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RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
WITH REPORTS.
1876.

IN CONVENTION

JANUARY 3, 1876.

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

The certificate of the election of HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1876, is read, and the oath of office is administered to him by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

The roll of the City Council, is called, as follows; and all the members elected being present, except Messrs. Arthur F. Dexter and Alfred H. Willard, the oath of office is administered to them by the Mayor.

ALDERMEN.

FIRST WARD, -	-	-	ALFRED METCALF,
SECOND WARD, -	-	-	ADDISON Q. FISHER.
THIRD WARD, -	-	-	BENJAMIN N. LAPHAM.
FOURTH WARD, -	-	-	GEORGE T. SPICER.
FIFTH WARD, -	-	-	ALBERT H. MANCHESTER.
SIXTH WARD, -	-	-	NATHANIEL F. POTTER,
SEVENTH WARD, -	-	-	ABNER H. ANGELL.
EIGHTH WARD, -	-	-	HENRY C. CLARK.
NINTH WARD, -	-	-	GEORGE P. TEW.
TENTH WARD, -	-	-	EDMUND W. RAYNSFORD.

COMMON COUNCIL.

PRESIDENT,

ABNER J. BARNABY.

FIRST WARD.

ELISHA C. MOWRY,
STILLMAN WHITE,OREN WESTCOTT,
JOHN P. COONEY.

SECOND WARD.

HENRY L. PARSONS,
CHARLES P. ROBINSON,JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE,
FREDERICK MILLER.

THIRD WARD.

CLINTON D. SELLEW,
EDWARD C. AMES,THOMAS A. MILLETT,
ARTHUR F. DEXTER.

FOURTH WARD.

ABNER J. BARNABY,
CHARLES F. SAMPSON,GEORGE R. PHILLIPS,
THOMAS M. ROUNDS.

FIFTH WARD.

WILLIAM SPENCER,
WILLIAM W. RICKARD,JOHN W. BRIGGS,
JAMES H. TOWER.

SIXTH WARD.

WILLIAM S. HAYWARD,
ARCHIBALD B. RICE,DANIEL E. DAY,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

SEVENTH WARD.

JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY,
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON,GEORGE W. BABCOCK,
ANDREW WINSOR.

EIGHTH WARD.

EDWIN A. SMITH,
BENJAMIN HUNT, Jr.,RAYMOND G. PLACE,
SILAS A. SWEET.

NINTH WARD.

HENRY R. BARKER,
WILLIAM Y. POTTER,WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,
ALFRED H. WILLARD,

TENTH WARD.

HUGH HAMILL,
JOHN MORRIS,JOHN BEHAN,
HENRY S. SMITH.

CLERK,

JOSHUA M. ADDEMAN.

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

Prayer is offered by E. G. Robinson, D. D., President of Brown University.

The Mayor delivers his Inaugural Address.

The following city officers are elected for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1876, viz.

Chief of Police,	John M. Knowles.
Judge of the Municipal Court,	Amasa S. Westcott.
Clerk of the Municipal Court,	George B. Nichols.
Recorder of Deeds,	Gustavus A. Williamson.
City Auditor,	James M. Cross.
City Engineer,	Charles E. Paine.
Supt. of Public Buildings,	Obadiah Slade.
Overseer of Bridges,	Nelson Tallman.
City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes.
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	Edward S. Rhodes.

Presidents of the Fire Department :

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

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

Assistant Engineers :

Matthew W. Ingraham,	James M. Baker,
Ira Winsor,	William A. Sabin.

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground :

Zachariah Allen,	William Earle,
	Joseph F. Gilmore.

Pound Keeper at the Asylum, Thomas E. Payson.
 " " at N. B. Ground, Joseph N. Whelden.
 " " in Ninth Ward, William W. Austin.
 " " in Tenth Ward, Daniel K. Angell.

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

Trustees of the Providence Reform School :

Edwin M. Snow, Amasa R. Tourtellot,
 William J. King, J. Lewis Diman,
 Charles Anthony, Amos D. Lockwood.

Port Wardens :

Shubael H. Cady, Philander Crosby,
 William Franceville,

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon, Joseph A. D. Joslin,

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

Samuel B. Bullock, Josiah Simmons,
 Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Coroners :

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

Undertakers :

Thomas E. Barron, Horace B. Knowles,
 James Boyce, Thomas R. Mathews,
 Edward A. Briggs, Thomas McMurrough,
 William O. Briggs, Everett R. Osgood,
 John L. Clarke, Thomas E. Payson,
 Henry S. Emerson, Patrick Quinn,
 Hugh Gorman, Benjamin P. Swarts,
 Michael Gorman, William Wallace,
 George W. Hopkins, Joseph N. Wheldon.

Constables :

Lucian J. Arnold,	Samuel Whitney,
George Allen,	Randall B. Wilcox,
Silas J. Allen,	John H. Cokely,
Byron H. Arnold,	Herbert E. Dodge,
William Batcheller,	Michael Donovan,
Charles Henry Brown,	John H. Gould,
James H. Barry,	Thomas W. Hayward,
Frank O. Ballou,	Albert C. Johnson,
Charles Barrows,	George Lawless
George H. Bucklin,	William McHale,
Welcome G. Comstock,	Samuel Merry, Jr.,
Lucian M. Stayner,	John O'Brien.
Charles H. Scott,	William H. Pullen,
Charles J. Sweet,	Jabez C. Potter,
George E. Thompson,	Roger W. Potter,
John Edward Taylor,	William P. Winslow,
Cornelius A. White,	Kenrick Walker,
Wanton A. Weaver,	William E. Whiting,
	Joseph Dean Whitaker,

Packers of Fish :

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

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Salæratu and i-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

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

Surveyors and Cordors of Wood :

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

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

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

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

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

Measurers of Grain, Salt, and Sea Coal :

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

Gauger : Edward G. Farmer.

Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law :

Benjamin F. Thurston,	Lyman Arnold,
	Nathaniel A. Fisher.

[The elections of Superintendent of Lights, Weigher for the Platform Scale at the Haymarket, and Weighers of Cotton are passed.]

No. 1. Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

[Elected by concurrent vote, January 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Seth Padelford is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1876.

No. 2. Highway Commissioner.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 3, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Lemuel S. Harris is hereby elected highway commissioner for the term of three years, ensuing the first Monday in January, 1876.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 3, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Lemuel S. Harris be hereby elected highway commissioner for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1876.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 3. Justices of the Police Court.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 3, 1876.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 3, 1876.

RESOLVED, That from the justices assigned to keep the peace within the city of Providence, Elias M. Jenckes and

Lorin M. Cook be and they are hereby selected to compose the police court during the present municipal year.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 4. Joint Committee on Accounts.

[Elected January 3, 1876.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 3, 1876.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 3, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Potter, Babcock, Westcott, Millett and Phillips, having been elected by ballot, members of the joint committee on accounts on the part of the common council, the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 5. Joint Standing Committees.

[Appointed January 3, 1876.]

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 3, 1876.

RESOLVED, That the following named gentlemen, having been appointed members of the joint standing committees of the city council on the part of the common council, said appointments be communicated to the board of aldermen, that an alderman may be added to each.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

Finance :

Messrs. Jerothmul B. Barnaby, Daniel E. Day,
William Spencer, Charles F. Sampson,
Alderman Fisher.

Highways :

Messrs. William S. Johnson, Hugh Hamill,
Benjamin Hunt, jr., Frederick Miller,
Alderman Clark.

Education :

Messrs. Henry R. Barker, Edwin A. Smith,
John Morris, James Lewis Pierce,
Alderman Metcalf.

Fire Department :

Messrs. Stillman White, John W. Briggs,
William S. Hayward, Thomas M. Rounds,
Alderman Spicer.

City Property.

Messrs. Henry L. Parsons. George H. Burnham,
James H. Tower, George R. Phillips,
Alderman Lapham.

Police :

Messrs. Edwin A. Smith, Edward C. Ames,
Archibald B. Rice, Clinton D. Sellew,
Alderman Manchester.

Ordinances :

Messrs. Charles P. Robinson, William W. Rickard,
Edward C. Ames, William Y. Potter,
Alderman Lapham.

Claims :

Messrs. Elisha C. Mowry, William S. Johnson,
Henry L. Parsons, Silas A. Sweet,
Alderman Angell.

Printing :

Messrs. Archibald B. Rice, Oren Westcott,
 Thomas A. Millett, Alfred H. Willard,
 Alderman Tew.

Parks :

Messrs. William S. Hayward, Arthur F. Dexter,
 Charles F. Sampson, William H. Shattuck,
 Alderman Spicer.

North Burial Ground :

Messrs. Edward G. Ames, Andrew Winsor,
 William Spencer, Alderman Raynsford.

Harbor :

Messrs. William W. Rickard, Henry S. Smith,
 Thomas A. Millett, Alderman Potter.

Railroads :

Messrs. John P. Cooney, James H. Tower,
 George W. Babcock, Alderman Potter.

Sewers :

Messrs. Raymond G. Place, Arthur F. Dexter,
 John W. Briggs, Alderman Tew.

Lamps :

Messrs. Clinton D. Sellew, John Behan,
 William H. Shattuck, Alderman Raynsford.

Water :

Messrs. William Y. Potter, Oren Westcott,
 Daniel E. Day, Alderman Fisher,
 Hugh Hamill, Alderman Lapham.

City Debt :

Mr. William Spencer.

City Engineer's Department :

Mr. Andrew Winsor.

No. 6. Resolution to contract for Stationery.

[Approved January 3, 1876.]

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

No. 7. Resolution for printing the Mayor's Address and the City Manual.

[Approved January 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rice, Millett, Willard and Westcott, of the common council, with alderman Tew, are hereby appointed a committee to wait on his honor the mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the city council, and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they shall deem expedient.

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

No. 8. Resolution to print certain Reports.

[Approved January 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee who were appointed to cause the mayor's address to be printed, be and they are

hereby authorized to cause the following reports to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council, viz. :

The annual report of the gauger.

The annual report of the commissioners of the north burial ground.

The annual report of the superintendent of the north burial ground.

The annual report of the board of engineers of the fire department.

The semi-annual report of the overseer of the poor.

No. 9. Resolution regulating the number of City Documents to be printed.

[Approved January 3, 1876.]

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

No. 10. Resolution referring the Mayor's message and the stated reports to the proper committees.

[Approved January 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the several joint standing committees of the city council are hereby instructed to inquire into the subjects relating to their respective departments which are contained in the inaugural address of the mayor, and in the regular stated reports required of any officer or department, and to report thereon to the city council when deemed expedient by the committee.

No. 11. Resolution of thanks to David E. Howard,

[Approved January 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council are due to David E. Howard, Esq., for the beautiful manner in which he has decorated our council chamber, without any expense to the city.

No. 23. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Public street.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Public street from Eddy street to the harbor line, and fifty feet wide.

No. 24. Resolution to pay James Tiffany.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Tiffany, the sum of eleven dollars and twenty-three cents, for overcharge for curbing: to be paid out of the appropriation for curbing.

No. 25. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee on the Cove Basin.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Clark and Fisher, with Messrs. Sampson, Peirce and Rice, of the common council, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to recommend to the city

council, such measures as they deem the most advisable in regard to the mud and filth in the cove basin.

No. 26. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee on the West Burial Ground.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the inaugural address of the Mayor delivered January 3, 1876, as relates to the west burial ground, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of aldermen Tew and Lapham, with Messrs. Day, Spencer and Robinson, of the common council, to examine and report what action it is advisable to take in the matter.

No. 27. Resolution to pay Louis W. Clarke \$369 50.

[Approved, January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Louis W. Clarke, the sum of three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents, for furnishing telegraph instruments and constructing line from Knight street police station to Olneyville station, and charge the same to the appropriation for police.

No. 28. Resolution to refer cause of Humphrey Almy.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to agree to a reference of cause of Humphrey Almy against the city of Providence, and to name the referee to be chosen by the said city.

No. 29. Resolution to refer case of Daniel S. Hazard.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to consent to a reference under a rule of court of the case of Daniel S. Hazard against the city of Providence, and to nominate the referee to be selected by said city.

No. 30. Resolution approving appointment of Deputy Gaugers.

[Approved January 17, 1876.]

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

I hereby nominate in compliance with the city ordinance, Robert Sherman and Zachariah C. Farmer as deputy gaugers, for the year ensuing, and respectfully request that they be confirmed.

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

PROVIDENCE, January 10, 1876.

Read, whereupon it is resolved that said appointments be hereby confirmed by the city council.

No. 31. Resolution relating to Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 17, 1876.

RESOLVED, That the following changes and appointments being made in the several joint standing committees, the same be communicated to the board of aldermen, viz. :—

Mr. Dexter on the committee on the harbor, in place of Mr. Millett resigned.

Mr. Millett on the committee on sewers, in place of Mr. Dexter resigned.

Mr. Rounds on the committee on lamps, in place of Mr. Sellew resigned.

Mr. Hayward on the committee on claims, in place of Mr. Parsons resigned.

Mr. Dexter is appointed on the joint committee on parks, (he not having been engaged until this day.)

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 35. Fifth Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented January 17, 1876.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
 PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 12, 1876. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

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

On October 22, 1875, we were informed that Messrs. C. H. Parker and Co., the contractors for the wrought and cast iron work and roof, were unable to proceed and finish their work, owing to their embarrassed condition.

They were given the three days notice required in their contract, that we should enter upon and finish the work. We notified the parties who made former proposals for the same work that we should receive bids for the completion of the work, and upon receiving the same, awarded the contract to

the Architectural Iron Works of the city of New York, for the sum of \$87,183.18, which is as favorable a contract as we had before.

The work on the building the past quarter has progressed as fast as could be expected. Owing to the changeable weather, we decided that it would be best not to carry on the work during the winter, and have stopped work on the building and placed a temporary roof over the top of the outside and all exposed inside walls.

We expect to make an early start in the spring, and hope to have the building roofed in before next fall, so as to enable us to work inside during the next winter.

The following are the disbursements to date :—

J. G. Batterson,	-	Cut Granite,	-	-	\$20,920 39
Trustees H. P. & F. R. R.,		Track,	-	-	11 78
Tingley Marble Co.,	-	Putty,	-	-	137 64
Chambers, Calder & Co.,		Lead and oil,	-	-	6 80
Providence Press Co.,	-	Advertising,	-	-	11 25
H. T. Rider,	-	Carpenter,	-	-	248 41
J. G. Batterson,	-	Cut Granite,	-	-	2,331 30
Hopkins & Pomroy,	-	Brick, Lime and Cement,			4,538 87
Samner P. Brown,	-	Salary,	-	-	500 00
Michael Moran,	-	Loam,	-	-	5 40
Henry T. Rider,	-	Carpenter,	-	-	208 43
J. Y. Smith,	-	Stamps, &c.	-	-	22 97
H. G. Macomber,	-	Mason's work,	-	-	3,472 00
Hopkins & Pomroy,	-	Cement and Lime,	-	-	526 11
Tingley Marble Co.,	-	Putty,	-	-	47 70
H. G. Macomber,	-	Mason's work,	-	-	1,942 40
Henry T. Rider,	-	Carpenter,	-	-	559 52
J. G. Batterson,	-	Cut Granite,	-	-	17,464 79
J. L. Slocum and Son,	-	Oak Lumber,	-	-	271 44
James Tiffany,	-	Copper,	-	-	15 98
S. J. F. Thayer,	-	Salary,	-	-	1,750 00
Architectural Iron Works,		Iron,	-	-	11,249 05
H. G. Macomber,	-	Mason's work,	-	-	486 00
Hopkins & Pomroy,	-	Cement and Lime,	-	-	217 95
W. G. R. Mowry and Co.,		Oak Lumber,	-	-	228 98
H. T. Rider,	-	Carpenter,	-	-	300 89
C. F. Eddy,	-	Salary,	-	-	250 00
					\$67,726 05

The amount of expenditures during the last quarter is,	\$67,726 05
The total amount of expenditures is, - - -	284,223 82
The total amount of appropriation is, - - -	<u>310,000 00</u>
The unexpended balance is, - - -	\$25,776 18

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

No. 36. Report of Joint Committee on City Property
on purchase of land on Seymour Street for
School-House on Square Street.

[Presented January 17, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, who were directed by resolution No. 790 to purchase land for a school house on Seymour street, adjoining the school land on Square street, respectfully report, that they have bought of Eliza W. Potter, wife of Smith Potter, lot number seventy-nine on assessors plat of the city of Providence No. 48, located on Seymour street, containing three thousand and eighty square feet of land, for the sum of fifteen hundred sixty-five dollars and fifteen cents, the title and deed being satisfactory to the city solicitor.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 37. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property
on the purchase of land at the School House
on Meeting Street.

[Presented January 17, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property who were authorized by resolution No. 490 to purchase of Messrs. George H. Copeland and Co., a certain piece of land adjoining the school house lot on Meeting street, make report that they have bought the lot of land designated, for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars. The papers making the conveyance were prepared under the direction of the city solicitor.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 38. Message from the Mayor on employment of
Poor.

[Presented January 17, 1876.]

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The appropriation made by resolution No. 786, approved on the first instant, for the purposes of furnishing work to the unemployed, will be exhausted within two weeks from this date. I recommend that an additional sum be appropriated at once, in order that this work may be continued.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 39. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor recommending an additional appropriation for the purpose of furnishing work to the unemployed, be referred to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 40. Message from the Mayor relating to Atlas of the City.

[Presented January 17, 1876.]

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

An atlas of the city of Providence compiled chiefly from the plats in the assessors' office, has been published in three volumes, and the plates therefor are about to be destroyed.

It is very important that a considerable number of copies should be purchased for the use of the various departments of the government requiring such plats, and the publishers of the work are holding the plates for the purpose of giving the city an opportunity to purchase such additional copies as may be required.

I recommend that the matter be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 41. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated January 17, 1876, relative to purchase of additional

copies of the atlas of the city, published by G. M. Hopkins and Co., of Philadelphia, be referred to the joint committee on city property to examine and report thereon.

No. 42. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Passed January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, for the maintenance and improvement of Roger Williams park, and to be charged to the appropriation for parks.

No. 43. Resolution appointing a committee on the Centennial Fourth of July.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Miller, Burnham, Dexter, Phillips and A. J. Barnaby, with aldermen Raynsford and Potter, be a committee to take into consideration the best manner properly to commemorate the events incident to this centennial year, upon the recurrence of the national holidays, and to obtain such information and estimates as will indicate to the council what appropriation will be necessary for this city to celebrate such days in a creditable and satisfactory manner.

No. 44. Resolution requesting Water Commissioners to report on Sewers.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and are hereby requested to report to the city council, as soon as may be, what sewers, if any, are needed to furnish suitable outlets to sewers already constructed or ordered to be constructed, and also, what in their opinion, is necessary to be immediately done by the city council in order to furnish proper lines of drainage in the future.

No. 45. Resolution authorizing employment of Hosemen in the Fire Department.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers of the fire department, acting under the advice of the standing committee on the fire department, be and they are hereby authorized to employ two additional members of the fire department, to be designated as hosemen, at an annual salary not exceeding seven hundred dollars each: provided, however, that the expenses of the fire department shall not be increased thereby.

No. 46. Resolution relating to the Fire Station on Burnside Street.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to cause the

steamer station No. 10, on Burnside street, to be brought to the established grade of the street, provided the same can be done at a cost not exceeding eight hundred dollars. The same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 47. Resolution transferring \$800. to the appropriation for highways.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight hundred dollars, an amount paid into the city treasury by T. Newell and others on account of building a retaining wall on Francis street, be and the same is hereby transferred from the miscellaneous account to the appropriation for highways.

No. 48. Resolution electing to lay out Pearl street.

[Approved January 27, 1876.]

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1875, to lay out Pearl street, from West Clifford street to Plane street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1875; now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

- No. 49. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Wheaton Street.

[Approved January 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Wheaton street, from South Court street to Bowen street, and declare the same a public highway.

- No. 50. Resolution for a reference of the claim of Boynton Bros.

[Passed January 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized and directed to agree to a reference, under rule of the supreme court, of all matters in dispute between the Messrs. Boynton Brothers and the city, growing out of their contract with the city for building the foundations of the city hall, to three referees, one to be selected by said Boynton Brothers, one by the city and the third by the two so chosen, and to select the referee on behalf of the city.

- No. 51. Resolution of inquiry into the Lamp Department.

[Approved January 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on lamps are hereby requested, at their earliest convenience, to enquire into and report to the city council, what, if any, informalities exist in the lamp department.

No. 52. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive
Marvin street.

[Approved January 31, 1876.]

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

No. 53. Message from the Mayor, relating to the
Washington Bridge Fund.

[Presented January 27, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, January 27, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By a resolution of the city council, approved March 10, 1862, the sum of five thousand dollars was set apart and reserved as a special fund, the income from which to be applied to keeping Washington bridge, at India Point, in repair.

The expenditure made for repairs on the bridge has largely exceeded this income, and there is no necessity of maintaining the fund. I recommend, therefore, that the sum be transferred to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, to be by them held as a portion of the sinking fund for the redemption of the water loan.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 54. Resolution referring the foregoing message.

[Approved January 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated January 27, 1876, in relation to the Washington Bridge fund, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 55. Message from the Mayor relating to land on
Richardson street.

[Presented January 27, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, January 27, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

I am informed by the highway commissioners that an estate on Richardson street, adjoining property owned by the city, can now be purchased on reasonable terms.

The estate will be valuable to the city for the amount of excellent gravel thereon, and its possession will enable the city to bring to grade and use all the gravel on the land now owned by the city.

The owners of the estate in question made a claim against the city for damages caused to their property by taking gravel from the adjoining land, and the committee on claims recommended the purchase of the property, but the owners asked so exorbitant a price that the purchase was not made. As they have now consented to sell for a lower price, I recommend that the committee on highways be authorized to inquire and report upon what terms the estate can be purchased.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 56. Resolution relating to the purchase of land
on Richardson street.

[Approved January 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on highways are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a lot of land on Richardson street, adjoining land of the city, and to report upon what terms the same can be bought.

No. 57. Resolution to pay \$48.27 to Clara E. Battey.

[Approved January 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Clara E. Battey the sum of forty-eight dollars and twenty-seven cents, being the amount due her for services as teacher in the public schools to July, 1874: said sum to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 58. Resolution appointing a special committee to confer with Anne E. Burgess et al. in the matter of South Water Street.

[Approved January 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That alderman Raynsford, with Messrs. Potter, H. S. Smith and Sweet, of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with Anne E. Burgess and others, owners of lot No. 77, on assessors' plat No. 12, and ascertain upon what terms settlement can be made with said owners for the damage to said lot caused by the widening of South Water street.

No. 60. Message from the Mayor relating to Plans and Models of the Water Works and Sewers.

[Presented January 31, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
January 31, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have received from a committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a request that the water commissioners

may be authorized to prepare plans and models of the water works of this city, to be exhibited at the centennial exhibition; and the water commissioners have received from another committee of the same society, a request for plans and models of the sewerage system of this city, to be also exhibited at the centennial exhibition, the plans and models in both cases to be returned to the city, or to be deposited in the library of the above society, as the city council may decide.

I am informed by the water commissioners that the expense of complying with these requests is estimated at five hundred dollars for each set of plans and models, and that these will be very valuable for future reference, after the exhibition is closed.

I earnestly recommend that the requests of the society may receive the approval of the city council, and the water commissioners be authorized to proceed at once in the preparation of the plans.

A copy of the letter in reference to the water works, together with the circular of the society, are transmitted herewith.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

YONKERS, N. Y., January 21, 1876.

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

SIR:—You will see from the accompanying circular, that the American Society of Civil Engineers desires to make a full and complete exposition of American water works at the centennial exhibition.

The very thorough manner in which all details have been planned and executed in the water works of Providence, make it desirable that those works should be fully illustrated in the exhibition. The committee would be very glad, therefore, if you would authorize the water commissioners to prepare such plans and models of the works for exhibition, under the auspices of the society, as would fulfil the object aimed at,—such plans to be returned to the commissioners, at the close of the exhibition, or to be retained by the American Society of Civil Engineers in their library, as you might direct.

Trusting that you will give this matter early consideration, I remain, sir, with great respect.

Your obedient servant,

J. JAMES R. CROES,
Chairman Sub. Com. on Water Works.

No. 61. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated January 31, 1876, relative to preparing plans and models of the water works and of the sewerage system of this city, to be exhibited at the centennial exhibition, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 62. Report of the Water Commissioners on the time of completing the Water Works.

[Presented January 31, 1876.]

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, January 31, 1876. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:—

In answer to the following resolution passed by your honorable body, 17th instant :

“RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby requested to inform this council at its next meeting, the date (or an approximate date) of their proposed completion and delivery to the city council, of the water works now being constructed by them.”

The water commissioners respectfully report :

That the work remaining to be done before the construction of the water works, in accordance with the views which they have entertained, is completed, is as follows :

The completion of the erection of the Cornish engine at

Pettaconset and the adjustments which a short experience of its running may indicate to be necessary or desirable.

The completion of the engine house at Pettaconset, and the grading of the adjoining ground.

The completion of the grading of the grounds and the erection of fences at Hope reservoir and pumping-station.

And the completion of the road and the grading of the grounds around Sockanosset reservoir.

Should no unexpected delay occur, arising from accident or otherwise, the commissioners believe that all the above-named work may be completed by the 30th day of June next.

The only portion which would seem to require a previous acquaintance with the work, in order to its proper completion, is the completion and proof of the Cornish engine, which, it is supposed, may be done by the 30th day of April.

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

No. 63. Resolution relating to Board of Maintenance
for the Water Works.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on water be hereby requested to cause to be prepared, an ordinance establishing a board of maintenance for the Providence water works.

No. 64. Resolutions appropriating \$5,000. for labor on
the Highways.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation made by re-

solution No. 786, approved January 1st, 1876: provided, that the rate of compensation, to be hereafter paid under said appropriation, shall not exceed the following sums, viz. : to each man having a family or other dependents, one dollar per day; to each man having no family or other dependents, seventy-five cents per day, and for each horse and cart, seventy-five cents per day. Employment under this resolution shall be confined to persons who have resided in the city at least three months prior to its passage, and shall be given only on orders from the overseer of the poor.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the sum aforesaid.

No. 66. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for teaching
Drawing.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee is hereby authorized to expend, from the appropriation for public schools, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for the necessary expenses of the drawing department of the public schools.

No. 67. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the
City Hall.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building the city hall.

No. 68. Resolutions to index and bind the Resolutions and City Documents for 1875.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on printing are hereby instructed to cause an index to the printed resolutions of the city council, passed in 1875, to be prepared and printed, and also, to cause said resolutions to be bound for the use of the city government.

RESOLVED, That the same committee are hereby instructed to cause one hundred and fifty copies of the documents of 1875, with a proper list of the contents, to be bound for the use of the city.

No. 69. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Norfolk street.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Norfolk street, from High street to McDonough street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 70. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Fremont street.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Fremont street, from Ives street to Gano street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 71. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Lincoln street.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

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

No. 72. Resolution relating to drainage of Hardenburg street.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on highways be and they are hereby requested to inquire into and report to the city council as soon as possible, the most available plan in their judgment, for getting rid of the surface water of Hardenburgh and contiguous streets, with an estimate of the cost.

No. 73. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pine street.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

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

No. 74. Resolution to settlement of account against the Friends' School, for curbing Hope street.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to receive from the Friends' Yearly Meeting Boarding School,

the sum of five hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents, in full payment of all claims of the city against said boarding school growing out of the curbing of Hope street.

No. 75. Resolution to pay Peter Dorsey \$10. for damages.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Peter Dorsey the sum of ten dollars, in full for all damage by overflow of water sustained by him in his estate on Lippitt street by reason of obstructions in said street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 76. Resolution abating tax of S. S. Lapham, Guardian.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to S. S. Lapham, guardian of Cora E. Stebbins, of Woonsocket, the sum of twenty-nine dollars, being the amount of a personal property tax erroneously assessed against her for the year 1875.

No. 77. Resolution abating tax of Harriet H. Manchester.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Harriet H. Manchester,

of Johnston, the sum of thirty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of a personal property tax assessed against her for the year 1875.

No. 78. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved February 3, 1876.]

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

No. 79. Report upon the wall and fence at the School House on Point street.

[Presented, February 3, 1876.]

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

GENTLEMEN: By a resolution numbered 474, approved August 16, A. D. 1875, the undersigned was requested to build a retaining wall and fence around the Point street school house, and suitable out buildings with street sewer connections, and also cause the grounds to be properly graded, graveled, concreted etc., and in obedience to said request, I have built a substantial granite wall laid in cement, on Langley and Point streets, turning the corner on Langley street fifty feet, and the corner on Point street forty feet, and two suitable out buildings with the proper street sewer connections, and a tight board fence across the rear of said lot, and on Langley street one hundred feet, and on Point street eighty feet.

I have also lowered the water pipes so as to be below danger from frost, and graded and concreted the yard, except upon Plane street.

This work has been done at an expense of \$7,941.14, leaving unexpended of the money appropriated, the sum of \$58.86.

There remains to be done in order to complete what is necessary, the building of an iron fence with a granite base across the front of said lot, as also an iron fence upon Langley street, from the end of the board fence to Plane street, and also on Point street from the end of the board fence to Plane street.

