive a pile until the interior plans are perfected. Clearly then no time is saved by the course proposed, but instead a delay will ensue, while communications are passing from one body to the other. Is it really intended that no modification in the plans shall be made, but that the commissioners shall go forward with the work, perfect or imperfect?

If this be the fact, although it may be concealed now, condemnation will eventually follow all engaged in it.

Such a structure, arranged with reference to the wants of the various departments, without the lofty stories and architectural display of the plan reported, would answer for half a century, and the outlay could indeed be commended, on the ground of convenience and economy.

A building on the location in question will be surrounded on three sides by other buildings, and the great fire of Chicago and Boston have shown that granite is one of the poorest building materials that can be used to resist fire.

Is there such an urgent necessity for a city hall that in our present financial condition we are warranted in proceeding with the expensive and insignificant work proposed by the committee?

This question each member of the City Council should carefully consider before he records a vote in favor, which he may hereafter repent or at least regret.

For the next three or four years the floating debt of this city which must be carried by temporary loans, will range from two millions to three millions of dollars. The expenditures for which these loans are to be made are of such a character that they cannot properly be converted into a funded debt.

Experience has proved that in a close money market, the city, if a large borrower, must pay for its money the current rates, and that money lenders regard its notes, when in the brokers' hands, as but "little better, if any, than first class business paper."

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If it should not be built for the next twenty years, no person except the city officials would be seriously inconvenienced, nor would there be any depreciation in the value of property within the city limits. The history of the city for the last twenty years is proof of this.

The building of a city hall has been urged on the plea of economy and convenience, for the reason that the city offices are now located in different buildings, for which the city is paying an annual rent.

The rents paid by the city for all purposes are less than ten thousand dollars per annum, while the interest on the cost of the proposed building, with the annual payment into the sinking fund, will not be less than sixty thousand dollars per annum. Certainly, there is no economy in placing in the annual tax levy the sum of sixty thousand dollars for rent of city offices located in ten thousand dollars as at present, and if the expenditure of the proposed building should reach—as many intelligent tax payers believe it will—the sum of one million dollars, then the amount, which must be included in the tax levy will be nearly one hundred thousand dollars annually.

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The public are more interested in the location of the above offices than in many of the others, and the new building, when completed, will not, as regards the rooms occupied by these departments, be considered a convenience.

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In Common Council - October 8, 1874

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the president in the chair and a quorum present.

Record read, The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City's indebtedness, Sept. 30, 1874. The resolution requesting the City Auditor to furnish statement of the indebtedness of the city at the close of business on the 30th day of September 1874, which was pending at the adjournment of the last meeting is taken from the table, and on motion (unanimously) laid on the table; subsequently taken from the table, read and passed.

City Hall Commis. Under a suspension of the rules, a bill Ord. prescribing duties, entitled "An ordinance prescribing the duties of the City Hall Commissioners" is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances, which committee is authorized to sit during the session of the Council. Subsequently said committee report the same, recommended with amendments, which are adopted and said ordinance as amended is read and passed. (Amended)

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

October 8, 1914

Florence street

Malden street.

438.

The joint committee on highways to whom at the last meeting was recommended a resolution to lay out Florence street with instructions, report without recommendation the accompanying resolutions to layout and extend Florence street of a uniform width of fifty feet from Roswell to Malden streets and to widen Malden street to a uniform width of forty feet from a point near Gay street to Milton Avenue, pursuant to the new highway act, so called: which resolutions are read and passed.

(Unconcerned)

Gravel lands

Ridge & Gesler Sts.

424.

461

Said committee to whom was referred on the 28th of September last a resolution for the purchase of gravel land on Ridge and Gesler streets, report the same ^{with an amendment} recommended; which is read and recommended by a vote of 16 to 11.

Pine Street

Curbing re.

430

On the recommendation of said committee a resolution to set new curbing and to re-pave the gutters on Pine street between Beacon and Chestnut streets, where needed, is read and passed.

(Unconcerned & approved)

Mayor may employ Council.

443.

The joint committee on ordinances to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution from the board of aldermen, authorizing the Mayor to employ counsel to appear for the city.

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in cases pending in the courts wherein the present city solicitor was retained by the opposing parties prior to his election, report recommending concurrence therein: which report is received; a motion to postpone consideration thereof till the next meeting is lost, and said resolution is read and concurred.

(Approved)

Fire Department.

Reports.

The monthly reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for August and September last are severally read and received.

(Unconcerned & approved)

Ed. Charlton

Raising building.

421

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the petition of Edmund Charlton (referred on the 21st of September last), to raise a certain building is granted, and the accompanying resolution read and passed.

(Unconcerned)

In Convention.

Resolved.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention to nominate informally candidates for city hall commissioners.

The foregoing invitation being accepted

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The two boards join in Convention for the purpose stated - the Mayor in the chair.

City Hall Comrs
nominated.

Each board nominates the following named persons as Commissioners to build a City Hall, viz: -

- James Y. Smith,
- George H. Corlies
- William G. R. Mowry.

The two boards separate.

A Common Council. the president in the chair.

City Hall Comrs
elected.

Resolved.

That James Y. Smith, George H. Corlies and William G. R. Mowry are hereby elected on the part of the Common Council Commissioners to build a city hall.

Do.

A resolution is received from the board of aldermen announcing the election on their part of James Y. Smith, George H. Corlies and William G. R. Mowry, as commissioners to build a city hall, whereupon it is Resolved.

That the above named persons be elected commissioners to build a city hall in concurrence.

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Adjournment.

Resolved

That when this Common Council adjourns, it adjourn until Monday evening next at 7 o'clock.

Convention for Ordinances.

Resolved.

That the Mayor and Board of aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention on Monday evening next for the consideration of the revised ordinances.

C.H. Parkhurst.

404

The Common Council refuse to suspend the rules so as to take from the table the resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst, for services as acting city solicitor, by a vote of 14 to 9 (not two thirds).

Joint Committee
on
Lamps.

Alfred Paine, Teltie & Greene are appointed members of the joint standing committee on Lamps on the part of the Council.

(In Board of Aldermen, Ald. Knapp appointed)
(Approved)

Sever on Chapel St.

A petition of the Central Baptist Society for sewer on Chapel Street is received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

First Ward

Voting Districts

479

A petition of John Gorham for two wards to divide the first ward into two voting districts is received and referred to the

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joint committee on Ordinances.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Monday evening next October 12. 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock

Present - all the members, except Messrs Harris, Hayward, Hopkins & Rice. 4.

J. M. Addeeman, Clerk

In Common Council - October 12. 1874

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the president in the chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City Clerk's Office

Assistance in

1143

The joint committee on finance to whom at the last meeting (last one) was referred a resolution (from the board of aldermen) making appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for assistance in the office of the city clerk, make report recommending concurrence with an amendment striking out the words "and fifty". which report is adopted, and said resolution is read and

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Concurred with the foregoing amendments (Concurred & Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are serially read and passed, viz: -

Claims allowed.

John Hanley

395

Resolution to pay John Hanley fifty dollars for damage to his premises on Liffitt Street by overflow of sewer.

(Concurred & Approved)

James Mc Guire.

395

Also, Resolution to pay James Mc Guire one hundred dollars for damage to his estate by overflow of sewer on Liffitt Street.

(Concurred & Approved)

Lewis S. Woodward.

Leave to withdraw.

382.

Said committee to whom on the 10th of August last was referred a claim of Lewis S. Woodward for damages by reason of being run into by City Cart No. 11, make report recommending that the claimant have leave to withdraw: which report is received, and it is ordered that he have leave to withdraw.

Benefit & Benevolent Soc

Sever suspended.

216

Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of A. N. Okie & others for postponement of work on sewer on Benefit and Benevolent streets until next spring is presented received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Said committee report a resolution directing the Water Commissioners to defer

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The construction of the sewer on Benefit and Benevolent shuts from College to Brown shuts until the Spring of 1875, which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint Committee on the fire department, the petitions (referred 5th October inst.) of Bernard O'Byrne to move a building, and of

Thomas Corcoran,
Bernard O'Donnell,
Michael J. McHugh,

to raise certain buildings, are severally granted, and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

A Message is received from the Mayor announcing that the "weigher for the platform scale at the Haymarket" has not paid into the city treasury during the past fiscal year the proportion of fees belonging to the city as required by law, and a resolution (from the board of aldermen) referring the subject matter therein to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon is read and concurred.

(Approved)

Moving building

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Receiving (do)

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Weigher at Haymarket Scales

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A resolution (from the board of aldermen) appropriating \$2000 for the improvement of Roger Williams Park is sent down, read and concurred.

(Approved)

Roger Wms. Park

Appropriation

The College Street

Committee to confer with appellants.

475

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) appointing Aldermen Fisher and Clarke, with Messrs _____ of the Common Council, a committee to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with Marshall Woods & wife, Ann M. B. Hawkins, wife of Rush C. Hawkins of New York, Greenville R. Brown, Carrie M. C. Brown and Anna M. Brown guardian of Nicholas Brown, parties who have claimed jury trials in the matter of widening College street, is sent down, read and concurred and Messrs Paine, Mowry and Bradford added to the committee.

(Approved)

Greenwich Street

Reservoir Ave.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen) for the lay out and widening of Greenwich street and Reservoir Avenue, are sent down for concurrence, read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Francis Street

Woods Avenue.

A petition of George Chatterton & others to declare Francis street and Woods Avenue

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public highways is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Convention on Revised Ordinances.

The two boards join in convention for the consideration of the revised ordinances, which are read in part and the further consideration thereof postponed one week.

Adjournment

It is voted, that when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Monday evening, October 26.

C.K. Goddard.

Laying rails.

443.