To complete this work, in the opinion of the undersigned, the sum of \$2,500 will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER.

No. 80. Message from the Mayor relating to Public Halls and Buildings.

[Presented, February 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Feb. 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The recent destruction of life in a public building in Cincinnati, in consequence of a panic in the audience, should lead all municipal authorities to make a thorough investigation of the laws and regulations in relation to halls and buildings opened for the general admission of the public in the cities under their charge, with a view to the prevention of similar calamities.

I therefore recommend that a committee be directed to examine the laws regulating such places in this city, as to their

erection and use, and also the laws regulating shows and exhibitions therein, and to report as soon as practicable, whether additional legislation is necessary for the protection of the citizens of this city, when assembled in places built and maintained for public use.

The fact that a panic may be easily created in a crowded room at any time, which legislation would be powerless to prevent, does not lessen the duty of the city government to provide by every means in their power, against loss of life at such times, and this can easily be done by laws properly framed.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 81. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved February, 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated February 10, 1876, in relation to the regulations concerning public halls and buildings, is hereby referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report whether any legislation is necessary for the protection of the public at such places.

No. 83. Resolution to lease land on Doyle avenue,
to Toye & Holmes.

[Passed February 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby authorized to lease to Messrs. Toye & Holmes, a lot of and on Doyle avenue, containing about fifty four hundred and twenty square feet, at an annual rent of one hundred and seventy five dollars, payable quarterly, and taxes.

Said lease to be for the term of three years, and for a further term of seven years with a proviso that the city council may at any time, terminate said lease and take possession of said land, after giving said Toye & Holmes six months notice of said termination.

No. 84. Message from the Mayor relating to the Harbor.

[Presented February 14, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Feb. 14, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The general government has from time to time, made appropriations for deepening and improving the harbor of this city below Fox point, and some years have elapsed since the last work was done. In the meantime, the city government has expended a considerable sum in widening and improving the harbor above Fox Point, until it has become necessary that the harbor below that point should be both deepened and widened.

It is therefore important that the city council should at once take measures to place the facts in relation to the harbor properly before the senators and representatives in congress, from this state, in order that an appropriation may be secured at the present session, and work be resumed under the direction of the general government in that portion of the harbor properly belonging under their care.

I recommend that the committee on the harbor be directed to obtain the necessary information, to be forwarded to Washington.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 85. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated February 14, 1876, relative to securing an appropriation from congress for the improvement of the harbor, be referred to the joint committee on the harbor, to examine and report thereon.

No. 91. Report of the Joint Committee on Lamps, relating to informalities in the Lamp Department.

[Presented February 14, 1876.]

The joint committee on lamps, who were by resolution No. 51, current series, requested to inquire into and report to the city council, what, if any, informalities exist in the lamp department, beg leave to report that they have held two meetings, due notice of which was given in the daily papers of the city, for the purpose of hearing any and all persons who knew of any informalities in the lamp department: that but two persons have appeared in response to this invitation, and only one of these had any charges to make, the other merely called in at the last meeting, to corroborate one of said charges.

Your committee have also subjected the superintendent of lights, Mr. Charles M. Smith, to a searching examination under oath, and after a careful consideration of his evidence in connection with that of the others above referred to, give it as their deliberate opinion, that nothing that can justly be entitled an informality exists in the lamp department.

Your committee submit herewith a full and complete record of the evidence.

THOMAS M. ROUNDS, Chairman,	} Joint Committee on Lamps.
WM. H. SHATTUCK,	
JOHN BEHN,	
ED. W. RAYNSFORD,	

No. 92. Resolution relating to the Washington Bridge Fund.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to transfer from the Washington bridge fund, the sum of five thousand dollars, said sum having been set apart by resolution of the city council, approved March 10, A. D. 1862, for repairs of Washington bridge; and place the same in the hands of the board of commissioners of sinking funds, for the redemption of the water loan.

No. 93. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

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

No. 94. Resolution electing to lay out Bridgham street.

[Approved February 28, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1875, to lay out Bridgham street, from High street, northerly to Carpenter 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 thirty-first day of De-

ember, 1875: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 95. Resolution electing to lay out Eddy street from Pine street to Broad street.

[Approved February 26, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1875, to lay out and widen Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad 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 January, 1876: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 96. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pearl street.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

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

No. 97. Resolution to pay Joseph S. Budlong \$23, for damages by dogs.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to

pay to Joseph S. Budlong the sum of twenty-three dollars, pursuant to chapter 83, section 20, general statutes : said sum being the amount of damage sustained by him by depredations of roving dogs.

No. 98. Resolution to pay John S. Tripp \$30, for flooding.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John S. Tripp the sum of thirty dollars, in full for damage resulting from the bursting of the main water pipe in Pond street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 99. Resolution to pay Charles W. Field \$58.02 for flooding.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles W. Field the sum of fifty-eight dollars and two cents, in full for damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Clifford street on the twelfth and eighteenth days of August last, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 100. Resolution abating tax of Fanny Levi.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Fanny Levi the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against her estate for the year 1874.

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

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Beriah Wall to raise a certain building located to No. 284 Broad street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 102. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

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

No. 103. Resolutions granting permisson to move a building.

[Approved February 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permisson be granted to Eliza Ann Tripp to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to her petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 104. Resolution appropriating \$2,500 for fencing the School House land on Point street.

[Approved, February 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building a wall and fencing in the school house on Point street: to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 105. Resolution appropriating \$28,000 for Bridges.

[Approved February 28, 1876]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for public bridges; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 106. Special Committee on the management of Public Schools.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 28, 1876.

Mr. J. Lippitt Snow having resigned his appointment as a member of the joint special committee appointed January 25, 1875, to examine into the management of the public schools, and alderman Tew having been appointed to fill the vacancy—

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 28, 1876: Read.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 107. Message from the Mayor on the price of Gas.

[Presented, February 24, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 24, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Providence Gas Company have informed me, that on and after the close of the present quarter in March next, the price of gas consumed in the street lights and public buildings, will be reduced to two dollars and ten cents per thousand cubic feet.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 108. Message from the Mayor on reviewing Procession on St. Patrick's day.

[Presented February 24, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 24, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have received from the chief marshal an invitation for the city council to review the procession under his command which is to parade on Friday, March 17th next, and recommend that the same be accepted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 109. Resolution to review procession on St. Patrick's day.

[Approved February 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation to review the procession on Friday, March 17, be hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 110. Resolution electing to lay out Cargill street.

[Approved February 28, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1875, to lay out Cargill street, from Carpenter street to Fountain 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 sixth day of January, A. D. 1876, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 111. Report of Special Committee to confer with Anna E. Burgess et al., in the matter of South Water street.

[Presented February 28, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 58, current series, "to confer with Anna E. Burgess and others, owners of lot No. 77, on assessors' plat No. 12, and ascertain upon what terms settlement can be made with said owners for the damage to said lot caused by the widening of South Water street," beg leave to report; that a settlement can be made with said owners by paying them eight dollars per foot for the land taken instead of a trifle less than three dollars per foot as awarded by the commissioners of estimate and assessment; and they are willing to have the assessment to them increased correspondingly.

The 558 $\frac{7}{20}$ feet of land taken, at \$8. per foot,			
amounts to,	-	-	- \$4,466 80
The assessment of \$174. increased as 8 to 3,	-		464 00
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Leaving balance of	-	-	- \$4,002 80
The award of the commissioners was	\$1,674	00	
The assessment “ “ “	174	00	
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Leaving balance of	-	-	- 1,500 00
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Extra amount claimed,	-	-	- \$2,502 80

This offer of settlement is, in the opinion of your committee, most reasonable, and has been made by the owners with the express understanding and agreement by and between them and us, that if it is not accepted by the city council, it shall not be used in any way to prejudice their suit before the courts.

Your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Providence, February 28, 1876.

ED. W. RAYNSFORD,	} Committee.
WM. Y. POTTER,	
HENRY S. SMITH,	
S. A. SWEET,	

No. 112. Resolution to settle with Anna E. Burgess and others.

[Approved February, 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by resolution No. 58, and approved January 31, 1876, be, and it is hereby authorized to make a settlement with Anna E. Burgess and

others, owners of lot No. 77, on assessors' plat No. 12, for damages made to and assessments upon her and them, arising out of the widening of South Water street; provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding four thousand and two dollars and eighty cents.

No 113. Resolution requesting the Superintendent of
Public Buildings, to report on proposed
High School

[Approved, February 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and he is hereby requested to report to the city council answers to the following questions, in regard to the plan for a new high school building, known as "Walker's plan," now being considered by the city council:—

First—The number of square feet of ground it will occupy. Second—The number of stories. Third—The number, size and description of rooms in each story. Fourth—The number of school-rooms in the building, and the number of desks each room will accommodate. Fifth—The width of main halls. Sixth—The number of square feet on the ground and in the building as compared with the Butler Exchange and the new City Hall. Seventh—To report his estimates of the cost of furnishing, heating, fencing and grading the lot.

No. 114. Resolution requesting the Superintendent of
Public Schools to report relating to
the High School.

[Approved February 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public schools be, and he is hereby requested to report to the city council, the

present number of scholars connected with the high school, giving number of each, male and female; the number occupying the high school building, and the number that is accommodated outside that building at the present time: also, the number, if any, now awaiting admission; also the natural increase in number of those who may become entitled to admission into the high school for the next ten or twenty years, according to the ratio of increase for the last ten years, supposing the present standard of admission be continued; and also, the same facts based on the standard of 1872.

No. 115. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for labor on the Highways.

[Approved February 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to appropriation made by resolution No. 786, approved January first, and No. 64, approved February third, 1876: provided, that the rate of compensation to be hereafter paid under said appropriation, shall not exceed the following sums, viz.: to each man having a family or other dependents, one dollar per day; to each man having no family or other dependents, seventy-five cents per day. Employment under this resolution shall be confined to persons who have resided in the city at least three months prior to its passage, and shall be given only on orders from the overseer of the poor.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the sum aforesaid.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 28, 1876.

The following officers are elected :

Surveyor of Lumber,	Esek A. Jillson.
Superintendent of Lights,	Charles M. Smith.
Appraiser of damage under the dog law,	Henry A. Cory.
Weigher at the Platform Scale at the Haymarket,	Samuel W. Hartshorn.
Weighers of Cotton,	
Frank H. Brown	Charles S. Mathewson,
Frank Barstow,	Charles G. Morgan,
Charles H. Cowell,	William P. Morton,
Charles Dyer,	Frank M. Mathewson,
Samuel C. Davenport,	Nathaniel W. Pierce,
Morris B. Deming,	Theodore B. Pierce,
James Herbert Foster,	Henry K. Potter,
George A. Folger,	James G. Peck,
Joseph Hanlon,	Samuel R. Simmons,
Edward B. Hamlin,	Frank L. Sheldon,
Olivee A. Lockwood, Jr.	Stephen Tripp,
John S. Kellogg.	
Constables,	
James McEnanly.	George A. Billings,
	Harrison A. McKenney.

No. 116. Report of the Joint Committee on Police,
in relation to a Police Station on Martin
and Ashburton Streets.

[Presented February 14, 1876.]

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

By resolution No. 397, approved July 12, 1875 the joint
committee on police were instructed to procure plans and

estimates for a police station, to be erected on the land owned by the city at the corner of Martin and Ashburton streets.

After examining the lot whereon the building is proposed to be erected, the various stations now in use in the city, and several stations recently erected in the city of Boston, your committee secured the services of Mr. George W. Cady, architect, who has drawn plans in accordance with their wishes, which are presented herewith for your consideration.

Your committee believe that it would be for the best interests of the city to advertise for proposals from contractors, before making public any estimates which the architect or superintendent of buildings have made; therefore they would recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

EDWIN A. SMITH, Chairman.

No. 117. Resolution to advertise for proposals for a Police Station on Martin street.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on police be, and they are, hereby directed to advertise for proposals for building a police station on Martin street, in accordance with plans and specifications made by George W. Cady, architect.

No. 118. Resolutions relating to the management of the Public Schools.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the special committee of the city council appointed by resolution No. 47, approved January 25, 1875,

"to examine into the management of the public schools of the city, in all its details; to ascertain how they are managed, arranged and organized; what defects, if any, there are therein, and what changes are required to make the schools more effective, and in general to give a thorough examination into all matters connected with our system of public education," be and they are hereby discharged from further consideration of that subject.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Dexter, Robinson and Day, of the common council, with aldermen Tew and Potter be and they hereby are appointed a committee to consider the subject of our public school system, as set forth in said resolution No. 47.

No. 119. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for
Evening Schools.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars be hereby added to the amount authorized to be expended by the school committee for the maintenance of evening schools: to be paid out of the appropriation for public schools.

No. 120. Resolution for repairing the School House
on Federal street.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be, and they are hereby directed to cause the necessary repairs upon the exterior of the Federal street grammar school house to be made, and so much of the sum of six hundred dollars, as may be necessary therefor, is hereby appropriated: to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 122. Resolution to change the Police Station on Mill street to a Fire Station.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary alterations in the second police station, required to place it in condition for use as a hose station: provided, however, the expense of such alterations and improvements shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars: the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 123. Resolution to hire building on Martin street for use of the Police department.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on police be, and they are hereby directed to hire a building on Martin street, for the use of the police department in the second district, at a cost not exceeding twenty-five dollars per month: the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for police.

No. 124. Resolution to pay the Commissioners of the Brook street District.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Cyrus B. Manchester, Horatio N. Angell and Esek Tallman, each the sum of three hundred and twenty-four dollars and sixty cents, in full for their services as commissioners on

the Brook street district, to the first day of January, A. D. 1876, and charge the same to the account of the Brook street district

No. 125. Resolution to advertise in the General Advertiser.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on printing be and they are hereby directed to contract with the publishers of the Providence General Advertiser to do the city's advertising, provided such contract can be made for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

No. 126. Resolution for grading land on Fremont street.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to enter upon the estates of such persons as abut upon Fremont street, between Ives street and Gano street, and remove what earth is in the judgment of said commissioners, necessary for the proper grading of said Fremont street, without charge to the owners of said estates; provided, the owners of said estates shall first give their written consent to allow said commissioners to remove said earth, and provided further, that the owners of said estates shall sign a written agreement to make no claims for damages by reason of grading such estates.

No. 127. Resolution to pay Elias H. Carpenter \$40.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to

pay to Elias H. Carpenter, the sum of forty dollars, in full for damage resulting from overflow of Aborn street sewer during the storms of August twelfth and eighteenth last, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 128. Resolution to pay Mary J. Gannon \$75.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary J. Gannon the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full for injuries received by falling into an excavation on Hope street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 129. Resolution to pay William Ross \$35.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William Ross the sum of thirty-five dollars, in full for all damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of Washington street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 130. Resolution abating certain Taxes assessed in the year 1873.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and is hereby di-

rected to abate the several taxes in the year 1873, reported by the treasurer as uncollectable, amounting to forty-nine hundred and eleven dollars and thirty cents.

No. 131. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Benjamin R. Hoxsie, to raise a certain building located at the corner of Almy and Penn streets, pursuant to his petition.

No. 132. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved March 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to H. B. and R. P. Gladding, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

No. 135. Appointment of Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

[Approved March 8, 1876.]

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

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

Nathaniel C. Bushee,
 Charles C. Lee,
 Frank B. Chedell,
 Charles A. Manchester,

John B. Winship,
 Robert Carlisle,
 Frank S. Roberts,
 William G. Burtis.

Charles C Lee, for mahogany and other ornamental lumber.

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

ESEK A. JILLSON.

PROVIDENCE, March 2, 1876.

No. 136. Resolution for curbing Williams street.

[Approved March 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to set the curbing and pave the gutters on Williams street, from Governor street to Ives street.

No. 137. Resolution appointing a special committee to confer with Eliza B. Rogers, et al.

[Approved March 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Alderman Raynsford, with Messrs. Potter, H. S. Smith and Sweet, of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with Eliza B. Rogers and others, owners of lot No. 76, on assessors' plat No. 12, and ascertain upon what terms settlement can be made with said owners for the damage to said lot caused by the widening of South Water street.

No. 143. Report of Superintendent of Public Schools,
relating to the number of pupils in the High School.

[Presented March 8, 1876.]

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

In compliance with a resolution passed by your honorable body, February 28, 1876, the superintendent has the honor to submit the following reports :

The number of pupils at the beginning of the present school year, in the high school was 449,—268 girls and 181 boys.

At the present term there are connected with the high school 243 girls and 167 boys, in all 410.

At the beginning of the present school year, it was necessary to send the entering class of girls, numbering 88, to the old Fountain street grammar school.

There will be more than 150 pupils well prepared to enter the high school at the beginning of the next school year.

The whole number of pupils admitted into the high school in 1866, was 252 ; in 1875, 449 : an average increase of about twenty in each year. With improved accommodations and facilities, the number would be considerably increased. In 1874, 412 pupils were admitted to the high school, 37 less than in 1875.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL LEACH, Sup't Public Schools.

No. 144. Report of the Special Committee on Public
Baths.

[Presented March 8, 1876.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council, who by res-

olution, approved July 1, 1875, were instructed to build a bath house for salt water bathing, respectfully report :

After some difficulty in deciding on the size and other characteristics of a bath house adapted to our city, the committee finally determined on a plan similar, in many respects, to those in use in the city of Boston, with some improvements, rendering it more durable, the plans and specifications of which were furnished by E. L. Angell, architect.

A contract was made with Robert S. Alexander, of the Providence Marine Railway Co., to construct the same for the sum of twenty-four hundred and fifty dollars, the work to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the superintendent of public buildings.

The bath house was successfully launched on Thursday, August 5, 1875, and towed to the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company's wharf on South Water street, north of the Point street bridge, the said company permitting the city to locate there during the season without expense.

Hundreds of our youthful citizens were anxiously awaiting the mooring of the mysterious craft to the wharf, and their joy knew no bounds when they were informally invited in by his honor the mayor.

The house was open to the public on the sixth of August, in charge of Alexander H. Rogers, superintendent, and six hundred men and boys, during the day, availed themselves of a free public bath.

The experiment, for such it was, met with unexpected public favor, and it was soon evident that the city of Providence could no longer be without public bath houses.

The building proved to be entirely inadequate to accommodate the vast number that daily sought admittance, and the superintendent was obliged to limit each bather to half an hour, and then to clear the house for others, and even then, the throng could not be accommodated. The superintendent was assisted in his duties by efficient officers of the police force, furnished by the chief, at the request of the committee,

and by proper regulations, order was maintained and the duties were discharged satisfactorily to all.

During the fifty-six days the house was open to the public, the number that bathed was 25,293, as reported by the superintendent. The largest number on any one day was 1,400, on the tenth of August. The average daily attendance was 451. The average daily attendance in August was 728.

The amount appropriated by the city council for building the house, furnishing and providing for superintendent's salary was three thousand dollars. The amount expended was twenty-eight hundred and twenty-two dollars and thirty-eight cents, leaving a balance unexpended of one hundred seventy-seven dollars and sixty-two cents.

The amount received by the superintendent for use of towels furnished by the committee was \$35.46. The amount expended by superintendent for hemming and washing the same was \$14.06, leaving a balance of \$21.90.

On the first of September, the bath house was towed to the shore belonging to the Marine Railway, and beached for the season, without cost to the city, excepting a small allowance to the watchman for protecting the same at night.

The experience of the past season warrants the committee in unanimously recommending the building, of at least two more bath houses for the present season, one to be located on the west side of the river and the other on Seekonk river.

The committee have also considered the subject of fresh water baths, and believe that arrangements can be made for the same with trifling expense to the city, and would respectfully recommend the building of a house for that purpose the present summer, for the following winter.

The committee are also of the opinion that separate bathing facilities for women and girls should be provided.

The committee would also further recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

WILLIAM W. RICKARD, Chairman.

No. 145. Resolution referring the communication of the Water Commissioners to a Special Committee.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the communication from the water commissioners, presented to the city council on the twenty-eighth day of February, ultimo, pursuant to resolution No. 44, approved January 27, 1876, be hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Peirce, Mowry and Hayward, of the common council, with alderman Tew, to examine and report thereon.

No. 146. Resolution appropriating \$3,500 for the Police Station on Richmond street.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for alterations, heating and furnishing the Richmond street police station: the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 147. Resolution referring report of Commissioners on South Main street to a Special Committee.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of laying out and widening South Main street, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Dexter, Spencer and Winsor, of the common council, with aldermen Fisher and Metcalf, to examine and report thereon.

No. 148. Resolution electing not to lay out Broad street.

[Passed March 9, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1875, to lay out and widen Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich 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 Monday, January 24, 1876: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court:—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect not to make said improvement.

No. 149. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Transit street.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Transit street, from Ives street to Gano street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 150. Resolution for curbing Lincoln street.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

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

No. 151. Resolution for curbing Amherst street.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Amherst street, from Putnam street to Julian street, and from Handy street to Manton avenue.

No. 152. Resolution to pay Livingston Randall,
janitor \$120.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Livingston Randall, the sum of one hundred twenty dollars, in full for services as janitor at Point street school house, during the summer vacation of the year 1875: to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 153. Resolution to pay Hiram Hill \$75, for flooding.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Hiram Hill, the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full compensation for all damage sustained by himself and tenants on his estate situate at the corner of Charles Field and Brook streets, by overflow of Brook street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 154. Resolution to pay Paul O. Johnson \$40, for flooding.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Paul O. Johnson, the sum of forty dollars, in full for all damage resulting from overflow of Power street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 155. Resolution to pay Esek Tallman \$500, for flooding.

[Approved March 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Esek Tallman, the sum of five hundred dollars, in full for all damage upon and to his estates, resulting from overflow of the Pearl street sewer and from the construction thereof, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 156. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive McDonough Street.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

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

No. 157. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Rice street.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Rice street, from A street, to Pearl street, and declare the same a public highway.

No 160. Report of the Special Committee on the Cove Basin.

[Presented March 23, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint special committee on the cove basin, appointed by resolution No. 25, approved January 17, 1876, respectfully report :

That in the investigation of the subject, under their appointment, they desired a full and free expression of our citizens as to what shall be done with the cove basin, and to this end they held a public meeting in the council chamber, Tuesday evening, February 15th, to which were invited the petitioners to have the basin dredged, and all other citizens. The almost unanimous expression at this meeting was in favor of dredging the basin and preserving and beautifying its surroundings.

Previous to this public meeting, your committee had taken counsel with J. Herbert Shedd, Esq., chief engineer of the water works, whose connection with the cove land commission had given him an opportunity to become familiar with this subject; also, with Dr. E. M. Snow, health officer of our city, both of whom are decidedly in favor of dredging and preserving the basin, and this your committee unani- mously recommend. The object for which park and basin

were originally laid out, has totally failed, and in the present condition of the basin, it is a stench to the nostrils, unsightly to the eye, and a disgrace to the intelligence and refinement of our citizens.

The plan your committee would propose and recommend, is to remove the dam under the railroad bridge, cause the basin to be dredged, at least three feet below low water mark, and then construct a channel to take the silt of the Woonasquatucket and Moshassuck rivers.

The estimated cost of the dredging is sixty thousand dollars. The proposed channel would take the silt of the two rivers now emptying into the basin, down below the bridges, from whence it is believed the current would carry it into the lower harbor and out to sea; or should it not, it could be more easily dredged from the river than from the basin. This channel would be constructed of two lines of plank, driven below low water mark, and thus not be seen, and its estimated cost is sixty-eight hundred and fifty dollars, and it would more than pay for itself in the extra length of time before the basin would again have to be dredged.

With the dam removed, the basin dredged as proposed and channel constructed, it is estimated that forty-five million gallons of water will pass in and out of the basin on each flood and ebb of the tide. This quantity of clean sea water will produce a scouring effect upon the whole basin, which will freshen and cleanse it, and we see no reason why it will have to be dredged again for the next fifty or even one hundred years. This opening and water basin acts as an air channel, purifying the atmosphere and carrying through the streets running from the cove, a purer current.

It is a protection from the spread of fire. The nature of the buildings in our city is inviting for a serious conflagration, and this open water space might prove the only barrier to check it. It might prove, also, to be the saving of much valuable property in case of freshets.

At the public meeting to which reference has been made, the question of providing more and better accommodations for the railroad companies now centering on the borders of the basin, was alluded to as having a very direct bearing upon this subject of "what shall be done with the cove basin?" Your committee, therefore, feel justified in stating, that the railroad companies are not so amply provided with either passenger or freight stations as they desire, and that they are looking for the filling of the basin to provide themselves with the new land thus created, for the enlargement of their present stations. Your committee believe that better accommodations for all the railroad companies could be provided on the so called cove lands, and if by an equitable exchange, the city could become repossessed of the land now occupied by the passenger and freight stations, the approach to the park and basin would be made easy and safe. An enlargement of the park could be made, and a beautiful and pleasurable resort provided, in the very centre of business, which would be the pride of every citizen and invite the attention and admiration of every visitor. Your committee, therefore, recommending the improvement as embodied in this report, ask the passage of the accompanying resolution.

HENRY C. CLARK,	} Committee.
ADDISON Q. FISHER,	
CHAS. F. SAMPSON,	
ARCHIBALD B. RICE,	
JAS. LEWIS PEIRCE,	

No. 161. Report of the Joint Committee on the City
Debt on a further issue of the Water Loan.

[Presented, March 23, 1876.]

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

The committee on the city debt make this their report :

The city council is now authorized by law, to issue water bonds to an amount not exceeding one million dollars.

Of the present floating debt, about one million thereof has been contracted for the construction and maintenance of the water works and the interest on the water loan, so that if the bonds were issued for the full sum authorized, it would only defray the outlay up to the present time.

The committee deem it wise, to issue a sufficient sum to cover the expenditures to be made, during at least, the present year ; to do which, and leave a portion to be hereafter used, they recommend that immediate application be made to the general assembly for authority to issue one million of the water loan, in addition to the sum now authorized.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee on city debt,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, March 23, 1876.

No 162. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for power to issue \$1,000,000 of the Water Loan Bonds.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the city debt are hereby directed to apply to the general assembly for power and authority to issue the bonds of the city, for the further sum of one million dollars : to be appropriated for the Providence water works.

No. 163. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arch and Greenwich streets.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Arch and Greenwich streets, from a point on Arch street one hundred and sixty feet west of the west line of Junction street to Greenwich street, down Greenwich street to Broad street, at Bridgham street, to connect with the Broad street sewer.

No. 164. Resolution in relation to land for a Grammar School House in the Western District of the Ninth Ward.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education are hereby directed to report to the city council, a proper location and price of lot for a grammar school building, for the western district of the ninth ward.

No. 165. Resolution relating to erection of buildings.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor be and hereby is requested to apply to the general assembly for such legislation as will authorize the city of Providence to make and ordain such ordinances and regulations in relation to buildings in said city, as will render said structures safer for use, for

business, for places of amusement, for religious and other purposes; and better protect the city and its citizens from the dangers of fire and of unsafe and insecure buildings.

No. 166. Resolution to settle with Eliza B. Rogers, et al. for the widening of South Main street.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to make a settlement with Eliza B. Rogers and others, owners of lot No. 76, on assessors' plat No. 12, for damage arising out of the widening of South Water street, provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding three thousand and ninety dollars and eighty-nine cents.

No. 167. Resolution to move a building in the Brook Street District.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby instructed to cause the dwelling house on the land adjoining the premises occupied by Ann Augustus, to be moved to land of the city on Coles street.

No. 168. Resolution relating to water for the Butler Hospital.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to furnish water to the Butler Hospital for the insane,

at two cents per hundred gallons for the quantity actually used, and that all Pawtuxet water used, shall be measured and charged for.

No. 169. Resolution relating to the West Burying Grounds.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor be and he hereby is requested to apply to the general assembly for the enactment of such legislation as will authorize the city of Providence to remove the bodies now interred in the West Burying Grounds, so called, that the further desecration of the graves thereat may be prevented, and the health of the adjacent portion of the city better protected.

No. 170. Message from the Mayor on the death of Hon. James Y. Smith.

[Presented March 27, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 27, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Honorable James Y. Smith died at his residence in this city, yesterday morning.

Seldom, if ever, has it happened to one man in this city, to have filled so many positions of public trust as Mr. Smith was called to occupy; every duty of which was performed with the most exact fidelity.

He was governor of the state from 1863 to 1866, and was mayor of Providence from June 4, 1855, to June 29, 1857.

At the time of his decease, he was a member of the school committee from the second ward; a commissioner of the Dexter donation, to which office he had been annually elected, with the exception of a single year, since June, 1855; a member of the board of commissioners of the cove lands; a member of the board of commissioners of sinking funds; a commissioner to superintend the erection of the city hall, and a trustee under the mortgage of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.

His name is rarely found recorded as absent from a session of these bodies, and in this respect he has left an example worthy of imitation.

His death is not only a great loss to the city in which he lived, but many of the largest business interests, both at home and abroad, will miss his wise and prudent counsels.

The charitable organizations of this city have lost a liberal friend, and the poor a generous benefactor.

Of him it may be truly said, a friend to the friendless, a helper to the helpless, and an honest man, has passed from earth.

I recommend, as a mark of respect for his memory, that the several departments of the government be closed, from ten o'clock, a. m., until two o'clock, p. m., on the day of his burial, and that the municipal government attend the funeral ceremonies.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 171. Resolution relating to the death of Hon.
James Y. Smith.

[Approved March 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable James Y. Smith, ex-governor of the state and

ex-mayor of the city, the several departments of the city government be closed on Wednesday, the 29th inst., from ten o'clock A. M. until two o'clock P. M., the day of the funeral of the deceased; and that the officers of the city government attend the funeral ceremonies.

No. 172. Resolutions appropriating \$5,000 for labor on the Highways.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation made by resolutions No. 786, approved January 1, 1876; No. 64, approved February 3, 1876, and No. 115, approved February 28, 1876: provided that the rate of compensation, to be hereafter paid under said appropriation, shall not exceed the following sums, viz.: to each man having a family or other dependents, one dollar per day; to each man having no family or other dependents, seventy-five cents per day, and for each horse and cart, seventy-five cents per day. Employment under this resolution shall be confined to persons who have resided in the city at least three months prior to its passage, and shall be given only on orders from the overseer of the poor.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the sum aforesaid.

No. 173. Resolution to purchase of copies of the Atlas of Providence.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor be authorized to purchase of G. M. Hopkins and Company, Philadelphia, not

exceeding fifty copies of each volume of the atlas of the city, for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars : to be taken from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 174. Resolution electing not to lay out Florence and Malden streets.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1875, to lay out Florence and Malden streets, from Kossuth street to Manton avenue, 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 fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1876, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court ;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect not to make said improvement.

No. 175. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Dora street.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Dora street, from Broad street to Prairie avenue, under the old highway act, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 176. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Perkins street.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

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

No. 177. Resolution for curbing Keene street.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Keene street, from Brown street to Thayer street.

No. 178. Resolution for curbing Oakland street.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Oakland street, from Greenwich street to Potter's avenue.

No. 179. Resolution to lay a sewer in Charles street.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

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

No. 180. Resolution to lay a sewer in Power street.

[Approved, March 30, 1876.]

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

No. 181. Resolution to pay Elijah C. and Joseph K. Baker \$600 for flooding.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Elijah C. Baker and Joseph K. Baker, the sum of six hundred dollars, in full for all damage sustained by themselves and tenants in the estate situate at the southeast corner of Washington and Union streets, by reason of the overflow of the sewer in said Washington street, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 182. Resolution abating \$7.25, tax of Edwin Ely, administrator of estate of Septimus Gilbert.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Edwin Ely, of Killingly, Connecticut, as administrator on the estate of Septimus Gilbert, deceased, the sum of seven dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property, erroneously assessed against said Septimus Gilbert, for the year 1875.

No. 183. Resolution abating \$7.25, tax of Marcus M. Inman.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Marcus M. Inman, of Cherryfield, Maine, the sum of seven dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property, erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

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

No. 184, Francis Bourn, No. 10 Hayward street.

“ 185, Charles Wright, corner of Aborn and Fountain streets.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

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

No. 186, James Annis,

“ 187, George H. Church,

“ 188, John Donahue,

“ 189, George Jones.

No. 190. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved March 30, 1876.]

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

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

No. 192. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Woods avenue.

[Approved April 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Woods avenue, from Park street to Smith street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 193. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to declare D street.

[Approved April 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to declare D street a public highway, from the northerly line of Booth street, to land of Henry King and Ferdinand Potter.

No. 194. Resolution to furnish the Police Station on
Knight street.

[Approved April 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee of the city council to build the fourth district police station be and they are hereby directed to cause the said station, to be furnished forthwith, at a cost not exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars; said sum to be added to the appropriation for said building.

No. 195. Resolution relating to the proprietors on
Senter street.

[Approved April 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Raynsford and Clark, with Messrs. Morris, Place and Crossley of the common council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the grievances of the abutting proprietors on Senter street, and take such measures for their relief as they, in their judgment, may deem proper, after advising with the city solicitor.

No. 196. Resignation of George H. Corliss, City Hall
Commissioner.

[Presented April 6, and accepted April 13, 1876.]

Providence, R. I., April 5, 1876.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave hereby to tender my resignation of the office of commissioner for building a city hall, to take effect on the twentieth day of the present month, unless it should be your pleasure to fix upon an earlier day.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE H. CORLISS.

No. 197. Resolution to sell a building in the Brook Street District.

[Approved April 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings in the matter of moving the building at No. 37 Front street, as directed by the city council, and to sell said building at public or private sale, on condition that the same be immediately removed.

No. 198. Resolution appointing a committee to confer with parties appealing in the matter of Eddy street.

[Approved April 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Raynsford and Metcalf, with Messrs. Hamill, Hunt and Rice, of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have taken appeals from the awards and assessments made by the commissioners appointed at the March term of the supreme court, A. D. 1872, to extend, etc., Eddy street, and to report to the city council on what terms settlement can be made with each of said parties.

No. 199. Resolution appointing a special committee to confer with parties through whose land the Lippitt street sewer passes.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Potter, Burnham, and Tower of the common council, with alderman Spicer, be and they hereby are appointed a joint special committee to confer with those parties through whose land the Lippitt street sewer passes, and ascertain upon what terms a settlement can be made, and to report thereon to the city council.

No. 200. Message from the Mayor upon representing
the Public Schools at the Centennial Exhibition.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The commissioner of public schools of this state is very desirous that the City of Providence shall be represented in the department of public education of the centennial exposition.

In accordance with his wishes, specimens of the progress made in various studies by the pupils of different grades of schools in this city, have been prepared to be exhibited at Philadelphia, and to be accompanied by a history of the schools.

It is important that photographs of the school buildings of each grade, together with ground plans thereof,—the whole to be suitably mounted for preservation,—should also be transmitted for exhibition; to do which and to complete some matters in connection with the work, an appropriation of \$300 will be necessary.

I recommend that such an appropriation be made from the appropriation for public schools: the sum to be expended for the above purposes in such manner as the city council may deem most expedient.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 201. Message from the Mayor relating to the
hitching horses to the Public Fountains.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

A practice prevails in this city of hitching horses to the public

drinking fountains set up for the health and convenience of the people. This practice has caused considerable injury to the fountains, and prevents their use for the purpose for which they were established. It is also dangerous to the public health, for the reason that the cups and fixtures are frequently covered with saliva from the horses, from which cause disease might ensue.

I recommend the passage of an ordinance prohibiting this practice, and affixing a severe penalty for the violation thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 202. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated April 10, 1876, in reference to the hitching of horses to the public drinking fountains in the city, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 203. Message from the Mayor relating to the Trustees under the mortgage of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

By the death of Hon. James Y. Smith, on the 26th of March, ultimo, a vacancy exists in the trustees named in the two mortgages, given by the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company to secure the payment of the bonds issued by said company and guaranteed by the city of Providence.

Your attention is called to the following covenant contained in each of said mortgages.

"And it is further covenanted by and between the parties hereto, that whenever and as soon as a vacancy shall happen in said trustees by death, resignation, inability to act, or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the supreme court of said state, upon the nomination of the city council of the city of Providence, and if said city council shall neglect or fail to make such application, for thirty days after such vacancy shall occur, said party of the first part may make application and nominate persons to said court to fill said vacancy."

I recommend that a nomination be made at once, by the city council, in accordance with the above covenant.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 204. Resolution nominating Trustee under the
Mortgages of the Providence and Springfield
Railroad Co.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby nominate Robert Knight for appointment by the honorable the supreme court, as a trustee under the two mortgages given by the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company to the city of Providence, to fill the vacancy caused by the death, on the 26th day of March, 1876, of the Hon. James Y. Smith, late one of said trustees: it being provided in said mortgages that the city council may make such nomination within thirty days of the occurrence of any vacancy in the trustees, caused by death, resignation, inability to act, or otherwise.

No. 205. Message from the Mayor relating to the Commissioners of Sinking Funds and Commissioners of the City Hall.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A vacancy exists in the board of commissioners of sinking funds, caused by the decease of the late Hon. James Y. Smith, which is required by ordinance to be filled for the term ending on the first Monday of January, 1877, by concurrent vote of the two branches of the city council.

A similar vacancy exists from the same cause, in the city hall commission, which is also to be filled by concurrent vote of the city council.

I recommend that prompt action be taken in reference to filling these vacancies.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 206. Resolution electing Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

[Passed in Common Council April 10, 1876.]

[Passed in Board of Aldermen April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. James Y. Smith.

No. 207. Resolution electing Seth Padelford Commissioner to build a City Hall.

[Passed in Common Council April 10, 1876.]

[Passed in Board of Aldermen April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Seth Padelford is hereby elected a commissioner to build a city hall, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late James Y. Smith.

No. 208. Resolution electing Amos C. Barstow,
Commissioner to build a City Hall.

[Passed in Common Council April 10, 1876.]

[Passed in Board of Aldermen April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Amos C. Barstow is hereby elected a commissioner to build a city hall, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George H. Corliss, Esq.

No. 209. Resolution of thanks to the Hon. George H.
Corliss.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That regretting the necessity which has compelled the Hon. George H. Corliss to resign the office of city hall commissioner, the city council hereby tenders to him the thanks of the city, for the able and valuable services rendered by him as such commissioner.

No. 215. Eighth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners
of Sinking Funds.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their eighth quarterly report :

The amount of funds in the control of the board, December 31, 1875, was

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$92,546	14
Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	410,674	56
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	149,972	64
Of the city hall and sewer loan,	-	-	-	1,560	00
Of the north burying ground,	-	-	-	1,117	97
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$655,871	31

There was received January 1, 1876, for the sinking fund of 1876, the sum of \$2,107.89, which increased the fund to \$94,654.03, and this amount was paid the same date, to the city treasurer towards the redemption of the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad company, then due and unpaid.

The amount on hand March 31, 1876, was :

Of the fund of 1885, - - -	\$422,271 10
Of the fund of 1893, - - -	158,852 78
Of the city hall and sewer loan, - - -	1,577 74
Of the water loan, - - -	5,000 00
Of the north burying ground, - - -	1,130 67
Whole amount, - - - -	<u>\$588,832 29</u>

The increase in the several funds has been :

In the fund of 1885, - - - -	\$11,596 54
In the fund of 1893, - - - -	8,880 14
In the city hall and sewer loan, - - -	17 74
In the water loan, - - - -	5,000 00
In the north burying ground, - - -	12 70
Whole increase, - - - -	<u>\$25,507 12</u>

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, April 10, 1876.

No. 216. Report of the Joint Committee on Highways,
upon buying land on Richardson street.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

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

The joint committee on highways, to whom, on the twenty-

seventh day of January, 1876, was referred the resolution relative to the purchase of a lot of land on Richardson street, for the gravel thereon, have given the subject full consideration and report as follows :

The lot of land in question, adjoins one already owned by the city, and contains a large amount of gravel suitable for use on the streets. The land in front has been excavated some twenty or twenty-five feet, and as near the line of the lot as the city have any right to go. The lot has a small house on it, and would rent from \$125 to \$150. Although not in immediate want of the gravel, your committee are of the opinion, that it may be well to buy the estate, providing it can be bought for \$2,500, which is about \$800 less than is asked for it.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

WM. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Providence April 10, 1876.

No. 217. Report of the Joint Committees on Highways and Sewers, on the protest of Elisha M. Warner, Administrator.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

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

The joint committees on highways and sewers, to whom, on the eighth of February, 1875, was referred the protest of Elisha M. Warner, administrator, against the turning of the water from Greenwich and Daboll streets on to the lots which he holds, between Burnett and Austin streets, make report, that they have given the subject full consideration, and find that notwithstanding said protest, the water was turned on to his land, and is still turned thereon ; and that the said Warner has now before the

council a claim for damages resulting therefrom. No action is therefore required of your committee, and they return the protest without further recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

R. G. PLACE, Chairman Committee on Sewers.

Providence, April 10, 1876.

No. 218. Report of the Advising Committee on Bridges,
relating to Bridges on Branch avenue.

[Presented April 10, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PROVIDENCE :

The advising committee on bridges report, that the recent heavy freshets destroyed two bridges on Branch avenue, one of them known as the "Randall bridge," and the other as the "Wanskuck bridge."

The committee, in order that the highway may be passable, have provided temporary bridges for light loads, in place of those destroyed.

They recommend that the Randall bridge, which is but a ten feet span, and was formerly built of wood, be replaced by a stone arch, and that the Wanskuck bridge be rebuilt of wood with a span of eighteen feet.

They also recommend that both these bridges be built the entire width of the street, in accordance with plans prepared by the city engineer, and at an estimated cost of not exceeding nineteen hundred dollars for both structures.

The committee request the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, April 10, 1876.

No. 219. Resolution to build bridges on Branch avenue.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges be and they are hereby authorized to cause the Randall bridge, on Branch avenue, to be replaced by a stone arch, and the Wanskuck bridge, on the same street, to be rebuilt of wood; both said structures to be constructed the full width of the highway.

RESOLVED, That the sum of nineteen hundred dollars, be hereby appropriated for the construction of said bridges: to be paid from the appropriation for public bridges.

No. 220. Resolution to sell a building on Martin and Ashburton streets.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to sell at public auction or private sale, the wooden building, located on the land owned by the city, at the corner of Martin and Ashburton streets.

No. 221. Resolution relating to plans for a High School on Summer street.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That all plans, resolutions and other papers relative to the erection of a new high school building, now before the council, be referred to the joint committee on education, to examine and report suitable plans, specifications and estimates for such a building.

No. 222. Resolution for curbing Webster street.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Webster street, from Briggs street to Ambrose street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

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

- No. 223. Albert H. Cushman, Niagara and Congress streets,
 “ 224. Hugh Falls, No. 7 School street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

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

- No. 225. George H. Page, Agent,
 “ 226. Toye & Holmes.

No. 227. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Rhode Island Concrete Company to move a certain wooden building, pur

suant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires, thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 230. Resolutions to build a Police Station on Martin and Ashburton streets, and appropriating \$23,500.

[Approved April 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on police, are hereby authorized and directed to erect a police station on the lot owned by the city at the corner of Martin and Ashburton streets, in accordance with plans and specifications made by George W. Cady, architect; provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars, is hereby appropriated to carry the foregoing resolution into effect, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby directed to hire the same.

No. 231. Resolution relating to the Water Loan Bonds.

[Approved April 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the city debt, are hereby authorized and directed to issue the water loan bonds, or such portion thereof as they may deem expedient, in accordance with the authority granted by the general assembly in the several acts relating thereto.

No. 232. Message from the Mayor, with declination of
Seth Padelford and Amos C. Barstow, elected
City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented April 19, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 19, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have received and transmit herewith, the declinations of Hon. Amos C. Barstow and Hon. Seth Padelford, to accept the positions upon the commission to build a city hall, to which they were elected by concurrent vote of the two branches of the city council.

It is a matter of public regret that these gentlemen cannot serve the city in the manner proposed.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, April 15, 1876.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—I notice by the public papers, that the city council has done me the honor of electing me a member of the board of commissioners to build a city hall.

It was my fortune, as chairman of a committee of the city council, to purchase the lot for this use, and also to present the first plans for a hall to be erected on it. Though twenty-one years have elapsed, I still feel a lively interest in the enterprise,—an interest which I would gladly illustrate by accepting this appointment, had not these years brought with them a burden of cares, largely of a public nature, fully taxing my time, and often crowding my strength.

I beg you, therefore, to tender to the city council, with my respectful declination of the trust, the assurance of my gratitude for this new expression of its confidence.

Yours, truly,

A. C. BARSTOW.

PROVIDENCE, April 17, 1876.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR, &c. :

DEAR SIR:—I feel very grateful for the confidence placed in me by the city council, in electing me a commissioner for the building of a city hall, in place of the late Hon. James Y. Smith, deceased. I fully appreciate the importance of the trust, and the unwearied care and faithfulness necessary in the performance of its duties. I have made arrangements to be absent during a part of the time which would require my presence here, if I accepted the trust in good faith.

I must, therefore, respectfully decline the same.

Yours, respectfully,

SETH PADELFOED.

No. 233. Sixth Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented April 19, 1876.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
 Providence, R. I., April 12, 1876. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned, commissioners for building a city hall, elected October 8, 1874, in conformity with the ordinance prescribing the duties of said commissioners, respectfully present their sixth quarterly report :

During the last quarter, which embraces a period of unseasonable weather for out-door work, of necessity, little progress has been made in the building. During a portion of the time however, workmen have been engaged in unloading the stone from the cars on the site of the building, and placing them in the most convenient position for future use, thus insuring more rapid progress on the return of favorable weather.

This report has been delayed on account of the removal by death, of one of their number, and that one the acknowledged head of the commission. Acting as their chairman, he was all that

that title would signify and much more, for his laborious application to every detail of this important work, he became the very embodiment of the board, it being the pleasure of his associates always to find themselves in perfect accord with his policy and plans.

The surviving members of the board beg to be allowed to improve this occasion, to express their high estimate of the unswerving integrity, untiring industry, kindly bearing and sound judgment of their late associate, the Hon. James Y. Smith, and to say that they have felt highly honored in being associated with him in the work of the city hall commission.

The following are the disbursements to date :

J. D. Fitts, engineer,	-	-	-	\$190	00
C. H. Morse, assistant engineer,	-	-	-	50	00
Sumner P. Brown, superintendent, salary,	-	-	-	500	00
Bugbee & Hall, stationery,	-	-	-	5	22
A. A. Gray, fence,	-	-	-	85	00
Boynton Bros., foundations,	-	-	-	3,000	00
Charles E. Kershaw, vault doors and frames,	-	-	-	318	00
J. G. Batterson, cut granite,	-	-	-	13,937	41
S. J. F. Thayer, architect, salary,	-	-	-	1,750	00
Charles F. Eddy, secretary, salary,	-	-	-	250	00
				\$20,085	63

The amount of expenditures during the last quarter, is	-	-	-	\$20,085	63
The total amount of expenditures, is	-	-	-	304,309	45
The total amount of the appropriation, is	-	-	-	410,000	00
The unexpended balance, is	-	-	-	105,690	55

GEORGE H. CORLISS, } City Hall
 WILLIAM G. R. MOWRY, } Commissioners.

No. 234. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the
Brook Street District.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

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No. 235. Resolution to purchase land on Richardson
street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby authorized to purchase of Ezra Hutchins the lot of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Richardson street, and adjoining land owned by the city, provided the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding three thousand dollars, and that the title to said estate shall be satisfactory to the city solicitor, provided that the fee of the lane adjoining shall be included in the purchase.

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No. 236. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to
receive Fremont street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Fremont street, from Governor street to Ives street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 237. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Hannah street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Hannah street, from Atwell's avenue to Amherst street, of a uniform width of forty feet.

No. 238. Resolution for curbing A street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on A street, from Lester street to Rice street.

No. 239. Resolution to pay Mary E. Alverson \$50. for flooding.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary E. Alverson, the sum of fifty dollars, in full for damage resulting from overflow of her estate at the corner of Federal and Bradford streets, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 240. Resolution to pay George B. Earle \$32. for flooding.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George B. Earle, tailor, the sum of thirty-two dollars, in

full for damage sustained by him by reason of the bursting of the water-pipe in Foster street, in March, 1875, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 241. Resolution to pay Rebecca C. and Anna M. Sessions \$225. for flooding.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Rebecca C. and Anna M. Sessions, the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, in full for all damage sustained by themselves and tenants by reason of overflow of the Washington street sewer, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 242. Resolution abating \$29.50 from the tax of Sally A. Benedict.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund, to Sally A. Benedict, of Connecticut, the sum of twenty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her for the year 1875.

No. 243. Resolution abating \$92.80 from the tax of Augustus O. Bourn.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund, to Augustus O. Bourn, of

Bristol, the sum of ninety-two dollars and eighty cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

No. 244. Resolution abating \$14.50 from the tax of Susan Gallup.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund, to Susan Gallup, of Connecticut, the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against her for the year 1875.

No. 245. Resolution to lay a sewer in Benevolent street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

No. 246. Resolution to lay a sewer in Elbow street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

No. 247. Resolution to lay a sewer in Lester street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

No. 248. Resolution to lay a sewer in Sheldon street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

No. 249, Anson W. Aldrich, No. 49 Eddy street.

“ 250, George C. Arnold, corner of Oliver street and Oliver place.

“ 251, James J. Nolan, No. 59 Bernon street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the

telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

No. 252, Martin Quinn.

“ 253, Jane Cox.

“ 254, Mary Diggles.

“ 555, Charles Law.

No. 256. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

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

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

No. 257. Message from the Mayor relating to the West Burial Grounds.

[Presented April 24, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 24, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

At the late session of the general assembly, an act was passed authorizing the city council to cause the west burial ground, so called, to be vacated. A preliminary notice is required to be given to all persons interested in said grounds, a form of which is transmitted herewith, and which I recommend

be ordered published at once. During the pendency of this notice, ample opportunity is given to the city council to perfect all arrangements in relation to the work required to be done in vacating the grounds, so that the same may not involve expense to the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 258. Resolution approving a form of notice to parties interested in the West Burial Ground.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the within form of notice is hereby approved, and that the same be published at once, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 553 of the public laws, passed April 20, 1876.

WEST BURIAL GROUNDS.

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 553 of the public laws, passed April 20, 1876, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or claiming any rights in any of the following described burial grounds in the city of Providence: the burial grounds laid out by Isaac Manchester, called "the Manchester Burial Ground," a plat of which is recorded in the record of deeds in said city of Providence, in book 30, page 541; the burial ground laid out by Thomas Sprague, called "Hope Cemetery," a plat of which is recorded in said records, in book 42, between pages 225 and 226; the burial ground laid out by Stephen K. Rathbone and Seth Padelford, called "Union Cemetery," a plat of which is recorded in said records, in book of plats 1, page 107; the burial ground laid out by John Field, a plat of which is recorded in said records, in book 22, page 485, and the burial grounds of the Beneficent Congregational Society, a plat of which is recorded in said records, in book 60, page 34; that all bodies, remains of deceased persons, monuments and grave stones must be removed from each and all said burial grounds within sixty days from the first day of May, A. D. 1876, and in case such bodies, remains, monuments and grave stones, are not so removed within said term of sixty days, the city council of the city of Providence will cause the same to be removed to some suitable burial place.

No. 259. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon Sewers required for outlets.

[Presented April 24, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The report of the water commissioners relative to sewers needed as outlets for sewers already constructed, and to furnish future drainage, being city document No. 18, current series, was by resolution No. 145, approved March 9, 1876, referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Peirce, Mowry, Hayward, and Alderman Tew, and they present herewith a partial report, embodying recommendations upon such portion of the commissioners' report as they deem to require immediate attention.

First. The Dorrance street sewer, having its outlet at Dorrance street dock, when completed to West Exchange street, as originally contemplated, provides outlet for the Washington, Fountain, Aborn and Sabin street sewers. It is now only built from the dock to Westminster street. The claims for damages by reason of overflow, have been more numerous in this Washington street district, than any other, and your committee believe that the continuation of the Dorrance street sewer, from Westminster street to West Exchange street, will so relieve this district, by thus providing outlets, that the city will be saved from further claims in this locality, hence they unanimously recommend its immediate construction. Its length will be 2,370 feet, and estimated cost, \$48,600.

Second. The new sewer in Friendship street, between Chestnut and Richmond streets, now empties into an old stone drain about 95 feet above Richmond street, by a lift of $3\frac{1}{3}$ feet, and some parties on Friendship street, who have abandoned their cess-pools and made connection with the new sewer, are very much annoyed by stench and backwater. We see no remedy, other than continuation of this sewer to a proper outlet. Upon the

engineer's plat of sewerage for this district, this Friendship street sewer is marked to Dorrance street, where connecting with Dorrance street sewer, it finds such proper outlet. Your committee therefore also unánimously recommend, that this sewer, from its present terminus on Friendship street, be continued to Dorrance street and connection made with Dorrance street sewer, and that it be immediately ordered.

Third. Special attention is called by the commissioners in their report now being considered, to the sewer on Blackstone street, which should be extended to Allen's avenue. In connection with this extension, the question of grade yet undetermined, must be considered. The length of sewer to Allen's avenue, is 530 feet, and the estimated cost \$11,500, and although a large expenditure, yet, in view of the improvements going on in that locality, viz. : the building of new gas works, and the fact that this sewer now discharges on private property; and further, that the grading of lands incident to this new business, may raise a question of damages by reason of this sewer's present outlet, the committee believe it should be done at once. The authority under which the commissioners built this Blackstone street sewer was to carry it to tide water. Its present terminus is not tide water proper, but in a creek into which tide does flow. The commissioners, however, will not continue it to Allen's avenue and tide water, unless further instructed by the city council. It seems to your committee further desirable, inasmuch as it provides a permanent outlet for the sewer now just completed in Pearl street; and when the Dudley street sewer, already ordered, is built, the main outlets for the large Pearl street district will be complete. In regard to this Dudley street sewer—the street should be brought to grade before the sewer is built, and the committee suggest that the highway commissioners avail themselves of present cheap labor to do it.

Fourth. The suggestion of the water commissioners, that the construction of a smaller sewer from Dorrance street dock to the end of the pier is desirable, to take the ordinary flow of

Dorrance street sewer, your committee approve. This small sewer can be constructed of 24 inch iron pipe, and not very expensive. The city probably have the right of way on the Dorrance street association land. If not, it should be obtained and this sewer built before the warm summer weather is upon us.

The present sewer in Gano and Pitman streets to Cold spring brook, was built in 1869, per order of the board of aldermen, but is no part of, or in accordance with the plan or system of sewerage adopted by the water commissioners; and although the abutters have been assessed for it, it does not answer the whole purpose for which it was built. The complaints are serious and numerous, and should be remedied. Your committee therefore recommend the construction of a sewer from Arlington avenue through Angell, Gano and Pitman streets to Cold spring brook.

The adoption by the city council of the recommendations contained in this partial report of your committee, will provide outlets for many sewers. Other matters referred to in the commissioners' report, will receive our attention hereafter, but these now brought to your notice, seemed to demand of us early action. We therefore ask the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

For the committee,

JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE, Chairman.

No. 260. Resolution to extend the Dorrance Street Sewer.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from Dorrance street sewer, now emptying into Dorrance street dock, to the end of the pier, whenever the right of way is secured.

No. 261. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Friendship street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Friendship street, from its present terminus above Richmond street, to Dorrance street, and connection made with present Dorrance street sewer.

No. 262. Resolution to extend sewer from Blackstone street.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from the present terminus of Blackstone street sewer to Allen's avenue.

No. 263. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Maguire to raise a certain building located at No. 58 Willard street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 264. Resolution electing a City Hall Commissioner.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen April 27, 1876.]

[Passed in Common Council April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Henry G. Russell is hereby elected a member of the city hall commission.

No. 265. Resolution electing a City Hall Commissioner.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen April 27, 1876.]

[Passed in Common Council April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That William M. Bailey is hereby elected a member of the city hall commission.

No. 266. Resolution relating to Contracts for the
Water Works.

[Approved April 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That all copies of contracts delivered to the city clerk by the water commissioners, and now in his office, be transferred to the care and custody of the city auditor, with whom all such contracts are now by law required to be delivered by the commissioners.

No. 267. Petition of Henry Lippitt and others, for the
improvement of the Dexter Training Ground,
with a resolution referring the same to
a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved, April 27, 1876.]

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

The undersigned respectfully represent, that the fence posts enclosing the Dexter Training Ground, are in a decayed condition, many of the same having been removed and carried away. We therefore respectfully request that the fencing and grounds may be placed in such order, as may be ornamental to the city, and a monument to the donor.

[Signed.]

HENRY LIPPITT, and others.

RESOLVED, That Alderman Clark, with Messrs. E. A. Smith, Hayward and Millett of the common council, together with the

Dexter donation commissioners, are hereby appointed a committee to take into consideration the petition of Henry Lippitt and others, in relation to the Dexter Training Ground, and recommend such measures to the city council as they may deem advisable in the matter.

No. 269. Message from the Mayor, with an opinion of the City Solicitor, in relation to an appropriation to represent the Public Schools in the Centennial Exhibition.

[Presented April 27, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 20, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:—

In accordance with your request, I have obtained from the city solicitor his opinion upon the authority of the city council to make an appropriation for the purpose of representing the public schools of the city at the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia.

He decides that the city council have no authority to make such an appropriation.

I transmit herewith the correspondence in relation to the matter.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 19, 1876. }

COL. N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor:

DEAR SIR—I am requested by the board of aldermen, to obtain your opinion as to the authority of the city council to make "an appropriation for the purpose of representing the public schools of this city at the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia."

Will you be kind enough to examine the matter, and make report thereon as soon as practicable, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
 CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 20, 1876. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor of the City of Providence:

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication herewith enclosed, I have the honor to say that, in my opinion, the city council has no authority to make "an appropriation for the purpose of representing the public schools of the city at the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia."

The authority is not expressly given in the charter, and I am unable to see that it is incident to the exercise of any corporate right, or that such action would be in the accomplishment of any purpose for which the municipal government was constituted.

Yours very truly,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 270. Resolution adding \$800. to the appropriation for the school house on Manning street.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Manning street school-house: to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 271. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, in grading and seeding land, repairing driveways, buildings, bridges, etc., and in the general maintenance and improvement of Roger Williams Park: the same to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

No. 272. Resolution appropriating \$2,500 for a Bath House.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for building, under the direction of the joint standing committee on the harbor, one suitable bath house for salt water bathing: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 273. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Pettis street.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Pettis street, from Palmer street to Nash lane, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 274. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Shove street.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Shove street, from Nash lane to Hedley street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 275. Resolution electing not to lay out Vinton street, from Vernon street to Broadway.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1875, to

lay out Vinton street, from Vernon street to Broadway, 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 Thursday, March 23, 1876: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect not to make said improvement.