The Council refuse to suspend the rules so as to take from the table the ordinance granting to Charlotte K. Goddard permission to lay rails in certain streets by a vote of 10 to 6 (not being two thirds.)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn for want of a quorum until Monday October 26, 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members except Messrs. Harick, Arden, Barker, Harris, Hopkins, Hunt, Pegram & Spencer. 8.

J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

Convention, October 19, @ 7 1/2 p. m. for ordinances

" " " 23 @ 3 1/2 p. m. " "

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Salary Ordinances.

445

463

The joint committee on finance submit in print certain ordinances fixing salaries of the officers of the city for the year ensuing the first Monday in January 1875, which are temporarily laid on the table.

Engine House

City Hall Lot

Sale of

Under the suspension of the rules, - a resolution directing the joint committee on City Property forthwith to sell at public auction the Engine House on the City Hall lot, so called, after giving five days notice of such sale, said building to be removed from said lot within five days of the day of sale, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Hase Co. No. 1.

Recommendations for

Resolved.

That the Superintendent of public buildings acting under the advice and direction of the joint Standing com -

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mitted on City Property be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith procure and fit up temporary accommodations for the apparatus and company of Hose No. one at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

(Concurred)

Maney Greene

Claim for curbing

445.

The joint committee on claims to whom on the 5th inst. was referred a petition of Maney Greene for payment for curbing, make report that the curbing for which payment is sought has been returned to the petitioner by the Highway department, and therewith she is satisfied; which report is received and on the recommendation of the committee the petitioner has been withdrawn.

Jas. Whitaker.

Claim for fence to

Upon the recommendation of said committee, a resolution to pay to James Whitaker the sum of \$47⁰³ in full for all claims growing out of the widening and straightening of Valley street, to be charged to the appropriation for opening streets, is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

The joint committee on highways to whom on the 8th inst. was re-committed the

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Gravel Land

Ridge & Gesler Sts.

450.

resolutions for the purchase of gravel land on Ridge and Gesler streets report the same recommended with amendments, which are adopted, and said resolutions are still further amended by charging the expense (\$14500) to the Reserved fund; and as amended the same are read and not passed by a vote of 15 for to 18 against the passage thereof.

Ninth Ward.

Voting Districts in

446.

479

On the recommendation of the joint committee on ordinances the bill entitled "An ordinance dividing the Ninth ward into two voting districts", referred on the 5th inst., is read and passed.

(Amended)

Doyle Avenue

Grammar School on

375.

The joint committee on education make report that in accordance with the instructions of the City Council they have advertised for plans for a grammar school building on Doyle Avenue, and have awarded the first premium for the best plan received to C. L. Angell Esq. of this city. The committee present the same, and submit the accompanying resolutions, viz:

Resolved

That Messrs
with such as the board of aldermen may

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Boyle Avenue and are hereby appointed a committee
 Grammar School and whose duty it shall be to erect a brick
 grammar school building in accordance
 with the plans of C. W. Angell Esq. which
 plans were submitted to the City Council
 by the committee on education October 26,
 1874, upon the lot owned by the city on
 Boyle Avenue and Bacon streets. Provided
 that the cost of the same shall not exceed
 the sum of seventy five thousand dollars
 which sum or so much thereof as may be
 required for such purpose is hereby ap-
 propriated from the appropriation for
 school houses and lots.

Resolved.

That said committee are hereby
 authorized to report to the city council
 any alterations or modifications which
 they may deem desirable.

The report of the committee is received,
 the foregoing resolutions are read and passed,
 and Messrs Nichols and Greene are
 appointed on the part of the Common Council,
 (the Council refusing by a vote of 9 to 20
 to excuse Mr Nichols.)

Tellie

Under a suspension of the rules, the
 bill entitled "An ordinance permitting
 Charlotte R. Goddard to lay rails through
 Clifford street, to rear of building upon

Charlotte R. Goddard
 may lay rails in streets
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"Orange street" is taken from the table, read
 and passed.

(Amended)

Salary Ordinance

Officers of city.

459

485.

The bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the
 salaries of the officers of the city of Providence
 for the year ensuing the first Monday in
 January A. D. 1875," reported by the joint
 committee on finance is taken from the table.

Upon the clause thereof fixing the salary
 of the Mayor at \$3500, Amendments are
 offered making the same \$3000. and \$4000.

Upon the last named amendment the
 vote is taken by yeas and nays with the
 following result, viz:—

Yeas

Messrs Brown, Gorman, Mowry,
 Pettis and Sellev.

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Nays

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Ardern,
 Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford,
 Buttenuth, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Eaton,
 Fenner, Greene, Hamill, Harris, Hayward,
 Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. T. Johnson,
 Mathewson, Murray, Nichols, Nolan,
 Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Phillips, Place,
 Rice, Richard, Spencer, & Smith.

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Said amendment to fix the Mayor's
 salary at \$4000. is therefore lost.

The question then being called on the

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Salaries of officers. A fore-named amendment to make said salary \$3000, instead of \$3500 - that named in the bill, - the chair rules that the vote should first be taken on the question of fixing said salary at \$3500, that being the largest sum named: which ruling is appealed from and the chair is sustained by a vote of 17 for to 12 against.

Upon the motion to fix said salary at \$3500 the yeas and nays are ordered, and the same is rejected by the following vote, viz:-

Yeas

Meigs Barker, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Buttenuth, Carpenter, Gorman, Hopkins, Mathewson, Mowry, Nichols, Paine, Parsons, Place, Rice, & Sellen. 15.

Nays

The President, Meigs Aldrich, Arden, S. J. Barnaby, Bradford, Cory, Douglas, Eaton, Fenner, Greene, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Nolan, Pegrum, Pettis, Phillips, Rickard, Spencer & Smith. 24.

Said salary is then fixed at \$3000.

An amendment to the clause fixing the salary of the clerk in the Mayor's Office by substituting \$1000. for \$800 is rejected, and the clause is adopted as reported by the Committee.

The clause fixing the salary of the

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Salaries of officers. City clerk is amended by substituting \$2200 for \$2500.

The clause fixing the salary of the City Auditor is amended by substituting \$3000 for \$2500, by a vote of 16 yeas to 16 nays, the president voting aye.

An amendment to increase the salary of the recorder of deeds from \$1500. to \$2000 is rejected.

An amendment to increase the salary of the Chief of Police from \$2000 to \$2400 is rejected by a vote of 10 to 20.

An amendment to increase the salary of the City Engineer by substituting \$3000 for \$2750 is adopted.

An amendment to increase the pay of Warden and Ward Clerks from \$7. to \$10. per day is rejected.

An amendment to the clause fixing the salary of Clerks of boards of canvassers by substituting \$150 for \$100 is adopted, by a vote of 16 to 14.

Said ordinance as reported by the joint committee on finance with the amendment adopted as above named is thereupon read and passed.

(Amended)

Salaries of Police Officers.

The bill entitled An ordinance fixing the salaries of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday

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in January A.D. 1875", reported by the joint committee on finance, is taken from the table, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Salaries of Supt. and teachers of public schools.

485

The bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1875", reported by the joint committee on finance is taken from the table and read.

Amendments are proposed severally to increase the salary of the Superintendent of public schools from \$2500 to \$3000; of the teachers in the classical and English departments from \$2200 to \$2400 each: which amendments are severally rejected.

Several verbal amendments are made, and the bill as amended is thereupon read and passed.

(Amended)

Salaries of officers of Fire Department

485.

The bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and members of the fire department of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1875", reported by the committee on finance is taken from the table, read, amended by increasing the salary of each engineman from \$1100

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to \$1200, and of the driver of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 from \$600 to \$700.

An amendment to increase the salary of each assistant engineman from \$1000 to \$1100 is lost by a vote of 10 to 16.

The bill as amended, is thereupon read and passed.

(Amended)

Adjournment

It is voted.

That when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Monday evening next.

Convention

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention on Monday evening next for the election of certain city officers.

Wm. M. Bailey, Trustee of A. G. Van Landt, Re College St. Com. to confer with

A resolution appointing a joint special committee to confer with William M. Bailey Trustee of Mr. A. G. Van Landt, appellant, in the matter of College street and ascertain upon what terms a settlement can be made, is presented, read and passed and Messrs Paine, Mowry and Bradford appointed on the part of this Council.

Table,

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Fourth Ward

Ward Room for

Resolution directing the committee on City property to consider and report a suitable location for a Ward Room for the Fourth Ward;

Chas. K. Dennis

Lease of Air Lands.

Also, petition of Charles R. Dennis to lease portions of the Core Lands for base ball and cricket grounds, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Eddy street

Resolution directing the Highway commissioners to bring Eddy street to the established grade forthwith from the Railroad bridge to the City line;

Vernon street.

493.

Also, petitions of F. H. Peckham tothrus for curbing and paving on north side of Vernon street from Butley to Vinton streets; of

Sherburne St.

490

L. C. Coory tothrus that Sherburne street from Eddy to Place streets be received and declared a public highway, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Geo. Mc Carron

Grade of Spruce St.

A petition of George Mc Carron relative to change of grade of Spruce street is received and adena communicated to the board of aldermen.

Moving buildings

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Petitions of

Ezra Bisbee,

Randall Buchanan,

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William Carroll

A. B. Rice & Co.

Raising building

for permission to move certain buildings; and of Arthur C. Peavy to raise a building,

are severally received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Emily D. Reynolds

Potter street

481

Petitions of Emily D. Reynolds for extension of time for payment of tax for widening of Potter street; and of

Chas. H. Gladding.

511

Charles A. Gladding for remuneration for damage to sidewalk by regrading of Potter's Avenue, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Sever in Power & Hope Sts

495.

A petition of Hope St. M. E. Church tothrus for sever in Power and Hope streets is received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Square street

Grammar school on

A resolution directing the committee on education to report upon the expediency of erecting a grammar school building upon the lot owned by the city on Square street is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Johnston.

Annexation of portion.

Resolutions for the appointment of three commissioners, to be citizens and taxpayers of the city, for the purpose of

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preparing a map, and of making estimates of the taxable property, public property and indebtedness of that portion of the territory of the town of Johnston proposed to be annexed to this city, are presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Adjourn

The Common Council (at 12 o'clock p.m.) adjourn until Monday, November 2, 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Mr Whitecomb.

M. Laddemare
Clerk!

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Special Meeting

called by the Mayor by his warrant of this date.

Pursuant to said Warrant the members of the Common Council assemble this day in their chamber at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m. - the President in the chair and a quorum present. In the absence of the clerk, Mr Forman is elected clerk pro tem.

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The reading of the Mayor's warrant convening the members for the present meeting is dispensed with.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Reasons for meeting

The following message from the Mayor is presented and read, viz: -

Mayor's Office

City of Providence, October 28. 1874

Gentlemen of the Common Council

I have convened you at this time to afford an opportunity to consider the matters acted upon at the last two meetings of the board of aldermen, which require the concurrent action of the common council thereon, and which as yet have not received any attention.

Thomas A. Doyle

Mayor.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, petitions of Arthur C. Peary

Raising buildings

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Moving buildings

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for permission to raise a certain building; and Randall Buchanan, Ezra Bisbee, William Carroll, A. B. Rice & Co.,

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To move certain buildings, are severally granted, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Grading Daboll Sts.

161.
239.

The joint special committee to whom on the 23^d of March last was referred the resolution (from the board of aldermen) for grading Daboll, Austin and Hamilton streets and for laying a drain pipe from Daboll street to Public street, with the accompanying papers, make report and on their recommendation said resolution is read and non-concurred, and a resolution recommended by said committee as a substitute for the foregoing, in the words following, are thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved.

That the Highway Commissioners are hereby directed to cause a pipe drain 20" x 30" section with the necessary appurtenances ^{to be laid} for conveying the surface water from Greenwich street at the corner of Daboll street through Daboll, Updike and Public streets to Hamilton street.

Resolved.

That the Highway Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to grade Hamilton street from Public street to the brook in said Hamilton street, near Congress street.

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Greenwich Street

Removal of superfluous

Hamilton St.

Grading of

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City Hall

Appropriation for

Florence & Malden Sts

Lay out of

Joint Committee

on Lamps.

Sewer in Pike Sts.

480

Chas. H. Parkhurst.

Res. to pay.

377

Resolution appropriating \$1000 toward building a City Hall;

Also, Resolution requesting the board of Aldermen to lay out Florence street from Kossuth to Malden streets and Malden street from Florence street to Manton Avenue;

Also, An ordinance establishing a joint standing committee on Lamps, having severally passed the board of aldermen, are sent down, read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved except the first named)

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) directing the Water Commissioners to proceed with the construction of the sewer in Pike Street, as previously ordered, is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint Committee on Ordinances with instructions to report on Monday evening next.

Under a suspension of the rules - The Resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst, for legal services as acting city solicitor is taken from the table and read: the amendment by the board of aldermen striking out in the resolution as passed by the Common Council the words \$1167- and substituting therefor the sum of \$1450, is read and passed in concurrence by the following vote, the ayes and nays being

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ordered, viz:—

Messrs.

Messrs Arden, Barker, A. Barnaby, Brown, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Hopkins, Mathewson, Mowry, Murray, Paine, Parsons, Rice, Rickard and Sellen.

Messrs.

Messrs Aldrich, J. B. Barnaby, Gorman, Greene, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, F. Johnson, Nolan, Segrain, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Spence and Smith

(A motion to refer the foregoing resolution to the City Solicitor with instructions to report, as to the liability of the city to pay the same, was prior to its passage made and rejected by a vote of 14 for to 16 against.)

Julian Street

Engine House

517.

A resolution from the board of aldermen to discontinue proceedings in the erection of an engine house on Julian street (107 rods) is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Railroad crossing

at Greenland & Ashburton Sts.

A Message is received from the Mayor transmitting a communication from Henry Staples Esq. Railroad Commissioner of the State, calling attention to the dangerous railroad crossings at grade at Greenland

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and Ashburton streets, and recommending such a relay of the streets in that vicinity as will remove all danger of accidents by railroad trains: which message is read, and the accompanying resolution to refer the same to the joint committee on highways having passed the board of aldermen is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

The College Street

Settlement with

Marshall Woods et al.

457.

The joint special committee appointed by resolution (No. 1008) to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with Marshall Woods and other parties by him represented, who have claimed jury trials in the matter of widening College street, make their report, which is received in concurrence, and the accompanying resolution authorizing said committee to make a settlement with Marshall Woods and others by him represented for damages made to and assessments upon him and them arising out of the widening of South Water street provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding \$4000, and for damages arising out of the laying out of College street, provided the same can be done for a sum not exceeding \$127,300⁰⁰, having passed the board of aldermen is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

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Camden Street.

Curbing & paving
482.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to set curb and pave gutters on Camden street opposite Prospect Square is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Olney Street

Curbing & paving

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to set new curb stones and repair the gutters and to make the sidewalk of a uniform width of nine feet on the south side of Olney street between South Main and Prospect streets is sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on highways. Subsequently the vote of reference is reconsidered, and said resolution is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Mayor's Message.

Benjamin Smith's
claim for damages
in re Travers St.

A Message is received from the Mayor transmitting a communication from Chas. H. Parkhurst attorney for Benjamin Smith, stating that the claim of said Smith for damages caused by the extension of Travers street may be settled by the payment by the city of \$1300; and a resolution (from the board of aldermen) referring the same to a joint special committee to examine and report thereon is indefinitely postponed by a vote of 16 aye to 5 nays.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen)

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Brook St. District.

Water & drainage for

to supply water and drainage to certain houses in the Brook street district, is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

City Solicitor's Report
of Suits &c

481

A report from the city solicitor of the suits and legal proceedings in the state courts, in which the city has an interest, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

City Auditor's Report
City Debt
of Sept. 30, 1874.

489

The City Auditor, pursuant to resolution passed on the 8th inst. requesting him to furnish this body with a statement of the indebtedness of the city at the close of business on the 30th day of September last, submits his report thereon, which is read and received.

Map of city for

City Councilmen.

A resolution directing the City Clerk to furnish each member of the City Council with a map of the city, the same to be the property of the city, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Ordinance relating
to Justices of the Peace.

A bill entitled "An ordinance relating to justices of the peace", fixing the number to be elected at ten, recommended by the Committee on ordinances, is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Sever in Snow St.

A petition of Mr A. Mowry and C. B. Goff for sever on Snow street from Washington to Westminster streets is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Re Dyer Street
Claims for damage
Walter Freeman
511.
Robert Pettis
511

Petitions of
Walter Freeman, and
Robert Pettis,

Severally for damage, caused by the widening of Dyer street, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

North Burying Ground

Appropriation.
453

A communication from the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, requesting an appropriation is received and referred to the joint committee on the North Burying Ground.

Bucklin Street.

494.

Petitions of

George S. Beck sothers for curbing and paving gutters on Bucklin street from Hawthorne street to Potter's Avenue; of

Westfield Street.

Prudence Gaslee, to set curb and pave gutters on Westfield street from Greenwich to Fuller streets, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

John Galton

Raising building
482.

A petition of John Galton to raise a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until

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Monday next (November 2, 1874) at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members except Alfred Bradford, Butterworth, Eaton, Hunt, G. A. Johnson and Nichols.

J. C. Cuddebacky Clerk.

In Common Council - November 2, 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the president in the chair and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Ninth Ward

Voting Districts
461

Under a suspension of the rules, - the bill entitled An ordinance dividing the Ninth Ward into two voting districts, which was passed by the Common Council on the 26th ult. and concurred in by the Board of aldermen with ~~three~~ amendments, is taken from the table and said amendments read and concurred.

(Approved)

First Ward.

Voting Districts
453.
522

The joint committee on ordinances to whom on the 8th ult. was referred a petition of John Gorham sothers for division of the first ward.

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into two voting districts report with recommendation a bill entitled "An ordinance dividing the first ward into two voting districts", which is read and passed.

Subsequently said bill is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment.

A petition of John B. Hennessey to this against dividing said ward into two voting districts is presented, received and with said ordinance, referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

Sewer in Pike St.

473.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the report of the joint committee on sewers relative to resolutions from the board of aldermen, to construct sewer in Pike street, make report thereon, recommending no action: which report is received and temporarily laid on the table.

City Solicitor.

Transfer of books.

379

Said committee pursuant to resolution No 865, instructing them to transfer certain books papers &c from the late city solicitor to the present city solicitor, make their report thereon accompanied by the receipt of the present city solicitor of the documents transferred: which report is received.

(Concurred & approved)

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the report of the

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City Solicitor
Cases in Court.

477

City Solicitor relative to the legal proceedings in the state courts, in which the city has an interest, make report recommending that the same be received and communicated to the board of aldermen: which report is received.

(Concurred & approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:-

No Potter St

Assessments for

469.

Resolution to remit the interest on the assessments for widening Potter street until December 1, 1875;

John Murphy

409

Also, resolution to pay John Murphy fifty dollars in full for damages caused by overflow of his premises on Lippitt street.

(Concurred)

R. B. Wilcox

445.

Also, resolution to pay Randall B. Wilcox fifty dollars for damage to his estate on Hicks street caused by overflow of water.

(Concurred)

Williams Street.