No. 276. Resolution electing not to lay out Vinton street, from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1875, to lay out Vinton street, from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue, 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 Thursday, March 23, 1876: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect not to make said improvement.

No. 277. Resolution electing not to lay out and widen South Main street.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1875, to lay out and widen South Main street, from College street to Transit 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 Monday, March 6, 1876: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby elect not to make said improvement.

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No. 278. Resolution to lay a sewer in Dorrance and Cove streets.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

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

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No. 279. Resolution to lay a sewer in Angell, Gano and Pitman streets.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from Arlington avenue, through Angell, Gano and Pitman streets, to Cold Spring brook.

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No. 280. Resolution to fence the Fire Station on Central street.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, is hereby authorized to enclose the engine house lot

on Central street with a suitable fence ; provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars : to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

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

No. 281, Edwin A. Briggs, No. 52 Winter street.

“ 282, A. P. Hyndes, No. 61 Bernon street.

“ 283, John C. Kingsley, No. 23 Cross street.

No. 284. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

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

No. 286. Resolution referring the communication from the Governor in relation to the Fourth of July.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the communication of his excellency governor Lippitt, dated April 27th, 1876, transmitting copy of resolutions adopted by the general assembly, relative to the celebration of the centennial, in the several cities and towns, be hereby referred to the joint special committee upon the celebration of the holidays of the centennial year.

No. 287. Election of City Solicitor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 1, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Nicholas Van Slyck is hereby elected on the part of the board of aldermen, city solicitor.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May, 1, 1876.

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

No. 288. Resolution for dredging the Cove Basin.

[Passed May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Clark and Potter, with Messrs. Dexter, Sampson and Rice, of the common council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to cause the cove basin to be dredged and channel to be constructed, agreeably to the report of the joint special committee on the cove basin, presented the twenty-third day of March, 1876, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of seventy thousand dollars, which said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, the city treasurer is hereby authorized to hire, under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on finance.

No. 289. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for authority to make appropriation for the Fourth of July.

[Approved May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly, at the May session, in

1876, for the passage of an act authorizing the city council of the city of Providence, to appropriate not exceeding ten thousand dollars in any year, for a municipal celebration of the fourth of July.

No. 290. Resolution relating to the Clerk of the
Justice Court.

[Passed May 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city clerk and the clerk of the common council are hereby directed to ascertain if the clerk of the justice court of the city of Providence, has faithfully and seasonably recorded the judgments and proceedings of said court, and in case they shall find such to be the fact, the city clerk is hereby directed to give said clerk a certificate that he has furnished to the city council satisfactory evidence thereof, and that the provisions of section 24, of chapter 185, of the general statutes, have been complied with.

No. 294. Resolution to procure plans for a High
School.

[Passed May 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education, to whom were referred all plans, resolutions and papers relative to the erection of a new high school building, to examine and report suitable plans, specifications and estimates for such a building, are instructed to report plans, specifications and estimates, for a building to cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

 No. 295. Resolution to pay unconfirmed police.

[Approved May 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay, from the appropriation for police, the following named policemen, who have been appointed but not confirmed, for duty performed in April, 1876, as follows :

Charles E. Hawkins,	-	-	-	\$70 00
Patrick H. Garrigan,	-	-	-	82 50

No. 296. Message of the Mayor, relating to curbed streets which are not public highways.

[Presented May 11, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, May 11, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the city engineer a list of streets which have not been received and declared to be public highways, and which I transmit herewith.

These streets have been curbed and the gutters paved by the city, and they are also cleaned and repaired by the highway department, the cost of the work being defrayed from the annual appropriation for highways.

I recommend that immediate action be taken by the city council in reference to making these streets public highways, which should have been done before the city expended any money in making or repairing them.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 297. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved May 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated May 11,

1876, with the communication of the city engineer, giving a list of streets which are curbed and which have never been received as public highways, be referred to the joint committee on highways, to examine and report thereon.

No. 298. Resolution to pay Yetter & Wack for sprinkling Exchange Place.

[Approved May 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars per week be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid to Messrs. Yetter and Wack, from and after May 20, 1876, and until October 1, 1876, and no longer. The same to be in full compensation for services rendered the city in watering Exchange place. The amount paid under this resolution to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, and the bills to be duly certified by the joint committee on water.

No. 299. Message from the Mayor, relating to the use of Locomotive on South Water street.

[Presented May 15, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, May 15, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The use of a locomotive on South Water street, above and in the vicinity of Point street bridge, has become dangerous to the safety of the public, and its further use should be prohibited. The grant to use steam power at this place for drawing freight cars, was made prior to the completion of the bridge, and I recommend that this grant be revoked.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 300. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, relative to prohibition of use of locomotives on South Water street, be referred to the joint committee on railroads, to examine and report thereon.

No. 303. Annual Report of the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Presented May 15, 1876.]

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

The commissioners of the north burial ground make this, their annual report of the trust funds, for the year ending April 30, 1876 :

Funds.	Invested in.	Amount:
Zachariah Allen,	Providence Institution for Savings,	\$43 66
Phebe Whipple,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Joseph Veazie,	10 shares in Bost. & Prov. Railroad, par,	1,000 00
Rebecca M. Gladding,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
John Barstow,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Ferdinand Balcom,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Stephen Randall,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Alexander Duncan,	Providence Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Elizabeth Coville,	8 shares Blackstone Canal Nat. Bank, par,	200 00
Jabez Gorham,	Providence Institution for Savings,	600 00
Almon D. Hodges,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
James Wheaton,	Providence Institution for Savings,	80 00
George Earle,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Anna Whipple,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Rosanna Carpenter,	Providence Institution for Savings,	300 00
John Crain,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Abby T. & W. G. Dearth,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Heirs of J. Tillinghast,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Mary Jane Sheldon,	4 shares Prov. & Worcester Railroad, par,	400 00
Mary Goodacre,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Gardner B. Pettis,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Daniel Pettey,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Elizabeth E. Gardiner,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
	Total,	\$5,523 66

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Funds.	Amount of Funds.	Income on hand April 30, 1875.	Income Received.	Amount Expended.	Income on hand April 30, 1876.
Zachariah Allen,	\$43 66	\$26 08	\$2 61	7 00	\$21 69
Phebe Whipple.	100 00	22 22	6 09	7 00	21 31
Joseph Veazie,	1,000 00	90 01	90 00	25 00	155 01
Rebecca M. Gladding,	100 00	8 57	6 09	7 00	7 66
John Barstow,	100 00	16 93	6 09	9 00	14 05
Ferdinand Balcom,	100 00	18 21	6 09	10 00	14 30
Stephen Randall,	100 00	28 88	6 09	10 00	24 97
Alexander Duncan,	1,000 00	319 46	60 90	265 00	115 36
Elizabeth Coville,	200 00	95 50	14 00	49 50	60 00
Jabez Gorham,	600 00	177 69	36 54	127 50	86 73
Almon D. Hodges,	100 00	29 30	6 09	10 00	25 39
James Wheaton,	80 00	1 76	4 86	5 00	1 62
George Earle,	100 00	26 55	6 09	00	32 64
Anna Whipple,	200 00	41 22	12 18	8 00	45 40
Rosanna Carpenter,	300 00	38 20	18 27	5 00	51 47
John Crain,	200 00	16 24	12 18	8 00	20 42
Abby T. & W. G. Dearth,	200 00	16 24	12 18	00	28 42
Heirs of J. Tillinghast,	100 00	7 10	6 09	00	13 19
Mary Jane Sheldon,	400 00	00	36 00	10 00	26 00
Mary Goodacre,	100 00	00	00	00	00
Gardner B. Pettis,	200 00	00	00	00	00
Daniel Pettey,	100 00	00	00	00	00
Elizabeth E. Gardiner,	100 00	00	09	00	00
Total,	\$5,523 66	\$980 19	\$348 44	\$563 00	\$765 63

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM EARLE,

For the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

No. 304. Report of the Committee on Finance on Reports of City Auditor and City Treasurer.

[Presented May 15, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of the city auditor and city treasurer, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1875, report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and find the same correct.

For the Committee,

J. B. BARNABY, Chairman.

No. 305. Report of the Committee on City Property,
on the purchase of land on Richardson street.

[Presented, May 15, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, to whom was referred resolution No. 235, authorizing the committee to purchase of Ezra Hutchins, a lot of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Richardson street, provided that the fee of the lane adjoining shall be included in the purchase ; make report, that your committee have purchased the land with the improvements, for the sum of three thousand dollars. The title was examined by the city solicitor. The lot is No. 722, on the assessors' plat No. 24.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 306. Resolution relating to Bath Houses.

[Approved May 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council for the improvement of the harbor, be and they are hereby authorized to take charge of the public bath houses, furnish and repair the same and employ suitable persons to superintend the same : the expense to be charged to the appropriation for building a bath house.

No. 307. Resolution granting permission to the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company,
to erect a building.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, to erect a wooden building

south of their freight station. Said building to be used for the purpose of receiving and storing ice, and to be located during the pleasure of the city council only.

No. 308. Resolution relating to lot at Fire Station on Pond street.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to examine into and report upon what changes, if any, are necessary to be made upon the city lot on Pond street, now used as a hose station.

No. 309. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Paine street.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Paine street, from Cranston street to Messer street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 310. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Cranston street.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

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

No. 311. Resolution to lay a sewer on Hayward street.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Hayward street, from Pearl street to a point fifty feet west of the west line of Portland street, to enter the Pearl street sewer.

No. 312 Resolution to pay Daniel W Lyman \$100
for flooding.

[Approved May 19, 1875.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Daniel W. Lyman, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full compensation for damage sustained by overflow of Westminster street sewer on the twelfth and eighteenth days of August, 1875, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No 313. Resolution granting permission to move a
building.

[Approved, May 19, 1876.]

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

No. 314. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted Maurice J. Manning, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 315. Resolution appointing a Committee of Arrangements for the Fourth of July.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee of the city council on the centennial holidays, be and they are hereby appointed the committee to make the necessary arrangements for the proper celebration of the fourth of July, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Mr. J. B. Barnaby be excused from further service on said committee, and Mr. Cooney be appointed in his stead.

No. 316. Resolution to hire a room on Potter's avenue for school purposes.

[Approved May 22, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education are hereby authorized to hire for temporary use, an additional room in the building corner of Ocean street and Potter's avenue; provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars per annum: said sum to be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 317. Resolution to pay Thomas J. Hill for wharfage.

[Approved May 22, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas J. Hill, ninety-two dollars and fifty-one cents, for wharfage and ground rent of lumber imported for the new bridge near Market square; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 318. Message from the Mayor relating to the date of the City Election.

[Presented May 22, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, May 22, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The next municipal election occurs on the day succeeding the day on which the presidential electors and members of congress are chosen.

It will be exceedingly inconvenient, for many reasons, to have the two elections held so nearly at the same time, while the importance of the municipal election demands that it should be at such a time as will afford to the citizens a proper opportunity to judge of the qualifications of the candidates presented for their suffrages, which opportunity would not be given in the excitement attending the election of President.

I therefore recommend that application be made to the general assembly at its approaching session, for such a change in the city charter as will fix the day of the municipal election on the fourth Tuesday of November, instead of the second Wednesday of that month, as now provided.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 319. Resolution relative to appropriating \$7,500
for the Fourth of July.

[Approved May 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable that the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of properly celebrating the centennial anniversary of the fourth of July, 1876, providing that authority therefor, asked for by resolution of the city council, shall be granted by the general assembly at its May session.

No. 320. Resolution appropriating \$40,000 for
Highways.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

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

No. 321. Resolution relating to the Brook street District.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby instructed to report to the city council what estates in said district, still remain unpurchased, the situation thereof, the appraised value of same, and the amount claimed by the owners thereof:—also, that they report what owners of such estates are ready and willing to receive their estates back and pay for the betterments made to such estates.

No. 322. Resolution to pay the Providence Pile Driving and Bridge Building Company \$99.61.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Providence pile driving and bridge building company, the sum of ninety-nine dollars and sixty-one cents, in full for piling and handling heavy lumber imported for the new bridge near Market square : to be charged to the appropriation for bridges.

No. 323. Resolution to pay George E. Church \$187.50.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, The city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George E. Church, the sum of one hundred eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents, being balance due him for services as principal of Thurber avenue grammar school, for the school year 1871-2 : to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 324. Resolution to pay George M. Ardoene \$350.00, damages for flooding.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George M. Ardoene, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, in full for all damage sustained by himself and tenant by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Friendship street on the twelfth and eighteenth days of August, 1875, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

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

No. 325. Charles H. Andrews, No. 120 Seymour street.

326. Estate of Bennett W. Wheeler, No. 59 Miller street.

No. 327. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

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

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

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

No. 328. Jason A. Blackmar.

329. Jerome Sherman & Co.

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

No. 330. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

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

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

No. 331. Resolution to pay Julia F. and Anna J. Early, for flooding, etc.

[Approved May 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Julia F. and Anna J. Early the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars, in full for all damage sustained by them by reason of the draining of Broad street and other streets in the vicinity of their land, between Early and Sassafras streets, into and upon their said land, and for the use of said land for such drainage to January 1, 1876, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor and execute an agreement that the city may continue to use said land for said purpose at the rate of twenty dollars per year, from said first day of January as tenant from year to year. Said sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 332. Message from the Mayor, on issue of the Water Loan.

[Presented May 25, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, May 25, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The committee on the city debt have sold to Messrs.

Blake Brothers and Company, of Boston, one million five hundred thousand dollars of the water loan, due July 1, 1906, payable, both principal and interest in gold, the latter at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

The sale was made at 6.11 per cent. premium, and the amount of this premium, it is contemplated, shall be paid into the sinking fund for the redemption of the loan.

I transmit herewith a form of ordinance which has been approved by the city solicitor, and which it is necessary should be adopted at once, in order to complete the contract made in relation to the sale of the bonds.

The provisions of the ordinance are in accordance with the agreement made with the purchasers of the loan by the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 334. Resolution appropriating \$100,000. for Sewers.

[Approved May 26, 1876.]

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

No. 335. Resolution appropriating \$1,500. for Vacation Schools.

[Approved May 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the establishment of vacation schools: the same to be expended under the direction of the school committee, and paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 336. Resolution to repair a bank wall in the Brook street district.

[Approved May 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause the bank wall in the rear of the house of Ann Augustus, on India street, to be repaired, provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars : to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 337. Resignation of Samuel L. Blaisdell, Highway Commissioner.

[Presented May 25, 1876.]

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

Having lately been elected superintendent of the state farm, I hereby tender my resignation of the office of highway commissioner of said city.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. L. BLAISDELL.

Providence, May 22, 1876.

No. 338. Resolution accepting the above.

[Approved May 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the resignation of Samuel L. Blaisdell, highway commissioner, be hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 339. Resolution to apply for an act changing the day for the City Election.

[Approved June 1, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be directed to make application to the general assembly, for such an amendment to the city charter as will fix the day of the municipal election on the fourth Tuesday of November, instead of the second Wednesday of November, as at present.

No. 340. Message from the Mayor relating to the Water Supply of Pawtucket.

[Presented June 1, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 1, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

I transmit herewith a preamble and resolutions adopted by the town council of Pawtucket on the 27th ultimo, in relation to a supply of water for the town by the water works of this city.

It is the opinion of the water commissioners, that it would be advantageous to both places that such a supply should be furnished by this city, and that it should be done upon the same terms as water is supplied to the citizens of Providence.

In this opinion I concur, as the water works already constructed here are ample for the wants of both communities for many years to come, and the additional distribution required can be laid with but little difficulty or delay.

I recommend that action in favor of a supply be taken by the city council, and that the terms given shall contain a condition for the termination of the contract for a supply, by either the city or town, after proper notice.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

WHEREAS, It is apparent that many citizens of Pawtucket desire a better and more ample supply of water for domestic and mechanical purposes; and

WHEREAS, Many portions of the town are greatly deficient in a supply of water for protection against fire; and

WHEREAS, It has been publicly stated, apparently by authority, that the city of Providence, by its officers, was prepared to supply the citizens of Pawtucket with water on favorable terms and without assumption by Pawtucket of debt or guarantee; therefore

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor of the city of Providence, be respectfully advised that this council will be pleased to receive and present to the citizens of Pawtucket any proposition from the city of Providence to supply Pawtucket with water.

RESOLVED, That it is desirable that such proposition, if made, shall contemplate a supply for the same district indicated by the report of the late water committee of Pawtucket, and shall further indicate a plan and conditions for extension of lines of supply.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, May 27, 1876.

The foregoing resolutions were presented and adopted at their meeting of the above date.

[L. S.]

Attest: LEWIS PEARCE, Council Clerk.

No. 341. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated June 1, 1876, in relation to supplying the town of Pawtucket with water, with the resolutions adopted by the town council of said town May 27, 1876, in relation to the same subject, are hereby referred to the joint committee on water, to examine and report upon the whole matter.

No. 342. Message from the Mayor relating to Thomas street, in the Tenth Ward.

[Presented June 1, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 1, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I am informed by the city engineer that Thomas street, from

Collyer street to Concord street, was laid out and declared to be a public highway by the town council of North Providence, in September, 1859, and notwithstanding this fact, that parties have platted the same into house lots, and sold the same to other parties, one of whom has erected a house on the portion so declared to be a public highway. A plat showing the street is transmitted herewith, and immediate action should be taken by the city council in reference to the encroachments.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 343. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated June 1, 1876, relating to encroachments on Thomas street in the tenth ward, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 344. Message from the Mayor in relation to Fire Inquests.

[Presented June 1, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 1, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Fires occur frequently in this city which are attributed to incendiaries, but there is no authority to make a proper investigation as to their origin.

In case of the death of a person suddenly, or without known cause, there are officers whose duty it is to inquire into the circumstances attending the death, and when in their opinion necessary, to summon a jury of inquest for a more thorough investigation.

The expenses of these examinations are comparatively small, while the knowledge that they may be held is of great public advantage.

Precisely the same system is necessary in regard to fires, and I recommend that application be made to the general assembly at its June session, for legislation to carry the same into effect.

It is very difficult under our present management, to convict parties of incendiarism, for the reason that the cases have to be worked up through the slow method of police investigation. The prompt action of an officer with a jury of inquest would at once secure in legal form, the testimony necessary to convict the person who set the fire, while on the other hand, it would often free an innocent party from the suspicion attaching to him of having caused a fire.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 345. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an act authorizing Fire Inquests.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be directed to apply to the general assembly for the passage of an act authorizing inquests to be held in cases of fire, and to inquire into the causes thereof.

No. 346. Message from the Mayor relating to a Building Ordinance.

[Presented June 1, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 1, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

At the last January session of the general assembly, full power was given to the city council, in chapter 548 of the public laws, to "make laws, ordinances, regulations and orders relative to buildings, their location, erection, mode of construction, and the

materials composing the same, and provide thereby for the punishment of any violation thereof."

The responsibility, therefore, rests with the city council as to whether individuals shall be hereafter allowed to erect buildings in this city, with total disregard of the rights of the owners of adjoining estates, or the safety of the rest of the community.

An example of this style of building has been prominently brought to notice by the fire which occurred on the night of the 28th ultimo, at the corner of Potter and Pine streets, and which required the entire fire apparatus of the city to be called out to prevent a vast destruction of surrounding property, and but for the skill and efficiency of the fire department, would have resulted in great disaster.

A violation of the simplest rules for the protection of the contents of this building was manifest in its construction, and the result is seen in the destruction of the horses and vehicles therein contained.

It is plainly the duty of the city council to take such action as will prevent the erection of fire traps in the compact portion of this city, and, as a preliminary step, I suggest that the Rhode Island chapter of the American Institute of Architects, be requested to report in print to the city council, a bill for an ordinance to regulate the erection of buildings in this city.

Such a request from the city council will undoubtedly secure from a body of men most competent to perform the work, a form of an ordinance, which, if enacted, will tend to protect life and property from destruction by fire.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 347 Resolution requesting Rhode Island Chapter
of the American Institute of Architects to
report a Building Ordinance.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island chapter of the American

Institute of Architects be and hereby are requested to report to the city council, a bill for an ordinance to regulate the erection of buildings in the city of Providence.

No 348. Resolution for curbing portion of Brown street.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Brown street, on the easterly side, from Barnes street to Olney street.

No. 349. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 350 Resolution to pay the Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, the following named policemen, who have been appointed but not confirmed, for duty performed in May, 1876, viz. :

Charles E. Hawkins,	\$93.00.
Patrick H. Garrigan,	79.75.

No. 351. Resolution requesting Finance Committee to recommend reduction in Salaries and Labor.

[Passed June 5, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That in the view of the great depression of busi-

ness and the large reduction of wages throughout the land, the finance committee, at their earliest convenience, are hereby instructed to recommend to the city council, from time to time, such a reduction in salaries and labor as will be in accordance with the times.

IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 5, 1876.

The following officers are elected, viz. :

Assessor of taxes, for three years,	Henry A. Webb.
Constable,	Henry A. Spicer.
Undertakers,	
Timothy McCarthy,	William Quin.

No. 360. Resolution relating to the City Hall.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be authorized to contract for two iron flue pipes for the city hall building, without advertising.

No. 361. Resolution to furnish the Police and Fire Station on Wickenden street.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee of the city council to build the police and fire station on Wickenden street, be and they are hereby directed to cause said station to be furnished forthwith, at a cost not exceeding the sum of thirty-two hundred dollars; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 362. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out a portion of Angell street.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Angell street, from Butler avenue to Wayland avenue, of a uniform width of fifty feet.

No. 363. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Matthew street.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Matthew street, from Fillmore street to the Catholic cemetery, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 364. Resolution to lay a sewer in Dean and Washington streets.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Dean and Washington streets, from the Fountain street sewer at Dean street, southerly in said Dean street to Washington street, thence easterly in said Washington street to the summit in said street.

No. 365. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Providence street.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

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

No. 366. Resolution to pay Eliza G. Davis \$1,000. for injuries caused by a defect in the street.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Eliza G. Davis, the sum of one thousand dollars, in full satisfaction for injuries received on the evening of December 1, 1873, by reason of a defect in the side walk at the corner of Cranston and Superior streets, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 367. Resolution abating \$7.25 from the tax of Moses Rosenthal.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Moses Rosenthal, the sum of seven dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of a personal property tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1875.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

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

No. 368. Ernest J. F. Barton.

369. Susan Thornbury.

No. 370. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved June 8, 1876.]

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

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

No. 371. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

[Approved June 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the municipal celebration of the fourth of July, 1876, to be paid by the city treasurer, to the order of the committee of arrangements for said celebration, from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 372. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an act authorizing the expenditure of \$6,000 for the Fourth of July, 1876.

[Approved June 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly at its session at Newport, the present month, for such an amendment to chapter 565 of the public laws, as will authorize the city council of the city of

Providence to appropriate, not exceeding six thousand dollars, for the celebration of the fourth of July, 1876, instead of not exceeding five thousand dollars, as specified in said chapter.

No. 373. Message from the Mayor relating to the verdict in favor of Messrs. Adams & Butterworth.

[Presented June 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A verdict for twelve thousand dollars against the city was rendered in the supreme court, on the eighth instant, in the suit of Adams and Butterworth, for injury to the water of Hospital pond caused by the flow of sewage into it from the Pearl street sewer.

The parties to this suit have, for several years, been endeavoring to amicably adjust with the city the matters at issue, but the failure of the city council to agree upon the terms proposed and the great increase in the quantity of sewage being daily discharged into the pond, led to the suit in question.

The amount of the verdict was much less than the amount of injury claimed to have been done by the acts of the officers and agents of the city.

The time in which a second trial of the case can be claimed by the city expires at four o'clock this afternoon, and I have been unwilling, from the previous action of the city council in the matter, to direct the city solicitor to claim a new trial, while he has also been unwilling to advise me to such a course.

I have therefore convened you at this time, to take action in reference to a second trial, and recommend that the two branches of the city council meet in convention for the purpose of considering the same.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 374. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved June 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated June 10, 1876, in relation to the judgment against the city, in favor of Messrs. Adams & Butterworth, be referred to the city solicitor, with power to take such action in the matter as he may deem for the interest of the city.

No. 375. Resolution directing the Joint Committee on Sewers to report relating to the streets wherein they recommend sewers.

[Approved June 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on sewers are hereby directed, in all cases where they recommend that a sewer be built, to report to the city council, at the time of such recommendation, whether the street or highway in which such construction is to be placed, has been received and declared to be a public highway, by proper authority.

No. 376. Resolution for curbing Francis and Cross streets.

[Approved June 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on the following named streets, viz. :

Francis street, from Woods avenue to Smith street.

Cross street, from West River street to McKenna street.

No. 377. Resolution to apply for amendment to Chapter 549 of the Public Laws, relating to Sewer Assessments.

[Approved June 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be directed to apply to the general assembly, for an amendment to chapter 549 of the public laws, adding to the first section thereof the words, "and the taxes already assessed for that purpose on any estate not abutting upon a street and now unpaid, shall not be collected by virtue of chapter 313, or any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto."

No. 378. Message from the Mayor in relation to Fire Apparatus at the Police Stations.

[Presented June 12, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 12, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

In my last annual message I recommended, "as a reserve to the fire department, to be used in case of emergency, that each police station be furnished with a hand reel of hose, two pipes and a hydrant head for two lines of hose."

No action has been taken upon this recommendation, and I therefore again bring the matter to your attention.

At the recent fire on Pine street, the entire fire apparatus was called out, and during the time it was in service at that place, the remainder of the city was to a certain extent unprotected. A second fire in any combustible property at a considerable distance from that locality would have burned unchecked until the apparatus which ordinarily protected that property could reach the scene of danger.

The reserves recommended at the police stations would keep each portion of the city at all times under sufficient protection to prevent the rapid spread of fire.

I earnestly hope that this matter will receive the attention its importance demands, in order that the city may not suffer from the want of such slight preparation.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 379. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated June 12, 1876, relative to furnishing each police station with certain fire apparatus, be referred to the joint committee on the fire department to examine and report thereon.

No. 380. Report of the Commissioners of the Brook street District.

[Presented June 12, 1876.]

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

GENTLEMEN : In compliance with resolution No. 221, relating to the Brook street district, approved May 25, 1876, the commissioners make the following report :

There are one hundred and sixty-two lots remaining unpurchased, which are valued at the present time by the commissioners at \$541,623. This amount being about twenty-five per cent. less than the original valuation. These estates are owned by fifty-four different parties, twenty-one of which, representing \$256,355, have expressed a wish to hold their estates, but the commissioners have no written guarantee that they will do so and pay assessments for betterments, and they may change their minds any day.

For the situation of the unpurchased estates we refer you to the accompanying plat. The estates shaded on the plat belong to the city: those estates that the owners have expressed a willingness to hold are marked on the plat, O.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,	} Commissioners	
H. N. ANGELL,		on the
E. TALLMAN,		} Brook street District.

Providence, June 12, 1876.

No. 381. Resolution referring the above Report.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners on the Brook street district, presented to the common council on the twelfth of June, 1876, relative to unpurchased estates in said district, be with the accompanying plat, referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Millett, Briggs and Parsons of the common council, with aldermen Lapham and Potter, to examine and report thereon.

No. 382. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Engineer's Department.

[Presented June 12, 1876.]

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

The joint committee on the city engineer's department make report, that the appropriation for the support of the department is nearly exhausted, and that the further sum of twenty-five hundred dollars will be required to defray its expenses during the remainder of the fiscal year.

The causes which have rendered this additional appropriation necessary, are set forth in detail in a report to the committee from the city engineer, herewith submitted and made a part of this report.

Some work is now being done by the city engineer, which however desirable to be accomplished, is not absolutely necessary to be done at the present time, and the committee recommend that it be stopped until a better condition of the finances will admit of further progress in this direction. The work referred to, is the making of plats and profiles of grades of all the streets in the tenth ward, under an order of a special committee of the board of aldermen, and the copying of maps and plats by order of a special committee of the city council, appointed September 9, 1872.

The work done under the head of "street extensions," is nearly concluded, and this expenditure will therefore cease until further work is ordered by the city council.

The work performed for the city hall commissioners will hereafter be drawn for by the commissioners quarterly, and the committee recommend that the amount of such drafts be placed to the credit of the city engineer's department.

The committee recommend, instead of permitting the men employed by the department to pay their fares in the horse-cars or purchase tickets when required, as has been the custom, that the city treasurer be authorized to furnish car tickets to the order of the city engineer as required, the expense thereof to be charged to the city engineer's department.

Resolutions carrying out the views of the committee are herewith presented, and their adoption by the city council is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, June 12, 1876.

No. 383. Resolution transferring \$2,588.50 to the appropriation for the City Engineer's Department.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred and eighty eight dollars and fifty cents, the balance of the reserve fund, be and the same is hereby transferred to the appropriation for the city engineer's department.

No. 384. Resolution transferring appropriation from the City Hall to the City Engineer's Department.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be and he is hereby directed to transfer from the appropriation for the city hall to the appropriation for the city engineer's department, such sums as shall be drawn for by the commissioners, for the services of the city engineers.

No. 385. Resolution relating to services of the City Engineer on the City Hall.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be and they are hereby directed to draw upon the city treasurer quarterly, for services rendered by the city engineer's department, the same to be paid from the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 386. Resolution to suspend work on Plats of the Tenth Ward.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be and he is hereby directed to suspend the work of making plats and profiles of

streets in the tenth ward, under an order of a special committee appointed by the board of aldermen August 26, 1875, until further ordered by the city council.

No. 387. Resolution to discontinue the copying of Plats ordered by Committee appointed Sept. 9, 1872.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be and he is hereby directed to discontinue the work of copying maps and plats ordered by a special committee appointed by the city council September 9, 1872, until further directed by the city council.

No. 388. Resolution to furnish Horse Car Tickets to the City Engineer.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to furnish horse car tickets to the order of the city engineer: the expense therefor to be charged to the appropriation for the city engineer's department.

No. 389. Resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to pay James G. Batterson \$10,000.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized to pay James G. Batterson ten thousand dollars on account of the reserve fund on contract for cut granite work for the new city hall.

No. 390. Resolution to pay George B. Earle, Trustee, \$60.75 for horse hire.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George B. Earle, trustee, the sum of sixty dollars and seventy five cents for horse hire, etc., for the use of his honor the mayor, during the spring and summer of 1875: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 391. Resolution to pay Joanna C. Senft \$95.50 for flooding.

[Approved June 15, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Joanna C. Senft, the sum of ninety-five dollars and fifty cents in full for all damage sustained by her by reason of the bursting of the main water pipe in Broad street, April 12, 1875, whenever she presents a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No 392. Resolution for settlement of suits of Richard Davis.

[Approved June 20, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Richard Davis, the sum of three hundred dollars, and to execute a deed of quitclaim releasing to said Richard Davis, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title and interest of the city in and to the strip of land containing about square feet, between his estate fronting on Creighton street and the westerly line of Brown street, as laid out or designed to be laid out by the water

commissioners, whenever he shall present a release of all claims against the city growing out of the location and construction of Hope reservoir, duly approved by the city solicitor: said sum of three hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Providence water works.

No. 393. Message from the Mayor, relating to Water Loan Ordinance.

[Presented June 20, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 20, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

An amendment made to the act in relation to the issue of the water loan at the late session of the general assembly, renders it necessary that the ordinance relating to the same subject, approved May 27, 1876, should be again adopted.

I transmit herewith copy of the ordinance.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 395. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances, approving appointment of Assistant City Solicitor.

[Presented June 20, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:—

The joint standing committee on ordinances having, on the twenty-second day of May, A. D. 1876, received from the Hon. Nicholas Van Slyck, city solicitor, a communication announcing that he had appointed Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., Esq., as assistant city solicitor, respectfully report, that the committee approve the appointment.

For the committee,

C. P. ROBINSON, Chairman.

No. 396. Report of the Joint Committee on Education,
on the completion of the school-house on
Manning street.

[Approved June 20, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on education, who were directed by resolution No. 495, approved September 6, 1875, to cause a school-house to be erected on Manning street, beg leave to report the completion and occupancy of said building. The total cost of the building, furniture, fences, and the grading of the lot has been \$6,794.96. The architect's fee, which amounts to \$75.00, is not included in said amount. The amount appropriated was \$6,800.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 397. Report of the Joint Special Committee to
confer with the owners of the land through
which the Lippitt street sewer passes.

[Presented June 20, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

GENTLEMEN :—The joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 199, current series, approved April 13, 1876, to confer with parties through whose land the Lippitt street sewer passes, hereby make report : that the parties demand that the city shall take the two estates in question, and pay for the same. The price asked is \$12,500.

For the committee,

WILLIAM Y. POTTER, Chairman.

No. 398. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Richmond street.

[Approved June 20, 1876.]

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

No. 399. Resolution relating to culvert under Butler avenue.

[Approved June 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the culvert under and across Butler avenue, adjoining land of the city, to be built out to the full width of said avenue, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for highways.

No. 400. Resolution transferring \$4,500 to the appropriation for support of the poor.

[Approved June 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for support of the poor, and said sum is hereby transferred from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 401. Resolutions to fit the School House on Fountain street for use of the High School.

[Approved June 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee

on city property, is hereby directed to cause the three lower rooms of the Fountain street school house, to be fitted up for high school purposes.

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect: the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 402. Resolution adding \$4,869.58 to the appropriation for Parks, for the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved June 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of forty-eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty-eight cents be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for parks, said sum to be paid to Franklin Simmons the artist, on account of his contract for modeling bronze figures for a monument to Roger Williams, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 404. Message from the Mayor, relating to a Building Ordinance.

[Presented June 26, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 26, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I have received notice from the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, "that they will prepare and present to the city council at the earliest practicable day, a suitable law" in relation to the erection of buildings in the city of Providence, in accordance with the resolution of the city council approved June 5, 1876.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 406. Resolution adding \$25,000 to the appropriation for Contingencies.

[Approved June 29, 1876.]

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

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No. 407. Resolutions to repair the School House on Benefit street.

[Passed June 29, 1876.]

[Vetoed by the Mayor.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the Benefit street grammar school house to be repaired and fitted for the use of primary and intermediate scholars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect : the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 408. Resolution abating curbing assessment of Edwin M. Waldron.

[Approved June 29, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Edwin M. Waldron the sum of forty two dollars and eight cents, being the amount of an assessment for curbing erroneously made.

No. 409. Resolution abating curbing assessment of
Pascoag Savings Bank.

[Approved June 29, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund, to the Pascoag Savings Bank the sum of forty two dollars and eight cents, being the amount of an assessment for curbing erroneously made against estate on Wood street, formerly owned by Thomas H. Harrington, and by him mortgaged to said savings bank.

No. 410. Resolution abating tax of Jane Brierly.

[Approved June 29, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund, to Mrs. Jane Brierly the sum of sixty nine dollars sixty cents, being the amount of taxes erroneously assessed against her for the years 1874 and 1875.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved June 29, 1876.]

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

- No. 411. Ira Harvey, No. 92 Lester street.
- 412. John L. James, No. 8 Chalkstone avenue.
- 413. Amos W. Snow, No. 42 Pearl street.

No. 414. Resolutions granting permission to move a
building.

[Approved June 29, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Robert Pettis to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition,

provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 415. Resolution to sell buildings on Richardson street.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby permitted to dispose of the buildings belonging to the city of Providence, in the Richardson street district, either by auction or otherwise, as they shall deem most expedient for the interests of the city.

No. 416. Resolution to pay Pardon T. Head \$20.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Pardon T. Head the sum of twenty dollars, being the amount of a payment made by him to Nathan Smalley, late superintendent of the north burial ground, on account of the purchase of a lot therein, which has since been conveyed to another person, with interest thereon to the date of refunding, and charge the same to the north burial ground improvement fund.

No. 417. Resolution to replace the flag staff on Smith's Hill.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby requested to replace the flag staff on Smith's Hill

with a new staff, provided the cost shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 418. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in June, 1876, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Charles E. Hawkins,	-	-	-	\$90.00.
Patrick H. Garrigan,	-	-	-	82.50.

No. 419. Message from the Mayor relating to Cove street.

[Presented July 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I am informed by the city engineer that the abutting owners on a portion of Cove street, west of Sabin street, deny that it is a public highway, and there seems to be an uncertainty as to its original lay-out.

As the city council has ordered the construction of a sewer in the portion of the street referred to, I suggest that immediate action be taken to determine the correct lines thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 420. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor dated July 10, 1876, relative to determining the correct lines of Cove street, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 426. Report of the Special Committee on the Centennial Fourth of July.

[Presented July 10, 1876.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council of the city of Providence, appointed on the nineteenth of May, to make arrangements for a municipal celebration of the centennial fourth of July A. D. 1876, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and herewith present a detailed statement of the bills allowed by the committee amounting to forty-seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and sixty one cents :—

Tillinghast and Mason News Co., fire works,-	-	-	-	\$925 00
Expenses of Regatta,	-	-	-	831 40
“ “ Gower and Smith,	-	-	-	25 00
Herrick's Brigade Band,	-	-	-	200 00
Battalion Band,	-	-	-	200 00
Valley Falls Band,	-	-	-	150 00
St. Mary's Temperance Band,	-	-	-	130 00
Elmwood Band,	-	-	-	110 00
Drum Band,	-	-	-	50 00
Hon. Samuel G. Arnold, orator,	-	-	-	100 00
George W. Pettes, poet,	-	-	-	55 00
Charitable Baptist Society (use of meeting house),	-	-	-	105 00
E. K. Glezen (services of choir),	-	-	-	53 55
Expenses of civic procession,	-	-	-	50 00
“ Battery A, First Battalion Light Artillery,	-	-	-	200 00
Providence Horse Guards,	-	-	-	125 00

George H. Copeland & Co., carriages, - - - -	125 00
Daniel Smith, wagons for children, - - - -	112 00
Expenses for horses for fire department, - - - -	57 00
George Greene, barrels of ice water, - - - -	15 00
A. R. Darling, carriages, - - - -	4 25
J. Harry Welch, decorating city building, - - - -	84 00
Cleveland Brothers, illumination, - - - -	47 18
Aurion V. Cheveres, flags 38 states, - - - -	10 00
Prof. James Hughes, tight rope, - - - -	50 00
Expenses centennial tree (Roger Williams Park), - - - -	138 68
" Benj. W. Hood, singing at " - - - -	45 00
" Stonington R. R. to and from " - - - -	118 10
" Trades procession, - - - -	147 45
C. Frank Parkhurst, ringing chimes, - - - -	10 00
John M. Knowles, Chief of Police, ringing bells, - - - -	90 00
Henry A. Billings, horses for police, - - - -	20 00
Providence Press Co., advertising and printing, - - - -	219 00
" Journal, " - - - -	160 05
Cornell & Haskins, bill posting, - - - -	11 65
A. J. Winship, expenses of illuminating city building, - - - -	6 50
Telegrams, - - - -	4 80
	\$4,785 61

For the committee,

FREDERICK MILLER, Chairman.

Providence, July 10, 1876.

No. 427. Resolutions relating to Oration and Poem
delivered July 4th, 1876.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby tender their thanks to Hon. Samuel G. Arnold, for the oration delivered by him at the celebration of the centennial fourth of July, and also to George W. Pettes, Esq., for the poem recited by him on the same occasion.

RESOLVED, That the committee of arrangements for said celebration are hereby instructed to request a copy of said oration and poem, and cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem expedient for the use of the city council.

No. 428. Resolution making additional appropriations.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the following sums are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the following accounts, viz. :

For rents, fifteen hundred dollars.

For printing, four thousand dollars.

For maintenance of sewers, four thousand dollars.

For interest on city hall and sewer loan, sixteen hundred and two dollars and twenty-two cents.

No. 429. Resolution to build Bath Houses.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for building, under the direction of the joint standing committee on the harbor, suitable bath houses on the shore of the river in the ninth ward, that those wishing to bathe may have a place to change their clothing: said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 430. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive certain streets.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive the following named streets and declare the same public highways, viz. :

- Acorn street, from Atwell's avenue to Harris avenue.
America street, from Broadway to Atwell's avenue.
Barton street, from High street to Broadway.
Brighton street, from Courtland street to Knight street.
Burgess street, from High street to Cranston street.
Butler street, from Elm street to Bassett street.*
Borden street, from Hospital street to Eddy street.
Cooke street, from George street to Benevolent street.
Crary street, from Hospital street to Eddy street.
Cushing street, from Congdon street to Prospect street.
Dexter street, from High street to Cranston street.
Division street, from Bridgham street to Dexter street,
Dodge street, from Cranston street to angle near High street.
Hammond street, from Gilbert street to Cranston street.
Harrison street, from High street to Cranston street.
Federal street, from Dean street to Arnold estate.
Field street, from State street to Davis street.
Harkness street, from High street to Broadway.
Marshall street, from Carpenter street to Broadway.
Meader street, from Marshall street to Almy street.
Myrtle street, from Broad street to Dudley street.
Oak street, from Messer street to Parade street.
Ocean street, through Josiah King plat.
Pond street, from Spring street to Stewart street.
Prairie avenue, from Public street to Dudley street.
Prairie avenue, from Potter's avenue to Thurber avenue.
Ringgold street, from Broadway to Kenyon street.
Sekell street, from Conduit street southerly to an angle.
Shamrock street, from Benefit street to Traverse street.
Spring street, from Pond street to Broad street.
Sycamore street, from High street to Willow street.
Tobey street, from Broadway to Penn street.
Willow street, from Parade street to Messer street.
Warren street, from Fuller street to Greenwich street.

No. 431. Resolution to pay Cyrus B. Manchester, \$264. for services at School House on Point street.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Cyrus B. Manchester, the sum of two hundred sixty-four dollars, in full for services in supervising the building of walls and fences around the Point street school house lot and in grading the same: to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 432. Resolution to pay Imogene Titus, \$85. for services as Teacher.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Imogene Titus, the sum of eighty-five dollars, being balance due her for services as teacher in public schools for the year 1872-3: to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 433. Resolution to pay S. S. Peter and Paul's Church \$75. for flooding.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay S. S. Peter and Paul's Church the sum of seventy-five dollars in full for all damage to the episcopal residence, corner of Fenner and Pond streets, from overflows of sewer in August, 1875, and to the Pro-Cathedral, corner of Foster and Broad streets, by overflow caused by bursting of water pipe in March, 1875, whenever a receipt therefor shall be presented satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 434. Resolution to lay a sewer in Brook street.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

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

No. 435. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pallas street.

[Approved July 10, 1876.]

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

No. 436. Seventh Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented July 20, 1876.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, July 12, 1876. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The commissioners for building a city hall herewith present, as required by ordinance, the seventh quarterly report of said commission.

Messrs. Henry G. Russell and William M. Bailey, elected by the city council on the twenty-seventh of April last, to fill the vacancies caused by the death of the Hon. James Y. Smith and the resignation of the Hon. George H. Corliss, were duly engaged, and they entered upon their duties May 4, 1876, at which time, also, Mr. W. G. R. Mowry was chosen chairman of said commission.

The commissioners have rented of the What Cheer Corporation the premises No. 5 in Whatcheer Building as their office, at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly from June 1, 1876. The office has been furnished by the superintendent of public buildings, and it will be generally open daily from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

On the thirtieth of June last the commissioners elected as their clerk, at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, Daniel W. Vaughan in place of Mr. Charles F. Eddy, resigned.

The commissioners have to report that the labor upon the walls and the interior iron work of the new city hall has progressed steadily during the last quarter, with but little interruption, and generally satisfactorily. It is expected that the westerly portion of the roof will be erected during the month of August, and the other portions before the season shall have closed for outside work.

The flue pipes, which the council authorized to be contracted for without advertising, have been awarded to the Architectural Iron Works, of New York, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the two, complete and in position, which sum was the lowest of four bids which had been procured. The contracts have not yet been signed, but are said to be in transit from the contractors.

The following are the disbursements since the report of the twelfth of April, last :

Hopkins & Pomroy,	-	-	-	\$1,671 08
Hammond, Angell & Co.,	-	-	-	24 20
H. G. Macomber,	-	-	-	1,880 00
Daniel F. Hayden,	-	-	-	10 00
Sumner P. Brown,	-	-	-	500 00
Architectural Iron Works,	-	-	-	13,040 08
Hopkins & Pomroy,	-	-	-	575 15
H. T. Rider,	-	-	-	471 23
Tingley Marble Co.,	-	-	-	70 67
Bugbee & Hall,	-	-	-	9 68

James Y. Smith, - - - -	8 45
J. G. Batterson, - - - -	12,837 69
C. F. Eddy, - - - -	83 33
H. G. Macomber, - - - -	2,260 00
“ “ - - - -	2,000 00
Hopkins & Pomroy, - - - -	483 98
H. T. Rider, - - - -	129 50
Architectural Iron Works, - - - -	3,274 00
Charles F. Eddy, - - - -	83 33
J. G. Batterson, - - - -	10,000 00
H. G. Macomber, - - - -	7,043 47
Norman H. George, - - - -	19 22
Office rent and expenses, - - - -	41 67
S. J. F. Thayer, - - - -	1,750 00
H. T. Rider, - - - -	248 08
Architectural Iron Works, - - - -	2,007 00
Hopkins & Pomroy, - - - -	568 60
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The amount of expenditures last quarter, -	\$61,090 41
The total amount expenditure, - - -	\$365,399 86
The amount of appropriation, - - -	\$410,000 00
The unexpended balance, - - - -	\$44,600 04

WM. G. R. MOWRY, }
 HENRY G. RUSSELL, } City Hall Commissioners.
 WM. M. BAILEY, }

No. 437. Message of the Mayor relating to Hydrants and Fire Alarm at the City Yard.

[Presented July 20, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
 City of Providence, July 20, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

Within the enclosure known as the city yard, are several wooden buildings, containing a large number of horses, cattle

and vehicles ; lumber, tools and implements of various kinds ; stock belonging to the lamp and bridge departments ; with much other valuable property, all of which is poorly protected against destruction by fire.

I recommend that one or more fire hydrants and a fire alarm box be placed within the enclosure, as a means of protection to the property.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 438. Resolution referring to the foregoing
Message.

[Approved July 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated July 20, 1876, in relation to introducing hydrants and a fire alarm into the city yard, be referred to the joint committee on city property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 439. Report of Joint Special Committee to build
a School House on Doyle avenue.

[Presented July 13, 1876.]

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

The committee appointed to build a school house upon Doyle avenue, beg leave to report that they have nearly completed the building, and it will doubtless be ready for occupancy at the commencement of the next school term. They expect to be able to finish the building, and to furnish it complete within the appropriation made by the city council.

In consequence of the nature of the ground upon which the westerly line of the building stands, it being an old filled up swamp hole, the committee were obliged to expend about

twelve hundred dollars over and above the contract, to secure a suitable and safe foundation. It was also necessary to build a substantial retaining wall on the westerly line of the lot, which cost about twelve hundred dollars more. Had it not been for these extraordinary expenditures, the committee could have graded the lot and graveled the paths and play-grounds, and done all the turfing and fencing requisite, within the amount appropriated for building and furnishing the school house.

Your committee therefore, respectfully request the passage of the accompanying resolution, appropriating fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of grading the lot, graveled the paths and play-grounds, turfing such portions of the lot as require it, and also for completing the fence around the lot.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the committee.

GEO. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

Providence, July 13, 1876.

No. 440. Resolution appropriating \$1,200. for the School House in Doyle avenue.

[Approved July 24, 1876.]

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

No. 441 Resolution asking opinion of City Solicitor in relation to supplying water to other towns.

[Approved July 24, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to report, in writing, to the city council, whether the city of Providence are empowered to furnish a supply of water to any other town or towns in this state.

No 442. Annual Report of the City Registrar.

[Presented July 26, 1876.]

Providence, July 20, 1876.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The twenty-first annual report upon births, marriages and deaths in Providence is herewith presented. The statistics are for the year ending December 31, 1875.

During the year 1875, the number of children born in Providence was 2664; the number of marriages 1079, and the number of deaths, 1915. As compared with the preceding year, the number of births was 116 less; of marriages, 97 less; and of deaths, 72 less.

The population of the city in 1875, by the state census, was 100,675. We find therefore that the births were 26.42 in each 1000, of the population, or one birth in 37.79; the persons married were 21.43 in each 1000, or one person married in 46.65; and the deaths were 19.02 in each 1000, or one person died in 52.57 of the population.

The occurrence of the state census, in the same year, with very full particulars relating to the population of the city, gives an opportunity for full and accurate comparisons of the vital statistics with the population.

EDWIN M. SNOW,
Supt. of Health and City Registrar.

No. 443. Report relating to Janitors at the School Houses.

[Presented July 24, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on city property, to whom was referred a resolution of the city council asking your committee

to inquire into and report what changes are necessary, if any, in the janitors of the public buildings belonging to the city: respectfully report that your committee have given due attention to the inquiries made by the resolution, and they find that the buildings occupied by the fire and police departments, in almost all cases, show that good care is taken by the janitors or by the persons who have charge of the stations. The fire department buildings are quite satisfactory to your committee, and we have every assurance that the buildings of the police department, which might be improved, will be, and have already been put in good condition. Your committee are sorry to say that they do not find the school buildings in so satisfactory a condition. Some of our most prominent ones, which should have been models of cleanliness, were dirty. In many cases the cornices had the appearance of never having been dusted since the buildings were built. We find the heating arrangement, both steam and furnaces, in bad condition. They show that proper attention has not been given by the janitors or persons in charge. We do not claim that all school buildings are so, but a majority of them. Your committee do not approve of the present system of employing and paying janitors, which is done in most cases by the teachers. The cost during the past year for the janitors and cleaning the school buildings was about eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000). We do not recommend any change in the management of janitors for the buildings of the fire and police departments, but we do unanimously recommend that all janitors employed in the school buildings shall be put under the charge of and hired by the superintendent of public buildings. Therefore we ask for the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 445. Ninth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented July 24, 1876.]

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

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

There has been no change in the condition of the funds since the close of the quarter ending March 31, 1876, and the amount of funds in the control of the board, June 30, 1876, was, therefore, the same as reported in the eighth quarterly report, and is as follows:

Of the fund of 1885, -	-	-	\$422,271	10
Of the fund of 1893, -	-	-	158,852	78
Of the city hall and sewer loan,	-	-	1,577	74
Of the water loan, -	-	-	5,000	00
Of the North Burying Ground,	-	-	1,130	67
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Whole amount, -	-	-	\$588,532	29

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, July 24, 1876.

No. 446. Report of the Committee on City Property on the High School.

[Presented July 24, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee of the city council on city property, to whom was referred, July 10, 1876, by the common council, a communication from the school committee, requesting "an appropriation for whitening, painting and cleaning the high

school building, and making it comfortable for occupancy before the commencement of the next school year," hereby make this their report :

Your committee have visited the high school building in a body, and find that for the specified objects named in the communication from the school committee, to wit : "whitening, painting and cleaning," a sum of not less than nine hundred dollars is needed; the walls and ceiling to that extent being out of repair, and dirty to a discreditable degree. In addition to the above sum of nine hundred dollars, your committee recommend that the sum of seven hundred dollars be allowed for the following specified objects. For completing the sewerage in buildings and yard. For removing the conservatory at the southwest corner of the building. For placing ventilators in windows. For repairing blackboards, desks and other school furniture. For such alterations in the yard as will cut off the current of unpleasant odors from the outside buildings to the main building.

Your committee beg leave to say that the above improvements are but a partial remedy for the evils complained of at the high school building.

To completely eradicate those evils, resulting as they do from original errors of construction, from imperfect drainage, producing damp and unwholesome vapors, especially in the basement, and from an almost entire absence of ventilation in the two main stories of the house, it is necessary to dig, drain and concrete a cellar under the house, graduated in depth from five to seven and a half feet. To place therein the steam heating apparatus now in the basement. To construct two ventiducts from cellar through the roof, each with a ten-inch cast iron smoke pipe placed therein. To construct areas upon three sides of the building, of a depth sufficient to admit light and air into the cellar. For which improvements the further sum of five thousand four hundred dollars is wanted, making a total of seven thousand dollars.

It may be known to some members of the city council, it certainly is known to many outside of the council, that more than one bereaved family attribute the cause of their sorrows to the damp and deleterious atmosphere that pervades certain of those rooms; however that may be, it certainly is no extravagance of speech to say, that in all the elements of a good school building the high school will suffer in comparison with the most of our primary school houses. Therefore, your committee, with one dissenting voice, notwithstanding the want of time in which to do the work and the lack of means with which to pay for it, have agreed to submit this report, only asking you to share with them the responsibility for whatever there may be of omission or neglect in the condition of the high school building.

Your committee, in conclusion, would say that inasmuch as it will require from eight to ten weeks to complete the work, therefore they ask that chapter x, section 5 of the city ordinances, be in this case inoperative.

All of which, together with accompanying resolutions, is most respectfully submitted.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 447. Resolution authorizing work on the High School to be done without advertising.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the advice of the joint standing committee on city property, be permitted to do the work on the high school building without advertising for bids.

No. 448. Resolutions to repair the School House on
Benefit street.

[Passed July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the necessary repairs to be made on the Benefit street grammar school house, and the two lower floors fitted for the use of primary and intermediate scholars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect: the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 449. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive certain streets.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive the following named streets, and declare the same public highways, viz. :

- Aborn street, from West Exchange street, southerly.
- Ashburton street, from Martin street to Tremont street.
- Bradford street, from Cedar street to West Exchange street.
- Branch street, from High street to Dike street.
- Brayton avenue, from Atwell's avenue to railroad track.
- Burnett street, from Greenwich street to Bucklin street.
- Cedar street, from Bradford street to Adie street.
- Dike street, on each side of Branch street.
- Friendship street, from Dorrance street to Orange street.
- Howland street, from North Main street to Benefit street.
- George street, from Governor street to Ives street.
- Ives street, from Waterman street to Pitman street.

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- Linden street, from Pine street to Friendship street.
 - Lockwood street, from Pine street to Meadow street.
 - Pettis street, from Palmer street to Polk street.
 - Pike street, from Benefit street to South Main street.
 - Fuller street, from Wilson street to Warren street.
 - Power street, from Governor street to Ives street.
 - Promenade street, from Gaspee street to Park street.
 - Penn street, from Courtland street to Knight street.
 - Slocum street, from Almy street to Harkness street.
 - Square street, from Plane street to Eddy street.
 - Summer street, from Pine street to Friendship street.
 - Stokes street, from High street, southerly.
 - Traverse street, from Pike street to India street.
 - Tremont street, from Ashburton street to Charles street.
 - West Exchange street, from Bradford street to Cove street.
 - Whitmarsh street, from Broad street, westerly.
 - Vinton street, from Vernon street to Brighton street.
 - Julian street, from Amherst street to Kossuth street.
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No. 450. Resolution to pay Martha J. Hawkins \$42.50
for services as teacher.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Martha J. Hawkins, formerly Martha J. Penno, the sum of forty two dollars and fifty cents, being balance due her for services as teacher in the public schools: to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 451. Resolution to pay the Builders' Iron Foundry \$430.59.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Builders' Iron Foundry the sum of four hundred

thirty dollars and fifty nine cents, in full, for work and materials for repairing the Cove promenade fence : to be charged to the appropriation for parks.

No. 452. Resolution to pay Robert Manchester \$75.
for flooding.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Robert Manchester the sum of seventy five dollars, in full, for all damage hitherto sustained by him by reason of overflow of the Clifford street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

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

- No. 453. Richard Bromley, Okie street.
- 454. Peter Duff, corner Prairie avenue and Sayles st.
- 455. John Greenman, No. 43 Doyle avenue.
- 456. Thomas Tague, corner Spruce and Sutton streets.
- 457. Caroline M. Tinkham, No. 14 Ringgold street.
- 458. John Tucker, No. 26 Pearl street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 27, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to

their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners, viz. :

- No. 459. Erastus E. Blanchard.
 460. Edward Brady.
 461. Richard Bromley.

No. 462. Report of the City Solicitor on the power to supply other towns with water.

[Presented July 27, 1876.]

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
 City of Providence, July 25, 1876. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

GENTLEMEN : In reply to your resolution herewith returned, I have the honor to say that in my judgment, the city of Providence is empowered to furnish a supply of water to any town in this state. As I am informed by members of your body that the resolution is pointed more especially toward supplying the town of Pawtucket with water, I will add, that in my judgment, under the acts of the legislature in reference to this city, and the act "for supplying the town of Pawtucket with pure water," there is ample power not only to make a contract for such supply, but also full and ample authority to do all that may be necessary to furnish it. The power, however, of the town council of Pawtucket in this matter, is dependent upon the action of the electors of that town qualified to vote upon any proposition to impose a tax deciding to introduce water into said town.

Were the powers referred to less certain, it cannot for a moment be doubted but the legislature would, upon application of the town and city, remove any question that might be raised, more especially, as no person can be injured by the

exercise of such power, and that the result, with a proper agreement, would so much benefit the inhabitants of the town and the city.

I am, &c.,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 463. Message from the Mayor relating to the Execution of Contracts, etc.

[Presented July 27, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, July 27, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The city solicitor has called my attention to the fact, that there is a want of uniformity in relation to the execution of contracts, conveyances and other instruments made on behalf of the city, and suggests that the matter be remedied by the passage of an ordinance empowering the mayor or some other officer, to sign and execute such instruments when required.

A copy of the letter of the solicitor I transmit herewith, and recommend that the subject receive your early attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, July 27, 1876. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—In order that there may be uniformity in the execution of contracts, conveyances and other instruments on behalf of the city of Providence not now provided for by ordinance or otherwise, I would suggest that some ordinance be passed authorizing the mayor for the time being, or such other officer as the city council may select, to sign and execute such instruments.

Yours truly,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 464. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved July 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated July 27, 1876, in relation to the want of uniformity in the execution of contracts and other instruments, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 465. Resolution relating to City's Land south of Hill's wharf.

[Approved July 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committees on city property and the harbor, are hereby requested to take into consideration the subject of building a retaining wall and filling the land of the city covered with water, south of Hill's wharf.