361

The joint committee on highways to whom on the 13th of July last was referred a petition of Charlotte A. C. Foster to this for the re-ception of Williams street from Gorman street to the Seekonk river make report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report and petition are re-committed.

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Williams St. Nursery

Williams St.
419

On the recommendation of said committee a resolution appropriating \$125. to assist the William St. Nursery in putting Williams Street in a passable condition and to provide for the disposal of the surface water on said street, is read and passed.

Congdon Street

Curbings &
476

On the recommendation of said committee the council concur in the passage of resolution from the board of aldermen to set curb and pare gutters on Congdon Street at Prospect Park.

(Approved)

John Gorton

Raising buildings
478

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the petition of John Gorton to raise a building is granted, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief Eng.

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for October is presented read and received.

(Concurred & Approved)

Jackson Ave. School house

Report on.
444

The joint committee on Education make report that the Jackson Avenue school house, which they were directed to build is completed and occupied. Total cost \$17,410. 54 Amount appropriated \$20,000 leaving \$2,589. 36

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unexpended; which report is received.
(Concurred & Approved)

No. Burying Ground

Appropriation for.
478

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the North Burying Ground, a resolution appropriating \$2000. from the Reserve fund to the North burial ground improvement fund is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Mayor's message

Benedict & Mashapaug
Ponds.

A message from the Mayor announcing the receipt of notice from persons owning portions of Benedict and Mashapaug ponds that they should hold the city liable for damages caused by introduction of impure water into either of said ponds is received and read.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Error in Snow St.

Resolution ordering a sewer in Snow Street from Washington to Westminister streets;

Gravel lands on Ridge & Gesler Sts.

Also, Resolution to purchase of Benjamin White a tract of gravel land on Ridge and Gesler streets containing about 36000 square feet.

Gravel Lands

Appropriation.

Also, Resolution transferring \$15000 to the appropriation for gravel lands;

City Solicitor Report on cases in Court.

Also, Resolution to receive and print the Report of the City Solicitor relative to cases now pending. (Approved)

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Admiral Street

Land for school.
528.

Also, Resolution instructing the committee on education to report on the expediency of purchasing a lot of land on the south side of Admiral street for school purposes.
(Concurred)

Ord. permitting
C.R. Goddard to lay
rails in Clifford St.

462

The bill entitled "An ordinance permitting Charlotte R. Goddard to lay rails through Clifford street," which passed the Common Council on the 26th ult. is returned from the Board with their concurrence therein with an amendment, which is read and concurred.
(Approved)

Sewer materials

Purchase of.
490

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) for the purchase of materials for sewers to an amount not exceeding \$10000 is sent down for concurrence, read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Cypress Street

Grading of.
491

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen) directing the highway commissioners to grade cypress street, from Camp to Bulk Main streets;

Potter's Avenue to
Brass Kettle Pond.

494.

Also, to connect Potter's Avenue by a sewer pipe with Brass Kettle pond, are severally sent down for concurrence, read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

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Leaps.
Joint Com. on.

A communication is received from the board of aldermen announcing the appointments of Alderman Raynesford as a member of the joint committee on Leaps; and Messrs Paine, Pettis and Greene are added to said committee on the part of this Council.

Salary Ordinances.

463
466
511
519

The several ordinances fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence; of the officers and teachers of the public schools; and of the officers and members of the fire department, for the year ensuing the first Monday in January 1875, which passed this Council on the 26th ult. are returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with amendments: which amendments are severally read and non-concurred.

Thereupon the board insist on their amendments and the Council insist on their non-concurrence, ask for a committee of conference and appoint as conferees on each ordinance Messrs Aldrich, A.J. Barnaby and Hamill.

The board agree to the conference and appoint Aldermen Raynesford, Pottier and Daboll conferees.

In Convention.

The Mayor and board of aldermen join the Common Council in convention - the Mayor in the chair.

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In Convention

Certain city constables are elected.

Johnston Annexation

Cases appointed.

Messrs Herbert E. Dodge, Henry A. Cory and Abner H. Angell are appointed commissioners in the matter of the annexation of a portion of the town of Johnston to the city of Providence.

Next meeting.

The convention vote to meet on Thursday next at 5 p.m. for the election of wardens and clerks for the two voting districts of the Ninth ward.

The two boards separate.

Vote of adjournment.

Voted. That when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Thursday next at 5 o'clock p.m.

Claim of Geo. W. Cady.

570.

A claim of George W. Cady for \$125 for plans of buildings for Roger Williams Park is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Angell & Lansing.

Lease of real estate.

502.

A proposition of Angell & Lansing to lease certain real estate at the south-east corner of McKim and Traveres streets is received and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Petitions of

Henry L. Almon & others for reception

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Square Street

Pleasant Street.

572.

City Hall Bonds.

Sarah A. Simmons

Errors in vote.

481

484

Opening Streets.

Appropriation.

493.

Adjourn.

of Square Street from Eddy Street to Allen's Avenue; and of Pleasant Street from Camp Street to East Avenue, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

A resolution instructing the joint committee on ordinances to prepare and report an act to be presented to the General Assembly at its next session providing for the issue of City Hall bonds, to run thirty years, is presented read and passed.

A communication from the City Auditor relative to an error in resolution No. 973 providing for payment to Sarah A. Simmons of her salary as teacher for July & August 1873, is received and temporarily laid on the table.

A communication from the City Auditor representing that the appropriation for opening streets is exhausted is with the accompanying resolution referred to the joint committee on finance.

The Common Council adjourn until Thursday next, November 5, 1874 at 5 o'clock p.m.
Present - all the members except Messrs Eaton, Gorman, Harris, Hopkins, Nichols & Parsons. C. J. M. Addeman
Clerk.

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In Common Council - November 5, 1874

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read in part and the reading of the remainder is dispensed with.

In Convention

Resolved.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of city officers and such other business as may legally come before them.

The foregoing invitation is accepted and the two boards join

In Convention

The Mayor in the chair.

Wardens & Clerks
for
Ninth Ward.

Cyrus M. Thornton is elected Warden, and Samuel Young, clerk, of the Eastern District of the Ninth Ward; and Lyman Arnold is elected warden and William S. Daboll clerk of the Western District of the Ninth Ward.

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The convention informally consider the revised ordinances, after which the two boards separate.

City Ordinances.

In Common Council. - A bill entitled "An ordinance comprising the ordinances of the city of Providence" is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Hours of opening & closing polls.

A resolution directing the joint committee on ordinances to report an act to be presented to the General Assembly providing for a change of the hours of voting as now established so that the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock A.M. and remain open until 8 o'clock P.M. is presented read and passed.

Vote of adjournment.

It is voted, that when the Council adjourns, it adjourn until Monday, November 16th 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Sarah A. Simmons

Resolution to pay.

187

The communication relative to payment of Sarah A. Simmons for services as teacher for July and August 1873, received from the City Auditor at the last meeting, is taken from the table, and the accompa

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City Ordinances.

In Common Council. - A bill entitled "An ordinance concerning the ordinances of the city of Providence" is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Hours of opening & closing polls.

A resolution directing the joint committee on ordinances to report an act to be presented to the General Assembly providing for a change of the hours of voting as now established so that the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock A.M. and remain open until 8 o'clock P.M. is presented read and passed.

Vote of adjournment.

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Resolution to pay.

1487

The communication relative to payment of Sarah A. Simmons for services as teacher for July and August 1873, received from the City Auditor at the last meeting, is taken from the table, and the accompa-

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...ing resolution to pay said Sarah A. Simmons \$36²⁵, balance due her for said services, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Unconfirmed Police.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay unconfirmed policemen for services performed in October last, is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Sever. Materials

Purchase of

484
501.

The resolution for purchasing materials for sewers, postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and postponed till the next meeting.

Sever in Custom House St.

A petition of J. G. Eddy & Co. others for a sewer in Custom House street is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Highways, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:—

Sherburne Street

468.

Resolution to receive Sherburne street from Eddy to Plane streets;

(Concurred & approved)

Whelden Street.

392.

Also, Resolution to receive Whelden street from the old city line to West River street;

(Concurred & approved)

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Cross Street

392

Also, Resolution to receive Cross street from West River street to Mc Kenna street,

(Concurred & approved)

Cypress Street

Grading of.

484

On the recommendation of said committee the resolution (from the board of aldermen,) referred at the last meeting, being the resolution to grade Cypress street from Camp to North Main streets is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Amendment to

Rules of Order

495.

Mr Paine gives notice of an amendment to the Rules of Order of the Common Council by inserting in the list of committees in Rule 9, the joint committee on Parks and Camps.

City Ordinances.

Printing of.

Vetred

493.

A resolution for the printing of 1000 copies of the bill entitled "An ordinance concerning the ordinances of the city of Providence" and sundry ordinances not repealed, and for the distribution thereof is presented, read and passed

(Concurred)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, November 16th 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present— all the members except Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Eaton, Fenner, Haanill, Hopkins, Hunt, Murray, Soler, Parsons, Place, Rice, Smith & Whitecomb. 13.

Mr. Addeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Publication of the Revised Ordinances in the newspapers

A Message is received from the Mayor announcing that he has approved the revised ordinances, and that unless otherwise ordered it will be the duty of the city clerk to cause the same to be published three times in the papers employed to do the city printing; and recommending that the city clerk be instructed to act under the advice and direction of the Commissioners on the revision, in the matter of publication in the newspapers: which message is read and temporarily laid on the table; subsequently taken from the table, and an ordinance authorizing the city clerk to publish the revised ordinances at such times and in such manner as the Commissioners on the revision may think proper, and exempting the ^{revised} ordinance from the operation of so much of the ordinances of the city as provides for publication in pamphlet form or in the newspapers, is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

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Mayor's Veto.