No. 466. Resolution appropriating \$106,480.56 for Interest on the Water Loan.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and six thousand four hundred eighty dollars and fifty six cents be hereby added to the appropriation for interest on water loan: and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 467 Resolution appropriating \$12,000. for the Lamp Department.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

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

No. 468. Resolution appropriating \$3,000. for the Health Department.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the health department, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 469. Resolution appropriating \$300. for Public Baths.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for maintaining and superintending the public bath houses: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 470. Resolution relating to Voting Districts in the Tenth Ward.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs Hamill, Sellew and Shattuck, of the common council, with Aldermen Angell and Manchester, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take into consideration the advisability of dividing the tenth ward into voting districts, and report thereon.

No. 471. Resolution relating to Blackstone Park.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks are hereby instructed to inquire as to the propriety of making some

improvements by the city on the land given to the city, known as Blackstone park, and if they deem it advisable, to report a plan for said improvements.

No. 472. Resolution appointing a Special Committee on the claim of Caleb W. Miller.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Westcott, Crossley and Rickard, of the common council, with Alderman Potter, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to examine and inquire into all matters in controversy between Caleb W. Miller and the city, and to report to the city council such action thereon as they may deem most expedient.

No. 473. Resolution to pay Georgiana Guild \$52.48 for services as teacher.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Georgiana Guild the sum of fifty-two dollars and forty-eight cents, being balance due her for services as teacher in the public schools for the year 1872-3: to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 474. Resolution to pay Daniel W. Darling \$10.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Daniel W. Darling the sum of ten dollars in full for damage to his premises on Cemetery street from overflow caused by the diversion of an ancient drain and water course, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

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

No. 475. John McLaughlin, No. 30 Dart street.

476. Thomas O'Neil, No. 12 Sullivan street.

No. 477. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved August 3, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Swan Point Cemetery, C. R. Drowne, treasurer, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

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

No. 478. Resolution authorizing John B. Wood to lay rails on certain streets and lands.

[Passed August 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That John B. Wood, the contractor who is to do the work of dredging the cove basin, is hereby authorized to lay railroad tracks over Cove, Promenade and Gaspee streets and over lands belonging to the city, and is further authorized to use a twelve ton locomotive on said tracks: said tracks and engine to be used solely for the work of said dredging: to be done under the direction of the joint special committee on dredging the cove basin.

No. 479. Resolutions authorizing the purchase of
Floor Lumber for the City Hall.

[Approved August 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for and purchase the lumber required for use in laying the floors of the new city hall without advertising for proposals, provided the amount expended under authority herein contained, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, That said commissioners are hereby authorized to contract, if necessary, for said lumber with a corporation of which one of said commissioners is a stockholder.

No. 480. Resolution appropriating \$1,500. for
Dredging the Harbor.

[Approved August 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for dredging the harbor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 481. Resolution relating to plans for High School.

[Passed August 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education are hereby directed to report, on or before September 14, 1876, to either branch of the city council, plans and specifications for a high school on Summer street, to cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

No. 482. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved August 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay, from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in July, 1876, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Charles E. Hawkins,	-	-	-	-	\$30 00,
Patrick H. Garrigan,	-	-	-	-	88 00.

No. 483. Message from the Mayor relating to Report on the Sewerage System.

[Presented August 7, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 7, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have this day received, and transmit herewith, the report of the committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers in relation to the sewerage system of this city.

I also transmit copies of correspondence relating to the appointment of the committee by the society, in obedience to the request of the city council, made by resolution approved October 4, 1875.

It will be very gratifying to the citizens of Providence to know that this committee, composed of men who stand at the head of the profession of sewerage engineering in this country, fully sustain the wisdom of the city council in approving and carrying into effect the system of sewers, devised by J. Herbert Shedd, Esq., the chief engineer of the water works.

The question, which since the unusual storms of August last, has agitated the public mind in regard to the sewerage system of this city, more than any other, has been in relation to the size of the sewers : on this subject the committee say : " The

question of a system of large or small sewers has, of late years, occupied the attention of the most eminent engineers."

The discussions on this subject are well presented by Mr. Shedd in his reports, and his conclusions are such as have been very generally adopted by the most successful engineers in this country and in Europe, and the committee add that in this city the sizes "are properly adjusted."

In relation to the character of materials used, the committee commend the care which has been exercised in the selection thereof, and say that "the work constructed has the character which we expected to find as the result of good materials and good management," and the city council will observe with pleasure the conclusions of the committee expressed as follows: "In fact the details of the construction of your sewers have been carried out with a regard to important minutiae which is rarely seen in such work, and we are unable to point to better specimens of sewer construction than such as exist in your city."

The committee call the attention of the city council to the danger to the public health to be apprehended from the further use of "the old dry walled stone square culverts," and the discharge of the sewage upon "the flats and low grounds." They recommend as of great importance, the excavation of the cove basin, and in this respect their opinions are entitled to greater weight from the fact, that each of the committee in the discharge of the duties of his profession, was familiar in former years with the cove before it had been brought to its present condition.

The plan of Mr. Shedd, of ultimately conveying the sewage of the city into "the deep water current at Field's point," is approved by the committee, and their conclusions thereon will receive the careful consideration of our citizens.

The suggestions of the committee in relation to "exceptional heavy storms" will commend themselves to the public attention.

The preparation of the report has been unavoidably delayed by the committee, who, to avoid further delay, transmitted the engrossed report to me as soon as completed, without sending it to Chicago for the signature of Mr. Chesbrough to be affixed.

thereto. He had approved the original draft of the report, and his authorization of his signature to the engrossed copy has been forwarded to this office.

A portion of the suggestions of the committee above referred to have already been carried into effect by the present city council, while others will undoubtedly receive favorable action as the growth of the city and the necessities of the case will require.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, }
63 William street, New York, }
October 21, 1875. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with the request communicated by you to the president of this society, October 13th and 18th, the board of direction has instructed me to name the following members of the society, from whom the proposed committee may be selected:

Julius W. Adams, City Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.
John Bogart, 36 Union Square, (East) New York.
E. S. Chesbrough, Chicago, Ill.
J. James R. Croes, Yonkers, N. Y.
Charles Davis, Alleghany City, Pa.
Joseph P. Davis, City Hall, Boston Mass.
George S. Greene, 467 W. 23d street, N. Y.
William J. McAlpine, Congress Hall, Albany, N. Y.
William E. Worthen, 63 Bleeker street, New York.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. LEVERICH, Secretary.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, October 22, 1875. }

G. LEVERICH, ESQ., SECRETARY, &C.

DEAR SIR:—I have your esteemed favor of the 21st inst., and note contents.

The board of direction of your society have misunderstood the request of our city council and my letters to your president. What was wanted was that the three men should be selected by your society, instead of which you named nine men, some of whom are well known here, and others whom we do not know. The difficulty at once arises how our city council can select from these nine who have been recommended. Our city council is composed of the common council, the

board of aldermen and the mayor, and concurrent action of the three is necessary, or the passage by the two over the veto of the latter. You will see, therefore, the difficulty of such a body fixing upon a committee of experts, which difficulty of is but little lessened by the presentation to them of nine names. The council deemed it proper to have your association select the persons in order that they might be chosen without prejudice or local objections, and beside this, the two bodies will have to be called in special session to make the selection, and all this causes delay. In looking over the list [you forward, I find Mr. Chesbrough named, and his name has been most favorably commented upon by the most bitter opponents of Mr. Shedd's system. Gen. Greene, whom you name, is of our Rhode Island stock, and for that reason, ought to be satisfactory, while Col. Adams, your President, is well known in this city, and I should say an excellent man for the position required. I therefore suggest, that if consistent, your board of direction hold a meeting and reduce the list to these three, unless, in their opinion I have overlooked abler men, which I may have done, for the reason that the three I have named are familiar to me in their department, while the others I have not heard of so often.

Awaiting your reply, I am yours very truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, }
63 William street, New York, }
October 28, 1875. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.

DEAR SIR:—The board of direction of this society, after considering your letter of the 22d inst., instructs me to name of the nine members proposed to you on the 21st inst.: Julius W. Adams, E. S. Chesbrough, and George S. Greene, as the committee proposed.

Respectfully,

G. LEVERICH, Secretary.

No. 488. Report on the Examination of the Sewerage System.

[Presented August 7, 1876.]

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, appointed under the authority of the city council of the City of Providence, to

make an examination of the "system adopted by the advice of J. Herbert Shedd, engineer, for the sewerage of the City of Providence, as the same has been followed in actual construction or is proposed,—and to report to the city council, as to the sufficiency of size, kind of material, division of districts, and such other facts as may be valuable; and also to recommend any changes which they may deem to be requisite," have the honor to report:

In pursuance of the requirements above recited, we visited Providence and examined the sewers in progress of construction at several points, and much of the work previously constructed: one of our number made an extensive examination of the Dorrance street sewer; we also visited the several points where complaints were made of the overflow of sewers, and we attended a meeting of citizens in the council chamber, called to hear any complaint of faults in the sewerage from overflow or otherwise. We also visited the office and examined the system of inspection and disposition of materials for the construction of the work, and we examined the plans and formula showing the forms of the work and the principles on which the sizes of the sewers were determined. We were furnished with copies of these papers and have made an extensive study of the details.

We will answer the enquiries under these obvious natural subdivisions.

First—"On the system adopted by the advice of J. Herbert Shedd, engineer, for the sewerage of the city of Providence, as the same has been followed in actual practice, or is proposed." Mr. Shedd's system contemplates the carriage of so much of an inch of rain fall per hour as shall reach the sewers within that hour, estimated to amount to fifty per cent. of the rain-fall in addition to the sewerage habitually flowing from dwellings. He also proposes to connect the sewers by out-falls with the rivers and cove for the discharge of the excess of water in heavy storms, when, the sewers having been cleansed by the first discharge of the rain-fall, this overflow will be nearly free from

sewage. The question of a system of large or small sewers has, of late years, occupied the attention of the most eminent engineers. The discussions on this subject are well presented by Mr. Shedd in his reports, and his conclusions are such as have been very generally adopted by the most successful engineers in this country and in Europe. The topography of the city site and the location of the streets, define the positions of the sewers and their grades or declivities to a great extent. The important principle of giving the sewers as nearly as possible the average grade, seems to be as faithfully carried out as the circumstances allow.

Second.—“Sufficiency of size.” The sizes of the sewers are adapted to the system proposed, and in view of the requirements of economy and of the very general practice in large cities, we think they are properly adjusted.

Third.—“Kind of material.” The materials used were of a very good quality; the system of carefully selecting the bricks for such portions of the work as the different qualities are suitable for, is calculated to produce the best work with the greatest economy. The careful and unusually extensive inspection of cement has greatly improved the character of the masonry without any considerable increase of cost. The work constructed has the character which we expected to find as the result of good materials and good management. The hollow bottoms of the sewers in wet places have been judiciously applied. In fact the details of the construction of your sewers have been carried out with a regard to important minutiae which is rarely seen in such work, and we are unable to point to better specimens of sewer construction than such as exist in your city.

Fourth.—“Division of districts.”—The division into districts are in conformity with the proper arrangement for water carriage, so far as could be done in the localities where the location of the streets and their grades in a great measure determine these divisions.

Fifth.—“Such other facts as may be valuable, and also to recommend any changes which they may deem requisite.” It has come to our notice in an examination of the sewers, that in several cases the new sewers have been carried to and connected with the old, dry-walled stone square culverts and sand catchers. Although this was a temporary arrangement, it is of great moment in relation to the sanitary condition of the localities where this has been done; the sewage will be detained in these drains, and percolating through these dry walls, will contaminate the soil to an extent which will not be compensated for by any economy which may result from the use of these drains for sewerage. We recommend as a necessary sanitary measure, that these drains be removed and replaced by clean earth.

Another instance (now probably remedial,) of injudicious management was the discharge of a sewer on the flat and low ground near the hospital, although the remedial sewer was under construction. We deem it our duty to point out how very injurious to the public health such a disposition of the sewage must be, when so discharged even for short periods. Discharging sewage on flats bare at low water, or into water of little depth, will make the vicinity of the outlet offensive, which bad effects will constantly increase. Sewage should, whenever possible, be discharged into the deep water current, by making the outlets at the ends of piers or wharves. Although the discharges from the outlets may not now, in the incipency of your sewerage, be very offensive, they will certainly be so when your houses are thoroughly connected.

For improving the sanitary condition of Providence river above Fox point, the opening and deepening of the cove to the free flow of tide water is deemed of great importance, as the current and the quantity of water flowing through Providence river above Fox point, at every tide, will be greatly increased. The value of the cove, deepened and opened to the free flow of the tide, for purifying the water of the upper part of Providence river and for cooling the air in its vicinity cannot be over-

estimated. To those who recollect the cove in its purity no arguments in its favor would seem to be necessary.

The project of ultimately carrying all the sewage into the deep water current at Field's point is judicious and proper, and should be constantly kept in view in all constructions of marginal or outlet sewers, and in plans for right-of-way for sewers leading towards that point. It is probable, that to preserve the sanitary condition of the waters of Providence and Seekonk rivers, it will be necessary to discharge the sewage ordinarily at ebb-tide, and to have a reservoir near the outlet to enable this to be done. The property of the city on Field's point contains a proper site for such works.

Should the sewage ever be of sufficient value to justify the use of it for irrigation, this point will be the position from which it can be most easily carried to the dry plains, on either side of the Pawtuxet river, by pumping it to a sufficient height for distribution.

Should the occurrence of exceptional heavy storms become so frequent as to require some remedy to prevent overflow, it is suggested that relief may be obtained by closing the gullies at the gutters, so that only so much water, to be determined by experiment, shall be admitted to the sewers as they have a capacity to carry; the surplus to be carried along the gutters to the larger sewers at the foot of the slopes, which will be relieved by the proposed overflow outlets.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. GREENE,

J. W. ADAMS,

E. S. CHESBROUGH.

By GEO. S. GREENE.

New York, August 3, 1876.

No. 489. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for
Bridges.

[Approved August 10, 1876.]

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

No. 490. Resolution abating Sewer Assessment of
Ednah H. Pettis.

[Approved August 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid, to refund to Ednah H. Pettis, the sum of thirty-six dollars and sixteen cents, being the amount of assessments for frontage and areas on Peace street adjacent to her lots, for Prairie avenue sewer, whenever she shall execute and deliver a deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, quitclaiming to the city, and all her right, title and interest in and to the land of Peace street, upon which such assessments have been made.

No. 491. Resolution abating tax of Catherine M. J.
and Ellen A. Wallace.

[Approved August 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Catherine M. J. and Ellen A. Wallace the sum of four dollars and forty-five cents, being the difference between the real estate tax erroneously assessed against and paid by them for the year 1875, and their personal property tax for said year, and to remit said real estate tax.

No. 492. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved August 10 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Edwin A. Howard to raise a certain building, located at No. 429 and 431 High street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 493. Resolution to pay J. Erastus Lester, trustee, \$40. for flooding.

[Approved August 10, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to J. Erastus Lester as trustee for Hugh McGlynn, the sum of forty dollars, in full for damage to the estate of said McGlynn, resulting from overflow caused by obstructions of the ordinary flowage of surface water during the work of changing the grade of Plane street, wherever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 494. Resolution to pay Mary Manning, \$100.

[Approved August 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary Manning, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for damage sustained by her by the building of the sewer in Blackstone street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 495. Resolution to pay Bridget Mulvey \$100.

[Approved August 17, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Bridget Mulvey the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for damage sustained by her by the building of the sewer in Blackstone street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 496. Resolution relating to land on Pond street.

[Approved August 31, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby instructed to cause that portion of the city lot on Pond street, now occupied by Burrill Mattison to be vacated by him on or before the first day of September next.

No. 497. Message from the Mayor relating to Watering Places on Manton avenue.

[Presented August 10, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, August 10, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

There are on Manton avenue two wells of good water which it is very desirable should be used as public drinking places; one of them is at the junction of the avenue with Atwell's avenue, and the other is near the Manton post office, a short distance this side of the dividing line between the city and the town of Johnston.

As the overseer of pumps and wells has in his custody pumps and troughs which can be used at these places, and as it will be

a long time before the public water pipes will be laid to either of them, I recommend that he be authorized to place a pump and trough at each of the two wells.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 498. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor relating to watering places on Manton avenue.

[Approved September 4, 1876]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated August 10, 1876, in relation to watering places on Manton avenue, is hereby referred to the joint committee on water to examine and report thereon.

No. 499. Resolution to sell buildings on Traverse street, in the Brook street district.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to sell at public or private sale, the building at the north east corner of Traverse and Pike streets, in the Brook street district, and also the two buildings adjoining north-erly.

No. 500. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Brown Street.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Brown street, from Olney street to Barnes street, of a uniform width of fifty feet.

No. 501. Resolution directing Committee on Water to confer with the Town Council of Pawtucket, in relation to furnishing said Town with water.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on water are hereby authorized and directed to confer with the town council of the town of Pawtucket, upon the matter of furnishing said town with Pawtucket water, and to report to the city council a plan of terms and conditions for such supply.

No. 502. Resolution to pay James Brennan for rent of rooms used for a Police Station.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay James Brennan the sum of one hundred fifty eight dollars and thirty three cents, for rent of rooms on Wickenden street in the Brook street district, used as a police station from January 20, to July 31, 1876 : to be charged to the appropriation for police.

No. 503. Resolution to widen Bridge on Canal street.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the overseer of bridges, acting under the advice and direction of the advising committee on bridges, be and he is hereby directed to cause Canal street bridge to be widened, between Weybosset and Washington bridges, so that there shall be ample space for the safe and convenient passage of vehicles between the west rail of the track of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Co. and the curbing of said Canal street bridge.

No. 504. Resolution to repair the High School.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be directed to properly ventilate, drain, clean, whiten and repair the high school building, at a cost not to exceed the sum of sixteen hundred dollars : to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 505. Resolution appropriating \$50,000. for Providence Water Works.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 506. Resolution to lay a drain under Waterman street.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to construct forthwith, an outlet for the water which flows into the basin north of Waterman street, by laying a twenty inch drain pipe under said street.

No. 507. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to confer with parties on Eddy street.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Raynsford and Metcalf with Messrs. Hamill, Hunt and Rice of the common council, are here-

by appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have taken appeals from the awards and assessments made by the commissioners appointed by the supreme court, at the October term, 1875, to lay out Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street, and to report to the city council upon what terms settlement can be made with each of said parties.

No. 508. Resolution for sending representatives to the Convention of Fire Officers in Philadelphia.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer and one member of the committee on the fire department are hereby authorized to attend and represent the city of Providence in the convention of chief officers of fire departments of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1876, and that their traveling expenses, not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, be paid out of the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 509. Resolution to lease Land and Water Power at Pawtuxet.

[Approved September 4, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby instructed to execute a lease for the term of five years, to Thomas N. Pearce, of certain land in the village of Pawtuxet, in the town of Cranston, being the site of the old mill and the addition thereto made by Stafford & Co., with all the water privilege remaining unused by the city after pumping all the water the city may choose. Said land is bounded and described as follows :

Commencing at the southeasterly corner at the junction of the river and the main road, and running northerly, bounding easterly on said road about eighty feet to a gangway, thence westerly at a right angle, bounding northerly on said gangway about one hundred twenty eight and a half feet, thence southerly at a right angle about sixty two feet to the river, thence easterly bounding southerly on the Pawtuxet river to the place of beginning, together with a right of way in said gangway.

Said lease to be at the annual rent of four hundred dollars, payable quarterly to the water commissioners.

No. 510. Report of the Joint Committee on Parks in relation to Roger Williams Park.

[Presented July 31, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on parks, who, by resolution approved August 11, 1873, were "instructed to inquire and report what is the present condition of the several public parks of the city, and what action is necessary for their preservation and proper management, with liberty to said committee to report any resolutions or ordinances by them deemed desirable," and who subsequently submitted two partial reports upon the subject, beg leave to present this their third partial report.

The committee find that a large number of the trees upon the east end of Roger Williams Park are showing signs of disease and decay, and they know of no reason for such premature decline unless it is that the nourishment has been exhausted from the soil by the growth of the trees, and as the underbrush and leaves have been removed for the two years past, they have been deprived of that source of protection and support. The soil of the park is of a gravelly and porous nature, and not of the kind that retains its strength for a long time, and in order

that these trees, which are the beauty and attraction of the grounds, shall be fostered and protected, it is necessary that the land upon which they grow should be replenished with such nourishment and dressing as shall be most effective and economical.

We have in the low lands, on the southerly side of the park, just the quality of nutriment desired in the shape of muck or peat, which is generally acknowledged to be very valuable as a replenisher of exhausted soil. The land upon the western side of the park, adjoining Elmwood avenue is quite barren and worn out, probably having been planted for a long time, and crops taken from it without receiving its equivalent in manure or other enriching properties.

The committee are desirous of improving this part of the grounds to such an extent as to enable it to bear grass, and thus grow a nice lawn which is so desirable in this now sandy section.

The idea of your committee is to take the muck from the lowlands, upon both sides of the brook, to the depth of three feet, thus making a lake or pond, which, judging from the experience of last winter, will be one of the most popular features of the park, both as a skating park in winter, and as a place for boating in other seasons of the year.

It will be seen that the proposition contemplates the accomplishment of two objects with one and the same expense; the protection and growth of the trees and grass, and the making of a lake or pond.

Your committee are of the opinion that it is not advisable to present permanent plans for the lay out of this park, especially with its present confined limits, and this is one of the first objections of rural and landscape artists, that more land is needed; we must take this beautiful knoll upon the north, and that elegant slope upon the south, and the splendid grove upon the east; take these into your park, and then we can give you a plan and lay out for your park which will compete successfully with any in the country!

The committee are satisfied that the excavation of this lake will in no wise interfere with any permanent plan which may be adopted by any future committee, and with the making of this lake and the enriching of the land to such an extent as to insure the continued growth of the trees and the growing of lawns, it is probable that no costly improvement will be called for, for some time, or until the acquisition of adjoining lands shall call for plans and operations, which no doubt will be executed with the consent and approval of the tax payers of the city.

This committee are aware of the condition of the finances of the city at this time, and therefore are somewhat diffident in asking for the appropriation to enable these improvements to be made, but the park is fast becoming a very popular resort; the Union Railroad Co. running its open cars every quarter of an hour, carrying crowds of passengers, and with the hundreds and some days thousands which drive through its avenues make it one of the most lively and frequented spots in the city.

The committee are informed that if the excavation of this lake is ordered, the Union Railroad Co. will immediately commence laying their track down Elmwood avenue to opposite the entrance of the park.

Should this be done, it would greatly add to the number and convenience of visitors to the park.

Believing that this improvement is one urgently demanded and will be heartily endorsed by the taxpayers of the city, the committee unanimously recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

WILLIAM S. HAYWARD, Chairman.

No. 511. Resolution appropriating \$6000. to excavate Muck at Roger Williams Park

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be

hereby authorized to contract for the excavation of muck at Roger Williams park, provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars : said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public parks : and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 512. Resolution appropriating \$1000. for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for public parks to the appropriation for Roger Williams park : said sum to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks in the maintenance and repairs upon said park.

No. 513. Resolution appointing Special Committee to report on Claim of Thomas Mullen.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the petition of Thomas Mullen for compensation for damages to his lot on Stampers street, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Millett, Behan and Barker of the common council, with Aldermen Tew and Potter, with instructions to inquire into the matter of the liability of the city in said matter and report thereon.

No. 514. Resolution to place a Hydrant at the City Yard.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be requested to place in the city yard one hydrant, to be located under the direction of the committee on city property : to be paid for out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 515. Resolution to place a Fire Alarm Box at the
City Yard.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer of the fire department, under the direction of the committee on fire department, be directed to place one fire alarm within the limits of the city yard; to be paid for out of the appropriation for fire department.

No. 516. Resolution for paving and curbing Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause Eddy street to be curbed and paved, from Broad street to Pine street.

No. 517. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Oxford street.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Oxford street, (formerly Square street,) from Plane street to Burnside street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 518. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Waterman and Prospect streets.

(Approved September 7, 1876.)

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Waterman and Prospect streets, from the summit near Brown University in Waterman street, to the sewer in College street, corner of Prospect street.

No. 519. Resolution to pay Edmund F. Prentiss
\$19.65

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Edmund F. Prentiss the sum of nineteen dollars and sixty five cents, being the amount of a bill of costs incurred in the discharge of his duty as special constable, under chapter 83 of the general statutes, by reason of defect in his commission as such officer : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 520 Resolution to pay John Baxter \$60. for
flooding.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Baxter the sum of sixty dollars, in full for all damage sustained by him by overflows of his premises on Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 521. Resolution to pay James Gorman \$50. for
flooding.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Gorman the sum of fifty dollars, in full for damage sustained by him by overflows of his premises on Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise certain buildings.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

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

- No. 522. Sarah R. Chase, corner of Faith and Tyler streets.
 - 523. Amelia F. Palmer, No. 168 Broad street.
 - 524. West Providence Land Co., No. 482 Eddy street.
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No. 525. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Miller, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner. Also that said building shall be moved over that portion of street occupied by rails, between the hours of eleven, P. M., and five, A. M.

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

No. 533. Joint Special Committee on School Districts and Curbing in the Tenth Ward.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, September 4, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Tower be appointed in place of Mr. Cory, resigned, a member of the joint special committee ap-

pointed by resolution No. 638, approved October 19, 1875, in relation to the division of school districts and the matter of the transfer of curbing in the tenth ward.

RESOLVED, That the foregoing appointment be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 534. Joint Special Committee on School Districts and Curbing in the Tenth Ward.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, September 7, 1876.

RESOLVED, That Alderman Metcalf be hereby appointed a member of the joint special committee appointed October 19, 1875, in relation to the school districts and the transfer of curbing in the tenth ward, in place of Mr. Anthony, declined.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 535. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved September 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick H. Garrigan, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, for services as policeman, appointed but not confirmed, in August, 1876: to be paid from the appropriation for police.

No. 536. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Cove street.

[Approved September 25, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out and receive Cove street, from Washington street to the northerly line of Harris avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 541. Resolution transferring \$15,000 to the appropriation for Interest.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for the fire department, and added to the appropriation for interest.

No. 542. Resolution transferring \$57.27 to the appropriation for Police Station on Knight street, and \$1,697.26 to the appropriation for Salaries.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty-three cents is hereby transferred from the appropriation for Asylum walls and buildings, and that fifty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents be hereby added to the appropriation for the Knight street police station, and sixteen hundred and ninety-seven dollars and twenty-six cents to the appropriation for salaries.

No. 543. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the City Hall.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building the city hall.

No. 544. Resolution authorizing payment of \$1,000 on account of contract for Iron Flues for the City Hall.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized to pay the Architectural Iron Works the sum of one thousand dollars on account of their contract to furnish iron smoke flues for the city hall, without waiting for the erection of said flues, which have been received but cannot be put up until the brick work is ready.

No. 545. Resolution making an additional appropriation of \$6,000 for Oak Lumber for the City Hall.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of six thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, in addition to the appropriation made by resolution No. 478, series of 1875, for oak lumber for finishing the interior of the city hall.

No. 546. Resolution to set up Public Urinals.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be directed to purchase and locate four iron urinals for

public use, like plans Nos. 1 and 2, recommended by the committee, the cost not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 547. Report of the Committee on Education on completion of School House on Aldrich street.

[Presented September 25, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The committee on education who, by resolution No. 655, approved October 19, 1875, were directed to cause a primary and intermediate school house to be erected on the lot owned by the city on the south west corner of Plane and Aldrich streets, to have the same furnished, lot graded and fences built, provided the cost thereof should not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, respectfully report the completion of the work and the occupancy of the building.

The cost has been as follows:

Building,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,205	09
Furniture, including heating apparatus and bell,	-				-	503	61
Fences and outbuildings,	-				-	520	46
Grading,	-	-	-	-	-	485	62
Architect for plans and superintendence,	-				-	100	00
						\$4,814	78
Balance unexpended,	.	-	-	-	.	185	22
						\$5,000	00

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 548. Report of the Committee on Education on completion of School House on Julian street.

[Presented September 25, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The committee on education who, by resolution No. 441, approved August 5, 1875, were directed to cause a school house to be erected on Julian street, to have the same furnished, lot graded and fences built, provided the expense thereof should not exceed the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars, respectfully report the completion of the work and occupancy of the building.

The cost has been as follows :

Building, - - - - -	\$8,322 98
Furniture, including heating apparatus and bell, -	1,215 12
Fences and outbuildings, - - - - -	377 23
Grading, - - - - -	125 00
Architect, for plans and superintendence, -	300 00
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	\$10,340 00
Balance unexpended, - - - - -	159 67
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	\$10,500 00

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 549. Report of the Committee on Education on completion of School House on Admiral street.

[Presented September 25, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The committee on education who, by resolution No. 654, approved October 19, 1875, were directed to cause a primary and intermediate school house to be erected on the lot owned

by the city on Admiral street, to have the same furnished, lot graded and fences built, provided the cost thereof should not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, respectfully report the completion of the work and the occupancy of the building.

The cost has been as follows :

Building, - - - - -	\$3,205 08
Furniture, including heating apparatus and bell, -	453 15
Fences and outbuildings, - - - - -	653 36
Grading and drainage, - - - - -	167 25
Architect, for plans and superintendence, - - - - -	100 00
	<u>\$4,578 84</u>
Balance unexpended, - - - - -	421 16
	<u>\$5,000 00</u>

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 550. Resolution to print the Annual Report of the City Registrar.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the twenty-first annual report of the city registrar for the year ending December 31, 1875, be received, and that six hundred copies thereof, and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council, under the direction of the joint committee on printing.

No. 551. Resolution to print the report of the dedication of the School House on Doyle avenue.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the proceedings at the dedication of the Doyle avenue school house, be published with the report of the school committee presented June 5, 1876.

No. 552. Resolution to prepare Alphabetical Index to the Census.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of health be and he hereby is authorized to prepare an alphabetical index of the names of all males of and above the age of twenty-one years, contained in the last state census, who resided in Providence; and an amount not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars, is hereby appropriated to defray the cost of such index: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 553. Resolution referring case of Thomas Mullen to referees, under a rule of court.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized and requested to agree to a reference, under rule of the supreme court, of all matters in dispute between Thomas Mullen and the city, growing out of the laying of a sewer through his land by said city, to three referees; one to be selected by said Thomas Mullen, one by the mayor on behalf of the city, and the third by the two so chosen.

No. 554. Resolution for Curbing Norfolk street.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Norfolk street from High street, to McDonough street.

No. 555. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Seymour street.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are requested to receive Seymour street, and declare the same to be a public highway, from Eddy street to its present terminus, westerly.

No. 556. Resolution to pay James M. Baker, agent, \$47.39, for work done in City Engineer's Office.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James M. Baker, agent, the sum of forty-seven dollars and thirty-nine cents, being the amount of his bill for work done and materials furnished for the office of the city engineer; to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 557. Resolution to pay William McKee \$75. for flooding.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William McKee the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full for all damage hitherto sustained by him by reason of overflows of his estate on Lippitt street, resulting from the building of the new sewer in said street or otherwise, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 558. Resolution to pay John Bedworth \$70 for flooding.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Bedworth the sum of seventy dollars, in full for all damage sustained by him by reason of the flooding of his saloon at the corner of North Main street and Market square, resulting from a defect in the hydrant at said corner, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 559. Resolution to pay John A. Ellis, guardian, \$100, for damage to estate on Blackstone street.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John A. Ellis, guardian of Ann Ellis, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full for all damages sustained by the estate of said Ann Ellis, situate on Blackstone street, by reason of the construction of the sewer in said street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 560. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 28, 1876.]

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

No. 561 Message from the Mayor in relation to
Assistance in the Office of the Assessors of Taxes.

[Presented September 28, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, September 28, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The board of assessors propose to re-organize the clerical force in their office, and to dispense with the services of one of the assistants, thereby making a considerable annual saving in the expenses of their department.

I recommend that the joint committee on finance be instructed to examine the matter, and report the action necessary to be taken thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 562. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved October 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated September 28, 1876, in relation to the assistance in the office of the assessors of taxes be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 563. Message from the Mayor in relation to
Evening Schools.

[Presented September 28, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, September 28, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I am informed that the sub-committee of the school committee, having charge of the evening schools, have made arrangements to hire places in which to hold some of these schools in

districts where no suitable rooms are owned by the city, or where the room formerly occupied for that purpose is not considered suitable.

Neither the school committee nor their sub-committee have any authority to hire such rooms, unless the rent be paid from the appropriation for evening schools, which was not contemplated when the appropriation was made, and which, if done, will require an additional sum to be appropriated for the maintenance of the schools.

There is also a question as to the rooms to be occupied by the Polytechnic evening school, and to what extent preparations should be made therefor.

Under this condition of things, it would seem proper that the city council should take immediate action in the matter, and decide how many and what rooms shall be hired, and I therefore bring it to your notice.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 564. Resolution to erect Drinking Fountains.

[Approved October 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby requested to set up not exceeding fifteen public drinking fountains, for animals, and supply the same with Pawtuxet water.

No. 565. Resolution relating to Water on McDonough street.

[Approved October 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway committee are hereby requested to report to the city council what change, if any, is necessary in regard to the flowage of water upon McDonough street.

No. 566. Message from the Mayor relating to the death of Earl P. Mason, Trustee of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad.

[Presented October 2, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Oct. 2, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The decease of Earl P. Mason, Esq., has made a vacancy in the office of trustee under the mortgage given to the city by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, which it is important should be promptly filled, and for this reason I have requested your attendance at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 567. Message from the Mayor relating to the death of Joseph F. Gilmore, Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

[Presented October 2, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Oct. 2, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A vacancy exists in the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, caused by the death of Joseph F. Gilmore, Esq., who had held the office for over sixteen years, with great acceptance to the public.

I recommend that the vacancy be filled at this session of the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CONVENTION.

OCTOBER 2, 1876.

The following officers are elected :

Trustee of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad, (in place of Earl P. Mason, deceased,)	Nelson W. Aldrich.
Commissioner of the North Burial Ground, (in place of Joseph F. Gilmore, deceased,)	Andrew Winsor.
Coroner,	Charles H. Leonard.
Constable,	William L. Whipple.

No. 569. Report of the Committee on Water on supplying the Town of Pawtucket with water.

[Presented October 2, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :—The town of Pawtucket having this day voted to obtain a supply of water by means of independent works, your committee return herewith resolution No. 341, current series, approved June 5, 1876, directing them to report a proposition for supplying said town; and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said resolution.

For the committee,

WILLIAM Y. POTTER, Chairman.

Providence, October 2, 1876.

No. 570. Resolution making appropriation for rent of Evening Schools.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars be hereby appropriated for rent of rooms for the several eve-

ning schools to be established in various sections of the city during the ensuing season: said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 571. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Blackstone street.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Blackstone street, from Eddy street easterly to the harbor line.

No. 572. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Hendrick street.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Hendrick street, from Academy avenue to Mount Pleasant avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 573. Resolution relating to a building raised contrary to law.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the fire department be instructed to investigate the facts connected with the raising of a wooden building belonging to Messrs. Gladding, located on or in the rear of Washington street, the same being done without permission of the city council; and to report what action, if any, is advisable.

 Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

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

- No. 574. Margaret Buchanan, No. 3 Willow court.
 - 575. Terence Lunny, No. 25 Bishop street.
 - 576. John H. Springer, No. 703 High street.
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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

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

- No. 577. Ezra Bisbee.
 - 578. Edward Hayden.
 - 579. Patrick Healey
 - 580. Marshall B. Mead.
 - 581. Edward Munro.
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No. 582. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

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

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

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

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

No. 583. Oliver L. Marshall.

584. Stephen G. Smith.

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

No. 585. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

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

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city; said building to be kept moving night and day while on the railroad track.

No. 586. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Louisa Munroe to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to her petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner; said building to be kept moving night and day while on the railroad track.

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

No. 587. Message from the Mayor on appeal of Perley M. Flanders *in re* Hammond street.

[Presented October 12, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, Oct. 11, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Perley M. Flanders, who is the owner of an estate on Hammond street, was assessed the sum of \$161.25 for benefit to his estate by the extension of the street to High street, and there was a small portion of his estate taken for the extension, for which no allowance was made.

Mr. Flanders has taken an appeal from the assessment, and the city solicitor recommends the settlement of the appeal by the remission of the assessment, and I therefore bring the matter to your attention for action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 588. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the appeal of Mr. Perley M. Flanders, in the matter of the lay out of Hammond street, be referred to the joint committee on claims to examine and report thereon.

No. 589. Eighth Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented October 12, 1876.]

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, October 12, 1876. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The commissioners for building a city hall herewith present, as required by ordinance, the eighth quarterly report of said commission.

The commissioners have to report that during the past three months, fair progress has been made in the work of construction. The last stone of the cut granite work for the exterior walls, was laid on the 27th day of September last.

The financial embarrassment of the contractors for the roof and iron work, which culminated in a legal notification, on the 12th of September last, of their petition in bankruptcy, has partially interrupted the vigorous prosecution of this work. Arrangements are, however, being made, which the commissioners expect will be satisfactory, and which will ensure the immediate prosecution of all the iron and roof work as rapidly as it can be done, and will enable the whole roof, skylight and dome, to be covered in this autumn.

As soon as this shall have been accomplished, it will be desirable to arrange for the gas and water pipes and plumbing,

and also for the heating of the whole building. Before this work can be done intelligently, the authoritative appropriation of the rooms and location of the several departments of the city should be determined, as not only the location of the gas and water pipes and heating radiators depends upon the occupation of the rooms, but the very finish of the rooms will depend upon the purpose for which they are to be occupied.

The commissioners respectfully request that such action be taken by the council at the earliest period, relative to the distribution of the rooms to the several departments, to enable the commissioners to proceed with the interior work during the coming winter.

The commissioners are not aware of any provision having been made for the covering of the walks and the curbing of the streets surrounding city hall, or of any definite appropriation of the surplus land between the building and the lines of the streets. If it is intended that the commissioners shall provide for the curbing of the streets and the covering of the walks, they should be so instructed by the council at the earliest moment, as no time should be lost in contracting for the granite, if the council decide that the walks or the whole area between the curbing and the building shall be so covered.

The following are the disbursements since the report of the twelfth of July last :

July	22.	J. G. Batterson.....	\$9,700 00
	31.	Bugbee & Hall.....	21 23
Aug.	3.	Clerk's salary.....	41 67
	4.	H. T. Rider.....	182 42
	5.	H. G. Macomber.....	1,720 00
	7.	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	493 20
	9.	City Engineer's Department.....	1,343 50
	12.	Sumner P. Brown.....	500 00
	21.	Cut Granite Work.....	752 21
	23.	Office Expenses.....	18 23
Sept.	2.	H. G. Macomber.....	1,916 00
	2.	Architectural Iron Works.....	1,341 79
	2.	H. T. Rider.....	203 38
	7.	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	1,229 94

	7.	City Engineer's Department.....	\$561 75
	18.	Henry Smith, Janitor.....	7 26
	21.	J. G. Batterson	1,000 00
	29.	Oak Lumber	7,536 67
	29.	Architectural Iron Works	128 62
	29.	Plumbing	153 56
	29.	Cotton Sheeting for window openings.....	81 28
	29.	Clerk's salary.....	41 67
	30.	H. G. Macomber	2,096 00
Oct.	2.	Office Rent and Expenses.....	125 00
	2.	S. J. F. Thayer.....	1,750 00
	2.	H. T. Rider.....	209 77
	2.	Oak Lumber, H., Prov. & Fishkill R. R. Bill switch- ing	26 00
	6.	Piling, covering and stacking Oak Lumber on City Lot	606 55
	7.	Architectural Iron Works. Special Account.....	427 87
	7.	J. G. Batterson.....	1,600 00
	9.	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	2,311 80
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			\$38,127 37
		The amount of Expenditures last Quarter.....	\$38,127 37
		The Total Amount of Expenditures.....	403,527 23
		The Amount of the Appropriation.....	510,000 00
		The Unexpended Balance.....	106,472 77

WM. G. R. MOWRY, }
 HENRY G. RUSSELL, } City Hall
 WM. M. BAILEY, } Commissioners.

No. 590. Resolution referring the above Report to a
Special Committee.

[Approved October 12, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the suggestions contained in the eighth quarterly report of the city hall commissioners, dated October 12, 1876, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of the mayor, and Alderman Fisher, with Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, Potter and Parsons, of the common council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 591. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

[Approved October 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick H. Garrigan, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-two dollars and fifty cents, for duty performed in September, 1876: to be paid from the appropriation for police.

No. 592. Resolution appointing Special Committee to confer with parties appealing on Brook street.

[Approved October 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Alderman Potter, with Messrs. Peirce, Phillips and Barker, of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have taken appeals from the report of the commissioners appointed by the supreme court to lay out Brook street, and to report to the city council upon what terms settlement can be made with said parties.

No. 593. Resolution appointing the Beneficent Congregational Society to vacate a portion of the West Burial Ground.

[Approved October 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 553, of the public laws, passed at the January session, 1876, entitled "An act to authorize the city of Providence to cause certain burial grounds in said city to be vacated," the Beneficent Congregational Society are hereby appointed to cause the burial ground of said society, a plat of which is recorded in the records of deeds in said city of Providence in book 60, page 34, to be vacated, and the bodies and remains now buried in said burial ground, and the monuments and grave stones therein, to be removed to some suitable burial place.

No. 594. Resolution to build a bank wall in the Brook street District.

[Approved October 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to cause a bank wall to be placed in the rear of No. 53 Front street in the Brook street district, and to use such stone in the district as the commissioners shall designate, provided the cost of said wall shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 597 Message from the Mayor in relation to the Highway Laws.

[Presented October 16, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, October 16, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

A necessity exists for a careful and thorough revision of the several statutes in relation to highways, so far as they are intended to apply to this city.

Changes have been made by the general assembly in these statutes from time to time, as different towns and cities have required legislation on the various subjects of opening, grading, platting and laying out highways.

In making these changes, but little attention has been given to the law in relation to the construction of statutes, and hence provisions, very excellent and necessary under a town government, become a great hindrance, and in some cases a bar to action under a city government.

The word town being "construed to include city and the words 'town council,' boards of aldermen," powers always ex-

exercised by the city council, have in some instances, been thereby taken from that body and given to the board of aldermen, while the powers of the board of aldermen have been so changed in other instances, as to become wholly inoperative.

Experience has shown that legislation on the subject of highways cannot be made absolutely uniform in its application alike to towns and cities. The two places require different legislation, and great inconvenience and some damage has already been experienced by owners of real estate in this city, in consequence of the defects in existing statutes, while heavy damages are claimed from the city from the same cause.

I recommend that a committee be appointed to examine the present laws in relation to highways, and report what changes are required therein, and what additional legislation is necessary; the committee to report in print in time for the city council to apply to the general assembly, at its next session, for such action as the city council may deem to be requisite.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 598. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor dated October 16, 1876, relative to a revision of the statutes relating to highways, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 599. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the matter of Hamilton street and a street to Adelaide avenue.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to discontinue proceedings before the supreme court in

the matter of the laying out and extension of Hamilton street, and a street commencing at the intersection of the southerly line of the estate of Ann Eliza Moore, wife of Silas Moore, with the easterly line of Greenwich street and extending south to the southerly line of Adelaide avenue.

No. 600. Resolution relating to Salary Ordinance.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on finance be and they hereby are directed to report the general salary ordinance to the common council, at its next meeting.

No. 601. Resolution to lay a sewer in Eddy and
Fulton streets.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Eddy and Fulton streets, from Washington street to Fulton street in Eddy street, and from Eddy street to Dorrance street in Fulton street, to connect with the Dorrance street sewer.

No. 602. Resolution to lay a sewer in Martin street.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Martin street, from the railroad bridge to connect with the sewer in Charles street.

No. 603. Resolution to lay a sewer in Ringgold street.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

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

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

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

No. 604. Charles W. Atwood, corner of Pitman and Wayland streets,

605. John F. Long, No. 45 Jenkins street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions.

No. 606. Lewis Apley.

607. John F. Long.

No. 608. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Wheeler M. Blanding to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition.

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

No. 609. Resolution repealing Resolution No. 422, 1875, prohibiting interments in North Burial Ground.

[Approved October 19, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That resolution number four hundred and twenty two, approved August 2, 1875, prohibiting interments in a certain portion of the north burying ground is hereby repealed.

No. 612. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved October 23, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Benjamin M. Hubbard to raise a certain building located at No. 81 Washington street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 615. Resolution appropriating \$100,000. for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, be hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 616. Resolution relating to Committee to procure Furniture for the new City Hall.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Mr. Parsons of the common council, be and he is hereby added to the joint special committee to procure

furniture for the new city hall and to furnish the same when completed, appointed by resolution No. 589, series of 1875, approved September 30, 1875.

No. 617. Resolution relating to portions of the West
Burial Grounds.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 553 of the public laws passed at the January session, 1876, entitled "An act to authorize the city of Providence to cause certain burial grounds in said city to be vacated," the proprietors of Swan Point cemetery are hereby appointed to cause the burial ground called the "Manchester burial ground," a plat of which is recorded in the record of deeds in said city of Providence in book 30, at page 541; the burial ground called "Hope cemetery," a plat of which is recorded in said records in book 42, between pages 225 and 226, and the burial ground called "Union cemetery," a plat of which is recorded in said records in book of plats 1, at page 107, to be vacated, and the bodies and remains now buried in each and all said grounds, and the monuments and gravestones therein, to be removed to some suitable burial place.

No. 618. Resolution to place a pump and trough on
Manton avenue.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the overseer of pumps and wells is hereby authorized to place, from the stock on hand, a pump and watering trough at the well on Manton avenue near the Manton post office: the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 619. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Nichols street.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Nichols street, from Walling street to Nash lane, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 620. Resolution for curbing a portion of Brown street.

• (Approved October 26, 1876.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and the gutters to be paved on the westerly side of Brown street, from Barnes street to Creighton street.

No. 621. Resolution for curbing McDonough street.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on McDonough street, from Marvin street to the Stonington railroad.

No. 622. Resolution for curbing Shove street.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Shove street, from Nash lane to Hedley street.

No. 623. Resolution for curbing Wheaton street.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters to be paved on Wheaton street, from South Court street to Bowen street.

No. 624. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Mrs. Henry F. Bishop to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to her petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 625. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Stephen C. Arnold to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner; said building to be kept moving night and day.

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

No. 626. Resolution for curbing Broad street.

[Passed October 26, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street on the west side, and on the east side from Greenwich street to the land of the Ninth Ward Land Company.

IN CONVENTION.

OCTOBER 26, 1876.

The following officers are elected :

Water commissioner until July 1, 1879,	Amos D. Lockwood,
“ “ “ July 1, 1878,	Lodowick Brayton,
“ “ “ July 1, 1877,	Nathaniel F. Potter.

No. 628. Message from the Mayor, with the declination of Amos D. Lockwood, as Water Commissioner.

[Presented October 30, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
 City of Providence, October 30, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received the accompanying communication from Amos D. Lockwood, Esq., declining to accept the office of water commissioner, to which he was unanimously elected at the last meeting of the city council.

It will be a matter of public regret that Mr. Lockwood cannot undertake the duties of water commissioner of this city, where his eminent ability for the position is so well known and appreciated.

I have summoned the members of the board of aldermen to meet in their chamber, this evening, in order that the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Lockwood's refusal to serve may be promptly filled.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, OCTOBER 30th, 1876.

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

SIR:—I received this morning a notice of my election to the office of water commissioner for the term of three years from July 1st, 1876.

I appreciate most fully, this mark of confidence as expressed by the action of the city council, but my business relations are such as to make it impossible, absolutely, to accept the position thus offered me.

Yours, respectfully,

A. D. LOCKWOOD.

No. 629. Message from the Mayor, relating to the Board of Water Commissioners and the Water Works.

[Presented October 30, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, October 30, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The ordinance establishing a board of water commissioners will go into effect on Thursday next, November 2d, in consequence of the peculiar language of section 12, which repeals all conflicting "ordinances, parts of ordinances or resolutions *from and after* November 1st, 1876."

The ordinance gives no authority for continuing the present employees of the water department in office until their successors are appointed, or until the new board can re-organize the department; and therefore, not only the term of office of the present water commissioners, but also that of every person employed by them, will expire with the first day of November.

Many of the persons in the employ of the department receive a greater rate of compensation than one thousand dollars per annum, and these the new board of commissioners cannot retain, even temporarily, without the approval of the city council. Of this class is the engineer of the high service engine at Hope station, but I have to-day, received a proposition from Henry W. Gardner, Esq., that he will cheerfully keep the high service engine in operation at his own expense, until the new board of commissioners can be organized and an engineer is appointed.

The board will hardly be prepared, immediately upon organization, to present to the city council, the names of persons to be employed in the various positions of the department under their charge, and the city council, therefore, should at its present session, by resolution, authorize the new commissioners, or any one of them,—in case a quorum of the board is not qualified to act on the second day of November,—to retain the services of the persons now employed by the water commissioners, until a re-organization can be properly made.

The present board of commissioners have made up their accounts, and directed all bills to be certified up to and including the 31st day of October, on the supposition that the new ordinance would take effect on the first day of November. As it will cause considerable inconvenience and delay to change this date, it would be well for the city council to amend the ordinance so as to have it go into operation on the first instead of the second day of the month.

The city council should also decide when they will meet to receive nominations from the new board of commissioners, as it is important that there may be as little delay as possible in carrying the new organization into effect.

The evils arising from the attempted joint management of the water works by the city council and water commissioners, are already very apparent; and it is to be hoped that a board of commissioners will be finally selected, who can command the confidence of the city council, and be entrusted with the power which legitimately belongs to them.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 630. Resolution authorizing the temporary continuing in office of the employees of the Water Commissioners.

[Approved October 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, or such portion of said board as may be elected and qualified to act on the first day of November, 1876, be, and hereby is authorized to continue in office such of the officers, engineers, servants and clerks of the present water department as may be required to keep the water works in repair and in operation until the city council shall act upon the matter of the employment of engineers, agents, and servants and their compensation, as provided for by the ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners.

No. 631. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Plane street.

[Approved October 30, 1876.]

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

No. 632. Report of Joint Committee on Education, relative to a new High School on Summer street.

[Presented October 26, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :—The joint committee on education, who were directed by resolution No. 294, current series, approved May

4th, 1876, to report plans, specifications and estimates for a new high school building, to cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, hereby respectfully report, that they have given the matter very careful and diligent attention, and have conferred with the special committee of the school committee on this subject. Your committee have taken the plans last presented to the city council, as being entirely suitable, except in the matter of cost, and have reduced the size of the school rooms by about sixty-eight square feet each, have changed the ventilating shafts to the centre of the building, and have removed from both the interior and from the elevations, all ornamentations, projections and other expensive parts of the structure, leaving a simple but substantial building, of sufficient size, well arranged, with good light and ventilation.

It was deemed the most satisfactory method of obtaining estimates, to ask responsible contractors to bid for the contract to erect the building. Duplicates of the plans and specifications were therefore printed, and all parties interested were asked by public advertisement to make their tenders for the work. Your committee have received a large number of bids and are prepared to say that the building can be erected as per the plans and specifications, herewith reported, within the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. As these plans and specifications are unanimously approved by your committee and by the special committee of the school committee; and as the contemplated building can be erected for a sum of money which deliberate discussion and examination has demonstrated to be a fair and proper amount to expend for this object, and as the urgent and pressing need of a new high school building has passed from the field of argument to that of fixed fact, your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

HENRY R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 633. Resolution appointing a Special Committee to build a High School on Summer street.

[Approved November 2, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Barker, Morris, E. A. Smith and Peirce of the common council, with Alderman Metcalf, are hereby appointed a joint special committee with authority to erect on the land owned by the city on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, a high school building, in accordance with the plans and specifications as reported by the joint committee on education, October 26, 1876; provided, that said building can be erected as specified, for a sum not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

No. 634. Message from the Mayor relating to the price of Gas.

[Presented November 2, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, November 2, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received notice from the Providence Gas Company, that after the termination of the present quarter, the price of gas consumed by the city will be at the rate of one dollar and ninety cents per thousand cubic feet.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 635. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved November 6, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick H. Garrigan, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, for duty performed in October, 1876: to be paid from the appropriation for police.

No. 636. Resolution to build a bank wall in the Brook Street District.

[Approved November 6, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to cause a bank wall to be placed in the rear of No. 51 Front street in the Brook street district, and to use such stone in the district as the commissioners shall designate; provided the cost of said wall shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 637. Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved November 6, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Collins to move two certain wooden buildings, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and said buildings to be kept moving night and day while on the railroad track.

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

No. 638. Message from the Mayor relating to suits of Henry C. Clark.

[Presented November 6, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, November 6, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I am informed by the city solicitor that Henry C. Clark, Esq., has expressed a desire that the cases he has pending

in the courts against the city, and all matters of difference between him and the city should be adjusted and settled.

Mr. Clark's official position as a member of one branch of the city council, would seem to render it improper for him to present the matter to the city council, and I therefore call your attention thereto, and suggest that a committee be appointed with authority to confer with Mr. Clark, and report upon what terms a full settlement can be made.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 639. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to the Joint Committee on Claims.

[Approved November 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor dated November 6, 1876, relative to settlement of cases pending in the courts and all matters of difference between Henry C. Clark, Esq. and the city, be referred to the joint committee on claims to examine and report thereon.

No. 640. Resolution to sell Buildings on the High School Lot.

[Approved November 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby directed to sell at public auction or private sale, the buildings on the lot owned by the city on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, with the exception of the dwelling house on the south westerly portion of the lot on Spring street, and cause said buildings to be moved on or before December 15, 1876.

No. 641. Resolution to curb Broad street, forthwith.

[Passed November 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners who, by resolution No. 626, current series, were directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street on the west side, and on the east side from Greenwich street to the land of the Ninth Ward Land Company, be and they are hereby further directed to cause said work to be done forthwith.

No. 642. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved November 9, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Miller to raise a certain building located at No. 506 Eddy street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 643. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 9, 1876.]

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

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

No. 646. Joint Standing Committees.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, November 9, 1876.

Alderman Spicer having resigned as a member of the joint committee on parks and been appointed a member of the joint committee on railroads; and Alderman Hayward having been appointed a member of the joint committee on the harbor and of the joint committee on parks: it is

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 647. Resolution establishing Streets and Grades in the Brook Street District.

[Approved November 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the streets and grades are hereby established in the Brook street district, so called, as shown on a map designated as "A modification by the board of aldermen of a plan for proposed streets and grades for the Brook street district, August 2, 1876," submitted by the water commissioners.

No. 648. Report of the Special Committee on the improvement of the Dexter Training Ground.

[Presented November 9, 1876.]

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

The committee to whom, by resolution No. 267, approved April 27, 1876, was referred the petition of Henry Lippitt and others in relation to the Dexter training ground, make this their report.

The wooden posts set around the ground some fifteen years since, have decayed so badly as to be no longer a defence against encroachments thereon, nor against the crossing thereof by vehicles.

The committee recommend that the ground be enclosed by iron posts connected by an iron rail, except at proper intervals to allow of entrance by pedestrians upon the ground: the rail and posts to be like those on the embankment of Hope reservoir, and set in the same manner, the expense of which will not exceed \$3,500.

The petitioners are desirous that the city should pave the gutters and set curbing on Parade street and upon the land used as streets north and south of the ground; but the committee are of the opinion that if the city furnished the labor and paving stones necessary for the work, the abutting owners should furnish the curbing, and that the work should not be done until such an arrangement can be made.

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, November 6, 1876.

No. 649. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Hidden Street.

[Approved Novemebr 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Hidden street, from Prospect street to Congdon street, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor. The cost of the extension to be charged to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 650. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Linton Street.

[Approved November 13, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Linton street, about two hundred and twenty five feet, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor. The cost of the extension to be charged to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 651. Resolution relating to the Lake at Roger Williams Park.

[Approved November 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on parks be and they hereby are authorized to finish the excavation of the lake in Roger Williams Park by day's work, provided they shall expend no more than the sum appropriated for said purpose.

No. 652. Resolution to settle with Seth Padelford and wife, in the matter of Dyer street.

[Approved November 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to settle with Seth Padelford and wife, for damage sustained by them by the widening of Dyer street, upon the basis of the verdict heretofore rendered in the case of William Grosvenor, growing out of the same improvement.

No. 653. Resolution to lay a sewer in Waterman street, east of Brook street.

[Approved November 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Waterman street, from a point opposite the easterly line of H. N. Campbell's estate, to Brook street.

No. 654. Resolution to lay a sewer in Waterman street, from Thayer street to Brook street.

[Approved November 16, 1876.]

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

No. 655. Resolution remitting Sewer Assessment to Ferdinand Potter.

(Approved November 16, 1876.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Ferdinand Potter the sum of fourteen dollars from assessments for Bridgham street sewer, with all interest accrued thereon, said sum having been assessed for area and frontage of a gangway deeded by said Potter to the city.

No. 656. Resolution to pay Patrick Fletcher \$35.

[Approved November 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick Fletcher the sum of thirty-five dollars, in full com-

pensation for injuries received by his minor son James Fletcher, on the evening of the twenty seventh of April, A. D. 1876, by reason of obstructions on the sidewalk of High street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 657. Resolution to pay James Maguire \$250, for flooding.

[Approved November 16, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Maguire, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in full for all damage to his estate on Lippitt street, resulting from the construction of the new sewer in said street and overflows, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 660. Message from the Mayor relating to the Tax on the Water Works in Cranston.

[Presented November 16, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, November 16, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The assessors of the town of Cranston have assessed the city of Providence, each year, upon the valuation of the property owned by the city therein, and used for the water works, which tax has been paid from year to year, by the city treasurer, under protest.

The total valuation of all the property, as made by the assessors in 1875, was six hundred and fifty-five thousand eight hundred dollars, and the valuation for the present year,

has been increased to one million dollars, of which sum the "water works, reservoir, pumping station, buildings, engines, pipes, etc.," are valued at nine hundred and forty-four thousand dollars.

It would seem as if this matter had reached a point beyond which it should not be permitted to go, and where the city council should take measures to ascertain by what authority the town of Cranston levies the tax; and I therefore recommend that the city council take immediate action in the premises.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 661. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to the Joint Committee on Ordinances.