Printing &c. of the

Revised Ordinances.

491.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning without his approval Resolution (No. 1062) for the printing and binding of 1000 copies of the revised ordinances of the city, for the reason that the authority to print and bind the same was conferred on the Commissioners of revision by resolution approved January 12, 1870, and a contract in accordance therewith was executed: which message is read and said resolution is indefinitely postponed.

Opening Streets

Appropriation for

457.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance a resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for opening streets and authorizing the city treasurer to hire the same, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:—

Vernon Street

468.

Resolution to set curb stones and pave gutters on the north side of Vernon street from Battery to Vinton streets;

(Concurred & approved)

Keene Street.

Also resolution to set curb stones and pave gutters on Keene street from Prospect street to Brown street;

(Concurred & approved)

Also resolution to set curb stones and

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Bucklin Street. 478. have gutters on Bucklin street from Hawthorne street to Pottus Avenue;

(Concurred + approved)

Meeting Street. Also, resolution to set curbstones and have gutters on Meeting street from Thayer to Hope streets;

(Concurred + approved)

Eagle street. Also, resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Eagle street from Valley street to the Narragansett river, and declare the same a public highway.

(Concurred + approved)

Cargill Street. 443. Lay out of. Said committee to whom on the 5th of October last was referred a resolution (from the board of aldermen) to lay out Cargill street from Carpenter to Fountain streets, make report recommending concurrence therein: which report is received and said resolution is laid on the table.

Pottus Avenue Brass Kettle Pond. 484. Maiden Lane Grading of. Said committee to whom on the 2nd of November inst. was referred a resolution (from the board of aldermen) to connect Pottus Avenue by a sewer pipe with Brass Kettle Pond, make report recommending non-concurrence in the same: and the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to cause Maiden Lane from Pottus Avenue to the Stonington Railroad to be brought to the established grade forthwith: which report is received

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and its recommendations adopted.

(Concurred + approved)

Rules of Order amended.

491.

The amendment proposed to the Rules of Order of the Common Council, at the last meeting, by Mr Paine, is adopted, and rule 9 is amended by inserting at the end of the list of standing committees the committee on Parks and Loamps.

Sever in Hope St.

469.

Resolutions from the board of aldermen, to construct sewer in Hope street, from Power to Williams street;

Fourth of July

Bills paid.

Also, to pay bills of Knowles, Anthony & Danielson and the Providence Press Co. for advertising, 4th of July ult. are read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Union Railroad Co.

Rails in Washington & Franklin Streets.

361

369

505.

The joint committee on railroads to whom on the 13th of July last was referred a petition of the Union Railroad Co. for amendment of ordinance in relation to laying rails in Washington and Franklin streets, and on the 27th of July last, a remonstrance against the continued use of the same, make report recommending the accompanying ordinance: which report is received and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

On the recommendation of the joint com-

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mitted on Education, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz: -

Tenth Ward.

Payment of teachers.

Resolution to pay the teachers in the Tenth Ward from September last to January next, who have prior to September taught in the public schools in said ward two years, at the same rate as if said teachers had taught in the public schools of the city for the same length of time.

(Concurred & approved)

Julian & Capron Sts.

Lot for school house.

Also, Resolutions to purchase a lot of land on Julian and Capron streets, 10 rods, containing 11000 square feet for primary and intermediate school purposes, and appropriating \$4250 therefor from the appropriation for school houses & lots.

(Concurred & approved)

Messer St. School

Heating apparatus.

Also, resolution to place heating apparatus ^{and furnishing} in the Messer street school house, at a cost not to exceed \$6000, said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for school houses and lots to the appropriation for the Messer street school house.

(Concurred)

Adjournment.

Voted, that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Resolved.

That the Mayor and board of aldermen be invited to join the Common

Convention for Highway Com'r.

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Council on Monday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock in convention for the purpose of considering informally candidates for the office of Highway Commissioner to fill vacancy caused by death of Gideon Bradford.

(Declined by B. of Ald.)

Pending the City Debt.

A resolution directing the joint committee on ordinances to prepare and report to the City Council an act to be presented to the General Assembly providing for the issue of bonds to such an amount as may be found necessary by the joint committee on finance to fund the floating indebtedness of the city, and also to report an ordinance to provide for the interest thereon and a sinking fund to pay said bonds at maturity.

Amendments to City Charter

City Debt &c.

Also, a resolution directing the same committee to prepare and report an act to be presented to the General Assembly providing for certain amendments to the city charter, providing for funding the floating indebtedness annually, and prohibiting extraordinary expenditures exceeding \$ — unless upon the affirmative vote of a majority of citizens qualified to vote for city Council, —

are severally presented, read and referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Eaton, Spencer and Mathewson, with such as the board may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Ald. Daboll, Fisher added.)

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Reports received.

The Monthly Reports of
The City Treasurer,
The City Auditor,
The Issue of Registered Bonds,
are severally presented, read and received.
(Concurred & Approved)

College Street

South Water St. to confer with the appellants from the reports
of the commissioners in the matter of laying out
and extending College street from South Main
street to the harbor and widening South Water
street and report upon what terms settlements
can be made with the same is presented, read
and passed, and Messrs Pegrain, Cory and
J. B. Barnaby are appointed on the part of
the Common Council.
(Concurred & Ald. Raymond & Manchester added)
(Approved)

Butter Avenue.

578.
to confer with the appellants in the matter of
laying out, widening and straightening of
Butter Avenue and to report upon what
terms the parties are willing to settle
and to present such other information rela-
ting thereto as shall be for the interests of the
City Council, is presented, read and passed
and Messrs Paine, Nichols and Carpenter are
appointed on the part of the Common Council.
(Concurred & Ald. Spicer & Clark added)
(Approved)

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Potter Street

Com. to confer
with appellants.

A resolution for a joint special committee to
confer with the appellants in the matter of
widening Potter street and report at the next
meeting upon what terms, if any, a settle-
ment can be made, is presented, read and
passed, and Messrs Cory, Barkin and
Hunt are appointed on the part of this Council.
(Concurred & Ald. Clark & Angell added)
(Approved)

Ordinances.

Distribution of.

A resolution directing the commissioners
on the revision of the ordinances to furnish one
copy of the revised laws and ordinances to
each member of the city council, and autho-
rizing them to distribute copies of the same to
such other persons and municipal corpora-
tions as they shall think proper, is presented,
read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Petitions of

Raising building

Moving buildings

Nancy Field, to raise a certain
building; and of
Michael Golrick
Charles Mc Cord,
to move certain building, are severally
presented, received and referred to the joint
Committee on the fire department.
Subsequently said committee report
the same recommended, and the accom-
panying resolutions are severally read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

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Salary Ordinances

Com. of conference.

1/85.

Mr Aldrich is excused from further service on the committee of conference on the several salary ordinances, and Mr Whitcomb is appointed in his stead.

Gideon Bradford.

Salary to be paid to widow.

A resolution to pay to the widow of the late Gideon Bradford (highway commissioner) the full amount of his salary for the quarter ending December 1, 1874, is presented and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

E. Richardson

Moving building.

57.

A petition of Edwin Richardson to move a certain building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Teacher's salaries.

Caroline F. Hunt.

Petitions of

Caroline F. Hunt, formerly Andrews, for payment of salary for July & August 1873 as teacher in the public schools; of

E. M. Ingraham.

E. M. Ingraham for remuneration for services as teacher in the public schools; of

Henry F. Payton.

Remission of tax.

Henry Frank Payton for remission of tax, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Prov. Water Works

Appropriations.

An application of the Board of Water Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$20,000 is received and referred to

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The joint committee on Finance.

Hidden Street.

A petition of Mrs H. Gaham to receive a portion of Hidden street is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Narragansett Hotel Co.

Deeding land.

A petition of Edward Pearce, president of the Narragansett Hotel Co. in reference to deeding land for highway purposes, is received and referred to the joint committee on City property.

Sewer in Middle St.

Sewer in Smith St.

Petitions of

Matherson & Allen for sewer in Middle street; and of Patrick Donnelly & others for sewer in Smith street, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Sewer materials

Purchase of.

490.

The resolution for purchasing materials for sewers, postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table and postponed until after the inauguration of the city government in January next, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Alfred President, A. J. Barnaby, J. D. Barnaby, Butterworth, Carpenter, Eaton, Greene, Hamill, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Smith,

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and Whitecomb.

17.

Says

Messrs Aldrich, Archer, Barker, Brasford,
Cory, Douglas, Harris, Hayward, Mowry,
Solau, Paine, Parsons, Rice, Richard,
& Spence.

15.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, November 23, 1874 at 7 1/2 pm.

Present - all the members except Messrs
Leamer, Mathewson, Murray, & Sellen. 4.

J. M. Addeman,
Clerk.

In Common Council - November 23, 1874

The Common Council meet pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair,
and a quorum present.

Record

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Angell & Lansing,
Lease real estate.

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The joint committee on city property to
whom on the 2^d of November inst. was referred
a proposition of Angell & Lansing to lease
real estate on the corner of Wickenden
and Traverse streets, make report recom-

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mending that the petitioners have leave to with-
draw, - the matter more properly coming before
the Commissioners on the Brook street district, -
which report is received and it is ordered that
the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Printery street.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen,
requesting said Board to receive and de-
clare Printery street as a public highway
from Randall street to Thurber's Lane;

Fountain for
Brook St. District.

Also to place a fountain and supply
the same with Pawtuxet water, on Thompson
street in the Brook street district,
are severally read and passed in concurrence.

Pawtuxet water for
Brook St. District.
528.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen,
to furnish Pawtuxet water to houses No. 17
Bower street and No. 68 Front street in the
Brook street district, is read and referred
to the special committee in the matter of the
Industrial School, to wit: Messrs A. J. Bar-
naby, Parsons and Murray.

Greenwich street.

Wooden walk.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen,
for a temporary wooden sidewalk on part of
Greenwich street near Daboll street, is
read and non-concurred.

Jos. S. Winsor.

526.

A resolution (from the Board of Alder-
men, to pay Joseph S. Winsor \$1000 for
gates at Point street Bridge is read and

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referred to the joint committee on Accounts.

Street from High
St. to Broadway.

A resolution from the board of aldermen, requesting said board to lay out a street along the easterly side of the railroad between High street and Broadway, is read and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Purchase of
materials for
sewers.

A resolution from the board of aldermen, authorizing the board of water commissioners to purchase materials for the construction of sewers, aggregating in the several items the sum of \$100,000, is sent down for concurrence, and is read.

A motion to postpone the further consideration of the same until after the first of January next, is made and lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Greene, Hamill, Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Pettis, Phillips, Smith and Whitcomb 14.

Nays

Messrs Arden, Barker, Bradford, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Rice, Rickard, Spencer and Sellen. 18.

It is moved to amend the same so as to

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reduce said amount to \$50,000 and \$75,000 respectively, pending which, a motion to postpone the same until the next meeting is made and lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Hamill, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Murray, Phillips & Whitcomb. 7.

Nays

Messrs Arden, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bradford, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Hunt, G. A. Johnson, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Rice, Rickard, Spencer, Sellen and Smith. 24.

Mr J. B. Barnaby renounces his motion to amend the resolution by reducing the amount to \$50,000, which amendment Mr Nichols moves to amend by substituting \$75,000 for \$50,000: upon which last motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Arden, Barker, Bradford, Cory, Fenner, Harris, Hayward, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Rice, Rickard and Sellen. 15

Nays

Mr President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Douglas, Greene, Hamill,

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Purchase of
Saw materials

Hopkins, Hunt, F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson,
Murray, Pettis, Phillips, Place, Spencer,
Smith and Whitcomb. 17.

Said motion is therefore lost.

Upon Mr J. B. Barnaby's motion to concur
with an amendment reducing the amount
from \$100,000 to \$50,000, the ayes and
nays are ordered, as follows:

Ayes.

Messrs Barker, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Bar-
naby, Bradford, Fenner, Greene, Harris, Hunt,
G. A. Johnson, Nolan, Paine, Place, Rice and
Spencer. 14.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Arden, Cory, Douglas,
Hamill, Hayward, Hopkins, F. Johnson, Murray,
Nichols, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips,
Rickard, Sellev, Smith & Whitcomb. 18.

Said amendment is therefore lost.

Upon the question of concurring in the
passage of the resolution, the ayes and
nays are ordered, as follows:

Ayes

Messrs Arden, Barker, Bradford,
Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Harris, Hayward,
Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Rice,
Rickard & Sellev. 16.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby,

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J. B. Barnaby, Greene, Hamill, Hopkins, Hunt,
F. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, Murray, Pettis,
Phillips, Place, Spencer, Smith & Whitcomb. 16

Said resolution is therefore read and
non-concurred.

City Hall

Laying of rails

Under the suspension of the rules, the
joint committee on railroads to whom was
referred by the board of aldermen a petition of
the City Hall Commissioners to lay tracks
around the city hall lot, make report and
recommend the passage of the accompanying
bill entitled An ordinance permitting the
Commissioners upon city hall to lay tracks,
which report is received and said bill is
read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Highway Com's
An. Report.

The Quarterly report of the Highway Com-
missioners is presented, read and received.

Remission of tax.

523.

523.

523.

Petitions of

Wm B. Easton,

Henry T. Rogers,

Jacob Wolschenholme,

severally for abatement of tax, of
The Beneficent Congregational So-
ciety, for damages for change of grade on
Point and Plum streets. of

Beneficent Cong. Ch.

524

Stephen C. Arnold.
523.

Stephen C. Arnold for delay in

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Payment of assessment for opening of Spring Street; of

John Murray.

John Murray for compensation for injuries received on highway are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Mark Glines.

516.
517.

Petitions of Mark Glines to move, and also to raise certain buildings are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Exchange Place & Canal street.

Removal of buildings.

A petition of S. W. Foster for the removal of certain wooden buildings on Exchange Place and Canal street are received and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Y. M. C. Assn.

An invitation from the Y. M. C. Association to attend the Thanksgiving Festival for poor children on Thursday next is presented and accepted.

Union R. R. Co.

Laying rails on Franklin and Washington Sts.

495.

The bill entitled An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance permitting the Union Railroad Co. to lay rails in certain streets in the city of Providence (viz. Franklin & Washington streets) first passed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read, by amended by inserting the words 'said permission is hereby continued until October 1, 1875'.

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and as amended is read and passed

Salary Bills.

485.

Adjourn

The committee of conference on the Salary Bills submit a verbal report in reference thereto, pending the consideration of which the Common Council adjourn until tomorrow evening next. November 30, 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Present - all the members except Messrs Aldrich, Brown, Butterworth, Carpenter, Eaton, Gorman, Mathewson & Selloway. 8.

M. Caddenauy clerk

In Common Council, November 30, 1874.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Salary Bills.

485.

526.

The report of the committee of conference in reference to the Salary bills, pending at the adjournment of the last meeting, is taken from the table and recommitted.

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Mayor's Message.

German School.

A message is received from the Mayor representing that the German population of the city desire to maintain a school on Saturday of each week, to be free to all, and request the free use of two rooms in the Fountain Street school building and cause the same to be cleaned and warmed, and recommending that the same be granted: which message is read, and with the accompanying resolution authorizing the same, is referred to the joint committee on education.

Mayor's Message.

Purchase of maps.

525

A message is received from the Mayor recommending the purchase for the various departments of the city government, of a sufficient number of copies of the map of the city now in preparation by John C. Thompson: which message is read and with the accompanying resolution for the purchase of the same is referred to the joint committee on city property.

Claims paid

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are read and passed, viz:-

Gen. W. Cady.

1186.

Resolution to pay George W. Cady \$125. in full for ground-plans and elevations for buildings at Roger Williams Park;

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Ezra Hutchins

1131.

Also Resolution to pay to Ezra Hutchins \$100. in full settlement for all damage sustained by him by excavation and removal of gravel from his estate on Richardson Street;

Leon to withdraw.

W. Freeman.

1178.

Robt. Pettis.

1178.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of October last were referred the petitions of Walter Freeman, and Robert Pettis, severally for damages in the matter of widening Dyer Street, make reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which reports are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Chas. A. Gladding

Damages to concrete sidewalk.

469.

Said committee to whom on the 26th of October last was referred a petition of Charles A. Gladding for remuneration for damage done to concrete walk caused by re-grading Potter's Avenue, report recommending that they be discharged from further consideration thereof, and that said petition be communicated to the Board of Aldermen: which report is received and its recommendations adopted.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolu-

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tions are read and passed, viz:—

Cory Street,

30.

Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Cory street from Federal street to Atwell's Avenue;

Harvard Avenue

392

Also, resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Harvard Avenue from Broad to Taylor streets;

Pleasant Street,

457.

Also, resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Pleasant street from Camp street to Joy street and declare the same a public highway.

Branch Avenue,

417

Said committee to whom on the 21st of September last was referred a resolution (from the board of aldermen) to lay out Branch Avenue, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying substitute requesting said board to lay out Branch Avenue from North Main street to Douglas Avenue of a width not to exceed fifty feet; which report is received; the resolution from the board of aldermen is read and non-concurred and the resolution recommended by the committee is thereupon read and passed.

Charles Street,

429.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of September last were referred resolutions to lay out Charles street, make report and

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recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Charles street of a uniform width of fifty feet from Randall Square to the North Providence line: which report is received and the resolution recommended is thereupon read and passed.

Douglas Avenue,

430.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of September last was referred a resolution to lay out Douglas Avenue, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Douglas Avenue from Orms street to a point near Eaton street of a width of not less than fifty feet, and from a point near Eaton street to the North Providence line of a uniform width of forty four feet: which report is received and said substitute is thereupon read and passed.

Smith Street,

430.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a resolution to lay out Smith street, make report and recommend the accompanying substitute requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Smith street of a uniform width of forty nine and 5/100 feet from Chalkstone Avenue to the North Providence line: which report is received, and said substitute is

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Thereupon read and passed.

Lockwood St.
Lay out of.

Said committee to whom was referred by the board of aldermen a petition of Thomas J. Hill & others for the extension of Lockwood Street, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution to lay out and extend Lockwood street from Hospital to Eddy streets: which report is received and said resolution is laid on the table.

Sewer materials
Purchase of.

The joint committee on sewers submit in print a report on the subject of granting authority to the water commissioners to purchase sewer material, and recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved.

That the water commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase materials to be used in the construction of sewers to an amount not exceeding the sum of seventy thousand dollars; provided, that they first advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing said materials, and provided also, that they are hereby authorized to reject any or all bids.

It is moved to refer said resolution to the joint committee on finance: which motion is lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

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Sewers.

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Eaton, Hamill, Hunt, F. Johnson, Pettis, Phillips, Place and Whitcomb. 11.

Nays

Messrs Arden, Barker, Bradford, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Greene, Harris, Hayward, Mowry, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Rice, Richard, Spencer & Sellev. 21.

It is moved (by Mr. Spencer) to amend said resolution by striking out the word "seventy" and substitute the word "fifty": which motion is lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Eaton, Greene, Hunt, F. Johnson, Place, Spencer & Whitcomb &c. 5.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Arden, Barker, A. J. Barnaby, Bradford, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Hamill, Harris, Hayward, Mowry, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pegram, Pettis, Phillips, Rice, Richard and Sellev. 24.

It is then moved (by Mr. J. B. Barnaby) to postpone the further consideration thereof till the next meeting: which motion is lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays

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Sewer materials. Being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Mrs President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Eaton, Greene, Hamill, Hunt, F. Johnson, Pettis, Phillips, Smith & Whitecomb. 12

Nays

Messrs Ardern, Barker, Bradford, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Harris, Hayward, Mowry, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pogram, Place, Rice, Rickard, Spencer & Sellow. 21.

Said resolution is then read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs Ardern, Barker, Bradford, Carpenter, Cory, Douglas, Fenner, Gorman, Harris, Hayward, Mowry, Nichols, Nolan, Paine, Parsons, Pogram, Place, Rice, Rickard, and Sellow. 20.

Nays

Mrs President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Eaton, Greene, Hamill, Hunt, F. Johnson, Pettis, Phillips, Spencer, Smith and Whitecomb. 13.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the petitions of

Mark Glines

to raise a certain building; and of

Raising building 508.

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Moving buildings. 508.

Mark Glines, and Edwin Richardson,

to move certain buildings, are severally granted, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

Prov. Board of Underwriters. 270. 525.

Said committee to whom on the 20th of April last, was referred a petition of the Providence Board of Underwriters for assistance in protecting property from damage by water in case of fires, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which is read and recommitted.

Julian Street Engine House discontinued. 474.

Said committee to whom on the 28th of October last was referred a resolution from the board of aldermen, to discontinue proceedings in the erection of an engine house on Julian street, make report recommending concurrence therein: which resolution is read and concurred.

Pulnam & Amherst St Lot for Engine house

Said committee report a resolution to purchase for the use of the fire department a lot of land containing about 3750 feet situated at the south west corner of Pulnam and Amherst street (10th ward) at a cost not exceeding \$1250; which resolution is read and passed.

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Putnam & Amherst Sts
Engine house for
528

Said committee report a resolution for the erection of a building of brick on the last named lot, for the use of the fire department, and appropriating the sum of \$10,000 therefor, to be hired by the city treasurer, which resolution is read and passed.

North Burying Grd
Report of Commis.
185.

The joint committee on the North Burying Ground, to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners on the North Burying Ground for 1873, report that they have examined the same, and recommend that the usual number of copies be printed: which report is received.

Roger Williams
Monument to
137.
522.

The joint committee on Parks to whom on the 13th of October 1873, was re-committed a resolution relative to monument to Roger Williams, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute authorizing said committee to contract for the granite work for said monument: the consideration of which is postponed till the next meeting, and made the special order at that time.

Butler Avenue.
498.

The joint special committee appointed on the 16th inst. to confer with the appellants in the matter of Butler Avenue, make report

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and recommend that the city council do not elect to make the improvement: which report is received, and the accompanying resolution electing not to make said improvement is thereupon read and passed.

City Hall Lot
Laying rails to

The following having passed the board of aldermen, are sent down, read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

An ordinance permitting the Trustees of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad to extend their rails to the city hall lot;

Brook St. fountain
358.

Also, resolution to charge expense of fountain in Brook street District (under resolution No. 839) to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

City Hall
Appropriation for

Resolved.

That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated towards building a new city hall, on the city hall lot, so called, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

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Bridge across River.
Appropriation for

Resolved.

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

Resⁿ of inquiry

Building on S. side
of Westminster St.
525.

A resolution directing the joint committee on the fire department to examine and report at the next meeting, whether the building in course of construction on the south side of Westminster street between Snow and Aborn streets is in accordance with the city ordinances, etc. is presented, read and passed.

Point & Plane Sts
School House
Out. buildings for

A resolution directing the superintendent of public building to build out-buildings in the yard of the Point and Plane streets school house, is presented, read and passed.

J. J. Phillips.

Request for removal
of C. A. White.
525.

A communication of J. J. Phillips, requesting the removal of C. A. White, a constable of the city, is received, read and referred to the joint committee on police.

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Remission of tax

523

523

523

J. H. Livingston

Damage to estate.

Petitions of

Wm U. Arnold

Henry Cook,

Richard Greene,

for remission of certain taxes; of John H. Livingston, for remuneration for damage to his property on Richardson street, caused by excavation of said street, are received, and referred to the joint committee on claims.

North Davis St

Curbing re.

A petition of Daniel James Salthus to set out and pave gutters on North Davis street, is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 11.50 p.m.) adjourn until Monday, December 14, 1874 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present- all the members except Rufus Blanch, Brown, Butlerworth, Hopkins, G. A. Johnson, Mathewson and Murray. 7.

J. M. Adseman
Clerk

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In Common Council - December 14. 1874

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Roger Williams Monument.

574.

The special order, viz: The resolution relating to Roger Williams Monument, recommended by the joint committee on Parks, at the last meeting, is taken from the table, and said resolution and accompanying report are recommended. The following resolution recommended by said committee is read and passed, viz

Resolved.

That the design marked Triangle No. 1. be and the same is hereby adopted for the proposed Roger Williams Monument, and that the joint standing committee on Parks be directed to procure working drawings for the stone work for the same.

Adjournment.

Voted. That when this Common Council adjourns, it adjourn for one week.

First Ward

Divided into voting districts. 479.

The joint committee on Ordinances to whom on the 2^d of November last was referred a bill entitled "An ordinance dividing the first ward

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into two voting districts," make report recommending the enclosed substitute: which report is received and the bill recommended (with the same title) is read and passed.

Richard Greene

Tax remitted.

521.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to remit to Richard Greene \$272⁵⁰, amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed for the year 1874, is read and passed.

Leave to withdraw.

521.

521.

577

577

577

577.

421.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Wm. U. Arnold,

Henry Cook,

Henry T. Rogers,

Wm. B. Easton,

Jacob Holstenholme,

all for remission of certain taxes; of

Stephen C. Arnold for delay in

payment of assessment for the opening of Spring street; of

Harriet Chace, for compensation

for damages to her estate on Sexton street from sewer,

make reports recommending that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw: which reports

are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom on the 23^d of

November last was referred a petition of the

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Beneficent Cong.
Society.
517.

Beneficent Congregational Society, for damages by change of grade on Point and Plane streets, make report recommending that they be discharged from further consideration thereof, and that the same be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, which report is received and adopted.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Highways, the following resolutions are serially read and passed, viz:—

Asia Street
444.

Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Asia street from America to Vinton streets;

Diamond Street
270.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Diamond street from Cranston to Superior streets;

Lloyd Street.
340.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Lloyd street from Hope street to Arlington Avenue;

Newton street.
430.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Newton street from Atwell's Avenue to Federal street;

Spring Street.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Spring street from Broad street to Lockwood street.

Mo. Report of
Chief Engineer.

The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer on the Fire Department is presented, read and received.

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Westminster St
Illegal building.
520.

The joint committee on the fire department, pursuant to resolution of inquiry (passed at the last meeting) as to whether the building in course of erection on the south side of Westminster street between Snow and Aborn streets, is or is not in accordance with the city ordinances, make report that the same is illegal: which report is received and ordered communicated to the board of aldermen.

Board of Underwriters
Protective wagon.
517.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was recommended a resolution to provide accommodations for wagon of the protective department of the board of underwriters, to furnish a horse and driver therefor and to provide for the keeping of said horse, report the same recommended, which is thereupon read and passed.

J. J. Phillips, Jr.
C. A. White.
520.

The joint committee on police, to whom at the last meeting was referred a communication of J. J. Phillips, relative to removal of C. A. White, a constable of the city, make report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is received and it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Map of city.
510.

The joint committee on city property to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution for the purchase of maps of the city for the use of the city government, make report

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recommending the passage of the same: which resolution is amended by inserting the words "not exceeding seven hundred" (copies) and as amended, is read and passed.

Jas. S. Winsor

Account paid.

503.

The joint committee on accounts to whom on the 23^d of November last, was referred a resolution to pay Joseph S. Winsor \$1000. for gates at Point street bridge, report recommending concurrence: which is read and concurred.

Salary Bill.

509.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two boards on the several salary bills, make report recommending that in the ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence, the Common Council recede from their non-concurrence in Amendments No. 1. (Mayor's salary \$3500) No. 2. (Mayor's clerk \$1000.) No. 4 (City Auditor \$2500.) No. 5. (City Clerk \$2500.) No. 6. (Chief of Police \$2250.) No. 8. (Keeper of Washington bridge \$500) No. 9. Clerks of canvassers \$100.) and concur therein; also, that the Common Council recede from their non-concurrence in amendment No. 3. (allowing \$3200 for assistants in the City Treasurer's Office) and concur with an amendment substituting the sum of \$2900 for \$3200. which report is received and adopted, and said ordinance is amended in accordance with said recommendations.

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Fire Department.

Salaries

445

Said committee upon the disagreeing votes relative to the bill fixing the salaries of the officers and members of the fire department, make report recommending that each board adhere to their action thereon, and pass a new bill, being the same originally recommended by the Committee on Finance: which report is adopted; the Common Council adhere to their former action, and a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and members of the fire department of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1875." is thereupon read and passed.

Teachers Salaries

485.

Said committee upon the disagreeing votes relative to the bill fixing the salaries of the teachers of the city make report, with recommendation to the effect that the Board of Aldermen recede from their amendment; which report is adopted.

College Street

S. Water Street

Report of com.

498

The joint special committee appointed to confer with the appellants in the matter of laying out and extending College street to the river, and of widening South Water street, present their report, which is read and received.

The special committee to whom on the 23^d of

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Brook St. District November last was referred the resolution from the
Pantuxet water board of aldermen, authorizing the Brook street
503, District Commissioners to cause Pantuxet water
to be put into houses No. 17 Bowen street and No. 68
Front street in said district, make report and
recommend concurrence therein: which report
is received and said resolution read and concurred.

(Approved)

Concurrences

The following resolutions having passed the board
of aldermen, are read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Unconfirmed police

Resolution to pay unconfirmed police for 10 months;

Amherst street.

Also Resolution requesting the board to receive

Amherst street from Manton Avenue to Tulnam street;

Do.
Engine House, etc.
514.

Also, Resolutions to build an engine house on
Amherst and Putnam streets, and appropriating \$1000 therefor;

Iron Water Works
Appropriation.

Also, Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for
the Providence water works;

Admiral Street
Lot for school.
484.

Also, Resolutions for purchase of lot of land of
George N. Corlies on Admiral street for school purposes;

Trade Street.

Also, Resolution to cut and pave gutters on

Eagle street from Valley street to the Thomaspawtucket River;

North Providence.

Also, Resolution to pay to the town of

Payment of debt
of town.

North Providence on the 15th inst. the sum of \$72,124⁵³,
being the amount apportioned by the Commissioners under
Chapter 365 of the Public Laws, to be paid by this city to
said town, as its portion of the indebtedness of said town.

Mayor's Message.

(accompanying which resolution is a Message of
the Mayor transmitting a copy of the report of
said Commissioners)

(Approved)

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Water Commissioners
allowance to.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay the
Water Commissioners for services in the construction of
sewers at the rate of \$1000 per annum, each from July 1, 1874,
is read and indefinitely postponed.

Orms St. etc.
Purchase of lot.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen, for the
purchase of a lot on Orms, Casdace & Goddard streets
for grammar school purposes), is read and postponed
till the next meeting.

Sewer in
Hospital St.

A resolution (from the board) ordering a sewer in
Hospital street from Gray to Borden streets, is read and
referred to the joint committee on sewers.

State Tax

Int. on Water Loan.

Resolutions, making additional appropriations
to pay the state tax, and interest on the Water Loan,
(recommended by the city auditor);

Mayor's Clerk
Salary.

Also, Resolution relating to salary of the Mayor's clerk,
are severally presented, and referred to the joint committee
on finance.

Reports
received.

The Monthly Reports of

The City Auditor,

The City Treasurer,

The issue of Registered Bonds;

Also, The 3rd Quarterly Report of the Water Commissioners,

Also, The 3rd Report of the Water Commissioners

on sewers,
are severally presented, read and received.

Moving buildings.

Petitions of

R. R. Stafford, to raise a building; of

Peter Donnelly,

Joseph R. Pike, and

Edgar G. Tindoor,

to move certain buildings, are severally presented,
received and referred to the joint committee on the
Fire department.

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Brook St. District
 Pawtuxet water
 503.
 November last was referred the resolution from the board of aldermen, authorizing the Brook street District Commissioners to cause Pawtuxet water to be put into houses No. 17 Bowen street and No. 68 Front street in said district, make report and recommend concurrence therein: which report is received and said resolution read and concurred

(Approved)

Concurrences
 The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Unconfirmed police
 Resolution to pay unconfirmed police for November;

Amherst street.
 Also Resolution requesting the board to receive Amherst street from Manton Avenue to Putnam street;

Do.
 Engine House, etc.
 514.
 Also Resolutions to build an engine house on Amherst and Putnam streets, and appropriating for the same;

Iron Water Works
 Appropriation.
 Also Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the Providence water works;

Admiral Street
 Lot for school.
 484.
 Also Resolutions for purchase of lot of land of George H. Corlies on Admiral street for school purposes;

Eagle Street.
 Also Resolution to cut and pave gutters on Eagle street from Valley street to the Monasquauctet River;

North Providence.
 Payment of debt of town.
 Also Resolution to pay to the town of North Providence on the 15th inst. the sum of \$72,124⁵³ being the amount apportioned by the Commissioners under Chapter 365 of the Public Laws, to be paid by this city to said town, as its portion of the indebtedness of said town.

Mayor's Message.
 (accompanying which resolution is a Message of the Mayor transmitting a copy of the report of said Commissioners)
 (Approved)

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Water Commission's allowance to.
 A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay the Water Commissioners for services in the construction of sewers at the rate of \$1000 per annum, each from July 1, 1872, is read and indefinitely postponed.

Orms St. etc.
 Purchase of lot.
 Resolutions from the board of aldermen, for the purchase of a lot on Orms, Candace & Goddard street for grammar school purposes, is read and postponed till the next meeting.

Sewer in Hospital St.
 A resolution (from the board) ordering a sewer in Hospital street from Leray to Borden streets, is read and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

State Tax
 Int. on Water Loan.
 Resolutions, making additional appropriations to pay the state tax, and interest on the Water Loan, (recommended by the city auditor);

Mayor's Clerk Salary.
 Also, Resolution relating to salary of the Mayor's clerk, are severally presented, and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Reports received.
 The Monthly Reports of
 The City Auditor,
 The City Treasurer,
 The issue of Registered Bonds;

Also, The 3^d Quarterly Report of the Water Commr.,
 Also, The 3^d Report of the Water Commissioners on Sewers,
 are severally presented, read and received.

Moving buildings.
 Petitions of
 R. R. Stafford, to raise a building; of
 Peter Donnelly,
 Joseph R. Pike, and
 Edgar G. Windsor,
 to move certain buildings, are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire department.

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Remission
of taxes.

Petitions of

R. W. Bush,	Thomas Gannow,
John J. Finneraw,	Patrick Finneraw,
Nathan B. Goff,	John G. Hastings
Daniel Mc Carthy,	Pierce + Salisbury,
Gardner Pettis,	William A. Potter,
C. H. & A. S. Reynolds, Ex-rs of John Reynolds,	
Thomas H. Rhodes,	Patrick Reynolds,
Louis H. Shock,	James Walsh,

all for remission of certain taxes, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

10th Ward.Statement of
tax.

A draft resolution directing the board of assessors to inquire into and report upon claims for abatement of taxes in the 10th ward, is referred to the committee on claims.

C. R. Goddard.

Laying rails.

A petition of Charlotte R. Goddard for permission to lay rails in Orange street is received and referred to the joint committee on railroads.

North Burying
Ground

Prescott Post

G. A. R.

Burial Lot.

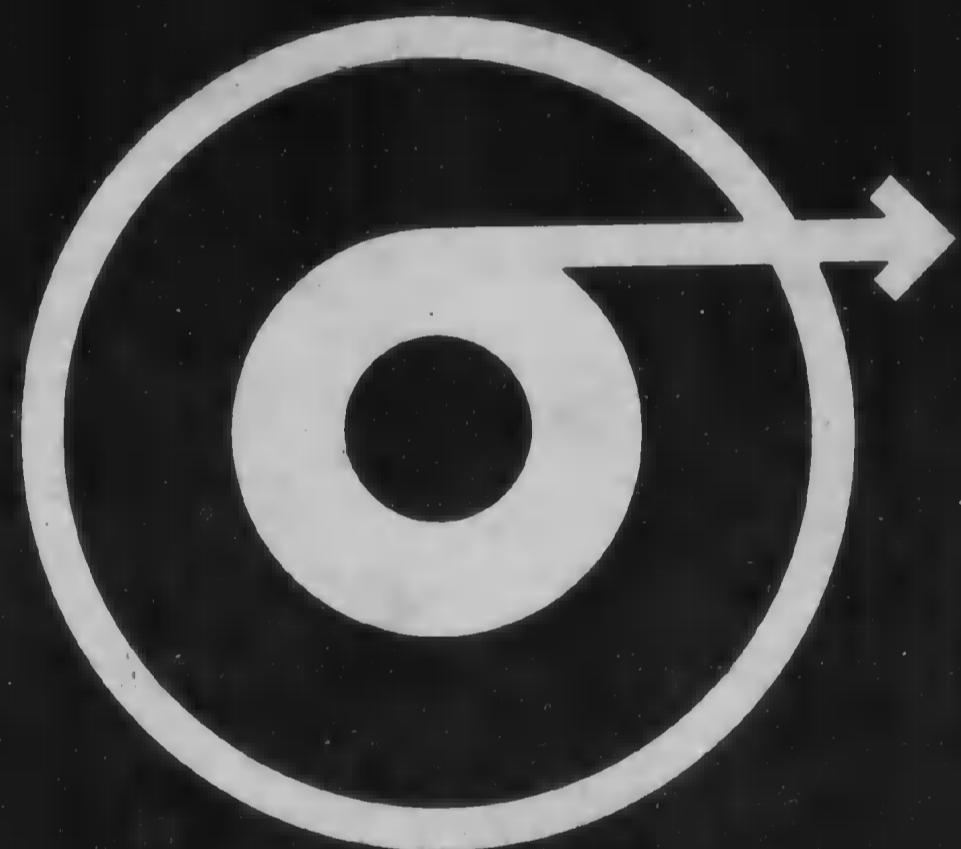
A communication from the commissioners of the North Burying Ground representing that there are no funds for curbing the burial lot of Prescott Post No. 1. G. A. R. without additional appropriation is received and referred to the joint committee on the North Burying Ground. Said committee thereupon make report, recommending the accompanying resolution transferring the sum of four hundred dollars from the reserve fund to the North Burying Ground improvement fund, pending the consideration of which the Common Council adjourn until Monday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock.
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Adjourn.

Present - all the members except Mr. Blanch.

Am. Addeman, Clerk.

END OF ITEM :



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R-1 04020

ROLL NUMBER

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LOCALITY OF RECORD

PROVIDENCE COUNTY

RHODE ISLAND

TITLE OF RECORD

CITY COUNCIL RECORDS

ITEM

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