[Approved November 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated November 16, 1876, in relation to the tax assessed by the town of Cranston, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 662. Report of Joint Committee on City Property in relation to the lease of the land occupied by Pioneer Hall.

[Presented November 16, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on city property, to whom was referred the petition of John Wilson Smith, Esq., trustee, for fixing rent and renewal of lease of land on South Main street, occupied by steamer No. 2 engine house, make report, that this lease

of the lot of land came into the possession of the city through the Pioneer fire company. It was leased to them by the late Mrs. Harriot Brown, January 1st, 1848.

The lease stipulates that after the first term of ten years, if in renewing the lease, the parties could not agree on the rent, they were each to choose a referee, and these two were to choose the third, who would fix the ground rent. This was done in the year 1858 by the city, which came into possession of the lease, and it was adjudged by the referees that the annual rent for the next term of ten years, should be one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130). At the expiration of that term, which expired in the year 1868, there was no appraisal made, the city continued to pay the same rent for eight years up to July 1, 1876.

Your committee think, that as the city has held the lot for eighteen and a half years at the same rent, \$130, that the petitioner is entitled to a little additional rent, and we would recommend paying \$90 per year more for one year and six months from July 1, 1876, to January 1, 1878, making \$220 per year. This is based upon the valuation of the land at \$2.00 per square foot and five per cent. upon the valuation. We would recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 663. Resolution relating to land occupied by
Pioneer Hall.

[Approved November 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That for the rent of the Pioneer Hall lot on South Main street, now occupied by the city, the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to John Wilson Smith, Trustee, from July 1, 1876, to January 1, 1878, at the rate of two hundred and twenty dollars per annum: said sum to be paid one-half semi-annually in advance.

No. 668. Resolution to set Fire Hydrants on Burnside and other streets.

[Approved November 23, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to set three fire hydrants on Burnside street, two on Potter's avenue, and one on Oxford street; and they are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor.

No. 669. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Thayer street.

[Approved November 23, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Thayer street, from Williams to John streets, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor.

No. 670. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to consider the reduction of Salaries of Officers and Employees of the city.

[Approved November 23, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Dexter, Phillips, J. B. Barnaby, Robinson and Rickard of the common council, with Aldermen Fisher and Hayward are hereby appointed a joint special committee to consider the question of the reduction of the salaries of the officers and employees of the city, and to report a plan for such reduction to the first meeting of the common council, in December next.

No. 671. Resolution relating to the duties of the City Engineer.

[Approved November 23, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances are hereby instructed to report an ordinance relating to the city engineer, making it the duty of said engineer, to take charge of all matters relating thereto, in the different departments of the city government.

No. 672. Message from the Mayor relating to the late Fire on Parade street, with accompanying papers.

[Presented December 4, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, December 4, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The destructive fire on Parade street, on Friday last, has caused some criticism in relation to the management of the fire department on that occasion, and also some apprehension as to the effective force of the water supply from hydrants in that section of the city.

Deeming the matter to be of sufficient importance to receive investigation, I have made the necessary inquiries, and now communicate the result thereof.

The premises where the fire occurred are situated in the highest portion of the city, on the west side of the river, all of which is supplied by the low service.

The building in which the fire originated was of wood, two stories in height, with Mansard roof, boarded on the outside, but only partially clapboarded, a portion of the inside lathed but not plastered, and with the places for windows and doors open to the strong wind then prevailing. The shavings and litter on the floors afforded plenty of material to spread the flames through a structure admirably adapted for a rapid conflagration.

The entire building was in flames before the fire alarm was struck, the time thus lost being variously estimated at from ten to twenty minutes.

When the alarm was given, the nearest alarm box, No. 37, was not used, but No. 35 was struck, which was farther from the fire than No. 37, and called a different class of apparatus. Had box 37 been struck, two steamers ready for service would have responded thereto, and been at work as soon as practicable after arrival.

Box 35 is for a district where steamers are not expected to be used until brought into service by the necessities of the case.

At the time the alarm struck, the chief of the fire department was on Beacon street, and drove as rapidly as possible to the fire, being the first engineer to arrive.

He found the house where the fire originated, completely enveloped in flame, and the two nearest houses—one on the north, $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet distant, and the other on the south $11\frac{1}{2}$ feet distant,—also each on fire on the outside, from cellar to eaves.

Having placed the apparatus in such positions as to produce the most effective results, the chief found that the fire had gained too great headway to be controlled with the force at his command, and the second alarm was sounded, which brought sufficient apparatus to extinguish the fire.

The third alarm was sounded, not because the apparatus it would call out was needed for the buildings then on fire, but because it was feared that the large mill of the Groton Manufacturing Company, over and upon which the cinders from the burning buildings were falling, might take fire, and for the further reason that it would call all the firemen not on duty, from their various places of business, and enable them the better and more promptly to respond to an alarm from any other portion of the city.

It having been stated that there was a reduction in the usual force of water from the hydrants, I addressed an inquiry on the matter to the water commissioners, and have received from

them a reply enclosing a letter from the chief engineer of the water works, both of which I transmit herewith.

It will be observed that there was no reduction in the ordinary head of water, and that all the gates were open so that there was an uninterrupted supply from the large mains passing near the scene of the fire.

Since the introduction of Pawtuxet water, fires in this city have been so promptly extinguished, that it has been considered almost an impossibility for a fire to spread beyond the limits of the building where it originates.

If, however, a building as large as the one first on fire, and in the same condition that one was, is to be allowed to become a mass of heat and flame before the firemen are called out, and when the alarm is given the wrong box is pulled, the fire department should not be blamed if property on either side is destroyed, especially if a strong wind be blowing and the weather be intensely cold.

Taking all the facts and circumstances attending this fire into consideration, I am satisfied that as much was accomplished by the fire department as could have been demanded or expected.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, &C. }
City of Providence, December 4, 1876. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—In reply to the inquiries contained in your communication of the 2d inst., the Water Commissioners present herewith a report of the Chief Engineer, to whom your communication had been referred for the information asked.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

L. BRAYTON, } Board of Water
N. F. POTTER, } Commissioners.

PROVIDENCE WATER WORKS, CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, &c., }
 Providence, R. I., December 4, 1876. }

MESSRS. LODOWICK BRAYTON, NATHANIEL F. POTTER,

WATER COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN:—In answer to the inquiry of the Mayor, as to “whether the water pressure on Parade street, yesterday, (December 1,) was at its usual standard, at the time of the fire on that street,” I will say that all the gates in the neighborhood that would be likely to cause loss of head at that point, if partially closed, have been examined to-day, and found to be fully opened. The pressure was, therefore, so far as I know, “at its usual standard.”

A main pipe twenty four inches in diameter passes the head of Parade street, on High street, connecting with the thirty inch main near Winter street. A twelve inch pipe passes through Harrison and Wilson streets, connecting High street with the thirty-inch main in Greenwich street. A twelve-inch pipe passes from High street through Messer street and Cranston street, connecting with a sixteen-inch pipe through Potter's avenue to the thirty-inch main in Greenwich street. Cranston street, from Messer street to High street, has an eight-inch pipe, and the other streets near the fire have six-inch pipes. The district is thus very well supplied by large mains, but just at that point we have the highest ground on the west side, or an elevation of eighty feet above mean high tide.

The height of water at Hope reservoir, which supplies the distribution under heavy draughts, was 162.30 above tide, which leaves a static head of about 82 feet at the hydrant on Wood street. Assuming that the other hydrants in use took the water so that the Wood street hydrant received water in only one direction, and that from Messer street, we have as a worst condition, a loss of twenty feet head in the Wood street pipe to supply four streams. The loss in two hundred and fifty feet of hose would be about twenty-nine feet, and the resistance of the air to a stream of seven-eighths inch diameter would be enough more to reduce the stream played from the ground to an elevation of about thirty-two feet. This is probably an extreme view of the case, and I have no doubt that the poorest streams reached that elevation when well played.

If one stream should be thrown from the Wood street hydrant through a seven-eighths inch nozzle, without hose, with the other hydrants out of use, it would reach an elevation of more than sixty-five feet above the ground. If such a stream were played through two hundred and fifty feet of hose, it would give a jet of about forty five feet in height above the ground.

Yours respectfully, .

(Signed)

J. HERBERT SHEDD, Chief Engineer.

No. 674. Resolution to fit up the Town Hall in the Tenth Ward for School Purposes.

[Approved December 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the committee on city property, be directed to fit up the town hall in the tenth ward for school purposes, with seats and desks now belonging to the city, not in use, and to build an outhouse.

No. 675. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to straighten Oxford street.

[Approved December 7, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to straighten the northerly line of Oxford street, from a point nearly opposite the Oxford street school estate to Ocean street.

No. 676. Message from the Mayor relating to the sums paid for legal services.

[Presented December 7, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, December 4, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On the 16th of November, ultimo, the board of aldermen directed the city auditor to report to the board, at its next meeting, "the names of the persons that have received money from the city for legal services during the time of the present city solicitor."

At the ensuing meeting of the board, on the 23d ultimo, the city auditor reported in accordance with the resolution, that the

amount so paid for legal services was \$4,825., which had been paid to the following persons, viz. :

To Charles H. Parkhurst,	-	-	-	\$3,775
To Charles Hart,	-	-	-	750
To George W. Van Slyck, of New York,	-	-	-	300
				<u>\$4,825</u>

Had the board of aldermen also directed the auditor to report what services were rendered by the parties to whom the payments were made, and the date of such services, the report would have been full and complete, instead of conveying, as it did, an impression that the services had all been rendered since the date of the election of the present city solicitor.

The sum paid to Mr. Hart was for services rendered prior to the election of the present city solicitor; six hundred and twenty-five dollars thereof being for his services in the cases of Henry C. Clark and parties in his interest against the city in the matter of the Dorrance street wharf and dock.

The sum paid to Mr. Van Slyck, of New York, was for services in attending in that city to a case brought there against this city, by attaching on a suit for upwards of \$20,000, the gold deposited to meet the interest on bonds of the city, due and payable in the city of New York.

Of the sum paid to Mr. Parkhurst, \$1,450. was paid by order of the city council for his services as acting city solicitor, before the election of the present officer.

The sum of \$300. paid to Mr. Parkhurst in February, 1875, was for his services in the case *J. H. Watson vs. the city*, and was repaid to the city by the Union Railroad Company.

The sum of \$300. paid to him in November last, was for services in the case of *George F. Kelley* against the city, in the supreme court of the United States, in the matter of *Washington bridge at India point*. Mr. Parkhurst was continued in the case for the reason that the present city solicitor had not at the time of his election, and for sometime subsequently, been admitted to practice in that court.

The remainder of the sum paid to Mr. Parkhurst was for services in cases where the present city solicitor or his partner had been or were of counsel against the city at the time of his election, as will appear by an examination of the vouchers, each of which specifies the exact duty performed and for which payment was made.

The selection of Mr. Parkhurst to attend to these cases was made by the mayor, under a resolution of the city council, approved October 8, 1874, for the reason that the city solicitor had notified the city council that he could not appear for the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 677. Tenth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners
of Sinking Funds.

[Presented December 7, 1876.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board, June 30, 1876, was

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	-	-	\$422,271	10
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	-	-	158,852	78
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	-	-	1,577	74
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	00
Of the North Burying Ground,	-	-	-	-	-	1,130	67
Whole amount,	-	-	-	-	-	\$588,832	29

The amount on hand September 30, 1876, was

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	-	-	\$443,643	93
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	-	-	162,947	97
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	-	-	37,940	49
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	-	-	92,564	45
Of the North Burying Ground,	-	-	-	-	-	1,167	16
Whole amount,	-	-	-	-	-	\$738,264	00

The increase in the several funds has been

In the fund of 1885,	- - - - -	\$21,372 83
In the fund of 1893,	- - - - -	4,095 19
In the fund of 1895,	- - - - -	36,362 75
In the water loan,	- - - - -	87,564 45
In the North Burying Ground,	- -	36 49
		<u>\$149,431 71</u>

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, December 4, 1876.

No. 678. Resolution referring to a Special Committee the message of the Mayor relating to the Fire on Parade street.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated December 4, 1876, relative to the late fire on Parade street, with the accompanying papers, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Aldermen Raynsford and Metcalf, and Messrs. Westcott, Cooney, Crossley, Winsor and Sampson, of the common council, with instructions to investigate the subject of said fire, and report whether the extent or spread of said fire was owing to any mismanagement or negligence on the part of the servants of the city.

No. 679. Resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for Sewers.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

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

No. 680. Resolution to pay the unconfirmed Police.

[Approved December 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick H. Garrigan, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty two dollars and fifty cents, for duty performed in November, 1876: to be paid from the appropriation for police.

No. 681. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Paine street.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Paine street of a width of forty feet, from Cranston street to Messer street.

No. 682. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Freeborn Johnson to raise a certain building, located at No. 59 Hospital street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 683. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

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

No. 684. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

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

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

No. 685. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

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

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street of the city; said building to be kept moving night and day while on the railroad track.

No. 686. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

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

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of a day said largest building shall occupy any public street of the city, and five dollars per day for the smallest. Said buildings to be kept moving night and day while on the railroad track.

No. 687. Report of Joint Committee on the North Burial Ground in relation to the suits of the Heirs of Edward Randall, and the claim of Edward P. Knowles.

[Presented December 7, 1876.]

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

The committee on the north burial ground, to whom was referred the report of the joint special committee appointed to settle all difficulties between the city of Providence and the Randall heirs, relative to the title of a certain tract of land, located between the Pawtucket pike and Sexton street, and forming a part of the north burial ground, respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined into the merits of the controversy, and recommend the purchase of Nathaniel S. Mowry and Alice Gannon and others, of their estates between North Main street and the north burial ground, for a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and that the same be taken into the north burial ground enclosure.

The Randall heirs to quit claim to the city of Providence, all their right, title and interest to the land in controversy now in the north burial ground enclosure. That burials shall be forever prohibited in that portion of the north burial ground, bounded on North Main street, within one hundred and fifteen feet of said street, as now located, and that the said portion of the said grounds, within the one hundred and fifteen feet afore-

said, shall be known as "Randall park," and be planted with trees and otherwise beautified as soon as convenient to the city of Providence. And it is understood that such part of Randall park as may hereafter be required to widen North Main street, shall be used for that purpose without expense to the city of Providence.

That Mr. Knowles be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in obtaining authority from the courts to sell the Randall farm, and also all suits now pending between the Randall heirs and the city of Providence, upon the submission to judgment of the said Randall heirs in all of said suits; providing such sum shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

In closing their report, your committee take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the liberality of the Randall heirs and their representative before your committee, Mr. Edward P. Knowles.

For the committee,

EDWARD C. AMES, Chairman.

Providence, Dec. 7, 1876.

No. 688. Resolution to purchase land of Nathaniel S. Mowry and Alice Gannon and others, for the North Burial Ground.

(Approved December 11, 1876.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on the north burial ground is hereby authorized to purchase, for the city of Providence, the estates of Nathaniel S. Mowry, Alice Gannon and others, between North Main street and the north burial ground, for a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and that the city treasurer be authorized and directed to pay for the same upon the receipt of a deed or deeds therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; and said treasurer is hereby authorized to hire said amount of money under the direction of the committee on finance.

No. 689. Resolution for the settlement of the suits of the Heirs of Edward Randall, and the claim of Edward P. Knowles in relation to the North Burial Ground.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor is hereby authorized to make and execute a writing on the part of the city, with the Randall heirs, so called, to carry into effect the agreement made by the committee on north burial ground, in conformity with the statement thereof, as appears in the report of said committee, as made to the board of aldermen, December 7, 1876, whenever he shall receive from said Randall heirs, a quit-claim deed to the city of all their right, title and interest to the land in controversy, in the north burial ground enclosure.

And resolved further, that Edward P. Knowles be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in obtaining authority from the courts to sell the Randall farm, and also all costs of suits now pending between the Randall heirs and the city of Providence, upon the submission to judgment of said Randall heirs in all suits and proceedings between them and the city of Providence, its officers and agents. Provided, however, such sum shall not exceed one thousand dollars: and the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same upon the certificate of the city solicitor, that such submissions to judgment have been made: and said treasurer is hereby authorized to hire said amount of money under the direction of the committee on finance.

No. 690. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Almy street.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Almy street, from Broadway to High street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 691. Resolution to pay the amount of the judgment in the suit John Trainor vs. Edward Field.

[Approved December 11, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer pay to James M. Ripley, attorney of John Trainor, the sum of sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents, whenever he presents a receipt for or in discharge of the judgment obtained at the September term of the court of common pleas, held at Providence, in and for the county of Providence, in favor of John Trainor vs. Edward Field, satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 698. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relating to the suits of Henry C. Clark to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Robinson, Potter and Phillips, of the common council, with Alderman Raynsford, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to consider and report on the message of his honor the mayor, dated November 6, 1876, relative to settlement of cases pending in the courts, and all matters of difference between Henry C. Clark, Esq., and the city; and that the joint committee on claims be discharged from further consideration thereof.

No. 699. Resolution adding \$50,000 to the Appropriation for Providence Water Works.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 700. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$2,000 at Roger Williams Park.

[Passed December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same hereby is transferred from the appropriation for parks, to be expended at the Roger Williams park.

No. 701. Resolution relating to unclaimed Property in possession of the Police Department.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on ordinances are hereby directed to prepare an ordinance authorizing the city treasurer to sell such property, designated by the chief of police, as may heretofore or may hereafter come into the possession of the police department, for which no owner or claimant may be known.

No. 702. Resolution for a Fire Alarm Box at the corner of Smith and Eaton streets.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer, under the advice and direction of the joint committee on fire department, be and he is hereby authorized to cause a fire alarm box to be placed at the corner of Smith and Eaton streets, at a cost not exceeding four hundred and fifty dollars: the same to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 703. Resolution for a Fire Alarm Box on Smithfield Avenue.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on fire department, be and he is hereby authorized to cause a fire alarm box to be placed on Smithfield avenue near the city line, at a cost not exceeding four hundred dollars: the same to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 704. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare a Gangway.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive the gangway running from Custom House street south to Aborn's gangway, as opened by the Bank of North America, Eddy & Rose, and Dutee Wilcox, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 705. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Hedley street and Polk street.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Hedley street, from Palmer to Shove streets, and Polk street, from Hedley street to Pettis street, and declare the same public highways.

No. 706. Resolution for curbing McKenna street.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to set curbstones and pave the gutters on McKenna street, from Cross street to Whelden street.

No. 707. Resolution for curbing Whelden street.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set, and the gutters paved, on Whelden street, from the old city line to West River street.

No. 708. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Union street.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

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

No. 709. Resolution abating \$725. from tax of Charles H. Clarke.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Charles H. Clarke the sum of seven hundred twenty-five dollars, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1876.

No. 710. Resolution abating \$45.33 from tax of George G. Hood, Executor.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to George G. Hood, executor of the estate of Sarah L. Hood, the sum of forty five dollars and thirty three cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him, as such executor for the year 1875, and paid under protest, with interest thereon from March 17th, 1876.

No. 711. Resolution to pay certain Accounts for the Bath Houses.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Samuel A. Hammond, \$133.42, the American Steamboat Co., \$15.00, and to Joseph Higgins, \$23.75, said sums being due them for pile driving and care of the bath houses; and to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 712. Resolution to pay Emily R. McCrillis \$57.51 for services as Teacher.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Emily R. McCrillis the sum of fifty seven dollars and fifty one cents, balance due her for services as teacher in the public schools for the year 1872-3: to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 713. Resolution to pay A. B. Dike and others
\$14.72 for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to A. B. Dike for self and others, owners of estate situate at corner of Market square and North Main streets, the sum of fourteen dollars and seventy two cents, in full for damage sustained by them from leakage and overflow from hydrant located at said corner, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 714. Resolution to pay Charles Foahley \$250. for
damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles Foahley the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in full for damage sustained by reason of the overflows of his estate on Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 715. Resolution to pay William Y. Potter,
Trustee, \$300 for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William Y. Potter as trustee of the estate of the late Anna E. McKnight, deceased, the sum of three hundred dollars, in full for all damage sustained by said estate, by overflows of sewer in Washington street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 716. Resolution to pay Charles Rodenberg \$118.95 for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 14, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles Rodenberg the sum of one hundred eighteen dollars and ninety-five cents, in full for damage and loss sustained by him by reason of the overflow of his premises at No. 64 Washington street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 717. Resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to expend \$10,000 without advertising.

[Approved December 18, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized to employ labor, and to purchase materials to be used in the erection of the new city hall, without advertising for proposals, whenever in the opinion of the commissioners it would be for the interest of the city; provided that the whole cost of the labor so employed, and the materials furnished shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

No. 718. Report of Joint Committee on City Property relative to the sale of buildings on land for the High School on Summer street.

[Presented December 18, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, who were directed by resolution No. 640, to sell at public auction or private sale, the buildings on the lot owned by the city on Sum-

mer, Pond and Spring streets, make report that the buildings were sold on Tuesday, November 21, at public auction for the following sums, viz. :

Old school house, one hundred and five dollars,	\$105 00
Eddy house, No. 39 Summer street - - -	670 00
House corner of Spring and Pond streets, - - -	185 00
Niger house, No. 18 Spring street, - - -	45 00
House No. 20 Spring street, - - - -	1,427 12
House No. 22 Spring street, - . - - -	90 00
Fences, - - - - -	43 00
Total amount, - - -	<u>\$2,565 12</u>

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 719. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property relative to the sale of buildings in the Brook street District.

[Presented November 18, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, who were directed by resolution No. 499 to sell at public or private sale, the buildings at the north east corner of Traverse and Pike streets, in the Brook street district, and also the two buildings adjoining northerly, make report that the buildings were sold at public auction, on September 20, 1876, for the following sums, viz. :

The house corner of Traverse and Pike streets,	\$390 00
House No. 9 and 12 Traverse street, - - -	90 00
House No. 8 Traverse street, - - -	10 00
Dunbar house, Spring lane, - - - -	15 00
Total, - - -	<u>\$505 00</u>

For the committee,

HENRY L. PARSONS, Chairman.

No. 720. Message of the Mayor relating to the Boundary line between Roger Williams Park and land of Joseph G. Johnson.

[Presented December 18, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, December 18, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The boundary line of Roger Williams park and the land adjoining, owned by Joseph G. Johnson, Esq., has not been determined.

I have received from Mr. Johnson a communication in which he expresses his desire that the line should be defined and determined, and he proposes that the same shall be done by or under the direction of three referees, one to be chosen by the city, one by himself, and one by the two thus chosen.

As it is important that the matter should be settled at an early date, I recommend that the request of Mr. Johnson be complied with by the city council,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 721. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated December 18, 1876, relative to determining boundary between Roger Williams park and adjoining land owned by Joseph G. Johnson, be referred to the joint committee on parks to examine and report thereon.

No. 722. Message of the Mayor relative to permitting the Supreme Court to use the Common Council chamber.

[Presented December 18, 1876.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, December 18, 1876. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Application has been made to me by the sheriff of the county, for the use of the council chamber for the sessions of the supreme court, during the time the state house is occupied by the general assembly.

The business to be transacted by the court will be law cases only, or cases where there are no jury trials. The number of persons in attendance upon the court at such times, is very small, being generally only members of the bar, the officers of the court and parties to the case in hearing.

As such use of the chamber will not interfere with the business of the city, I recommend that it be granted, upon the payment of the expense for fuel and for the additional service which will be required from the janitor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 723. Resolution referring the above message.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated December 18, 1876, relative to granting use of the council chamber to the supreme court during the time the state house is occupied by the general assembly, be referred to the joint committee on city property to examine and report thereon.

No. 724. Resolution relating to the Salary of the
Teacher of French.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee is hereby authorized to expend from the appropriation for public schools, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the salary of the French teacher, for balance of the school year, ending June 30th, 1877.

No. 725. Resolution appropriating \$160,000 for
Interest on the Water Loan.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the interest on the water loan, due January 1st, 1877, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 726. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Manning
street.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Manning street, from Governor street to Ives street, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor. The cost of the extension to be charged to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 727. Resolution to lay Water pipes in Keene street.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Keene street, from their present termination, near Brown street, to a point four hundred feet easterly along said Keene street.

No. 728. Resolution abating \$21.75 from Tax of Welcome W. Pitcher.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Welcome W. Pitcher, of Portsmouth, the sum of twenty one dollars and seventy five cents, (\$21.75) being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1876.

No. 729. Resolution to pay Mary J. Gardiner \$30. for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary J. Gardiner the sum of thirty dollars, (\$30) in full, for all damage sustained by her by reason of the overflow of the Washington street sewer, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 730. Resolution to pay Abby W. Harvey \$50. for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 21, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Abby W. Harvey the sum of fifty dollars, (\$50) in full, for all damage sustained by her by reason of the overflow of sewer in Fountain street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 731. Report of Joint Special Committee on the Brook street District.

[Presented December 18, 1876.]

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

GENTLEMEN: The committee to whom was referred by joint resolution No. 381, approved June 15, 1876, the report of the commissioners of the Brook street district, would respectfully report that they have given the subject their attention, and find that the city have already purchased about seven hundred thousand dollars worth of the estates in said district, and that a large amount still remain unpurchased: also, that the latter escape taxation, whilst the former owners receive the benefits therefrom; and the amount invested in those estates already purchased, serves largely to increase the debt of the city, while it is paying but limited income in proportion to the investment. Therefore, your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.*

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

* See Resolution No. 756.

No. 732. Report of the Joint Special Committee to confer with parties who have taken appeals in the matter of the lay out of Brook street.

[Presented December 26, 1876.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee appointed to confer with parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the extension of Brook street, make this their report :

The committee find there are eight appeals entered from the commissioners' report. They have given each case very careful consideration and are able to report that settlement can be made with the following parties, (being all whose lands were taken for said extension,) upon the following terms :

Josiah W. Croocker, upon the payment of	-	\$4,638	50
George C. Nightingale, upon the payment of	-	671	15
Red Bridge Land Company, upon the payment of		3,200	00
Sarah P. Harris, upon the payment of	-	3,231	55
Avis L. Harris, upon the payment of	-	9,812	75

The other appeals are from those of parties who are assessed for benefits, and your committee can see no good reason why any change should be made in the assessments, and therefore in those cases, make no recommendation.

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,
N. F. POTTER, Chairman.

No. 735. Resolution permitting the Supreme Court to occupy the Common Council chamber.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That permission is hereby granted by the city council to the supreme court of the state of Rhode Island, to

hold their sessions in the council chamber, during the time the state house is, or may be occupied by the general assembly; subject however, to such charges, with the exception of rent, and regulations, as the committee on city property may prescribe.

No. 736. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Armington avenue.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Armington avenue, from Academy avenue to Pemberton street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 737. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Abbott lane.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Abbott lane, from Knowles street to North Main street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 738. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Beverly street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Beverly street, from Sabin street to Mason street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 739. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Calender street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Calender street, from Sabin street to Mason street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 740. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Kendall street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Kendall street, from Bridgham street to Gilmore street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 741. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Armington avenue and Kendrick street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive, lay out and declare the following streets to be public highways, viz.: Armington avenue, from Academy avenue to Pemberton street, and Kendrick street, from Academy avenue to Mount Pleasant avenue.

No. 742. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive and declare Perry street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Perry street, from Broadway to High street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 743. Resolution to set the curbing on Pettis street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and the gutters to be paved on Pettis street, from Polk street to Shove street.

No. 744. Resolution for a reference of the matter in controversy with Messrs. Adams & Butterworth, relating to Hospital pond.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the matters in controversy between Adams & Butterworth and the city of Providence, arising from damages caused by discharging city sewage into Hospital pond, so called, be referred to referees under a rule of court; and that the mayor appoint the referee on the part of the city.

No. 745. Resolution to pay Frederick A. Arnold \$25. for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Frederick A. Arnold the sum of twenty-five dollars, in full for all damage hitherto sustained by him, by reason of the overflow of the Friendship street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 746. Resolution to pay William H. Gale, \$50.
for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William H. Gale the sum of fifty dollars, (\$50) in full compensation for damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of Pearl street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 747. Resolution to pay Cordelia E. Roper \$25.
for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Cordelia E. Roper the sum of twenty five dollars, in full for damage hitherto sustained by her, by reason of overflows of the Point street sewer, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 748. Resolution abating \$17.40 from tax of Mary
A. Parini and Emilia A. Knorring.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Mary A. Parini and Emilia A. Knorring, the sum of seventeen dollars and forty cents, being the amount of a tax assessed against the estate of Joseph C. Parini for the year 1876, and paid by said Mary A. and Emilia A., under a misapprehension and under protest.

No. 749. Resolution to pay Eliza Farrell \$32.27 to remove incumbrance on her estate caused by improperly selling the same for taxes.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Eliza Farrell the sum of thirty two dollars and twenty seven cents, (\$32.27) being the amount paid by her to remove incumbrance from her estate, caused by wrongful sale of the same for tax of 1869, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 750. Resolution abating \$161.25 from assessment against Perley M. Flanders, for Hammond street.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor settle with Perley M. Flanders by remitting his assessment of \$161.25, for benefit to his estate by the extension of Hammond street.

No. 751. Report of Joint Committee on Railroads, upon the petition of Patrick Harney and others for gates at the railroad crossing at Webster street.

[Presented December 26, 1876.]

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

The joint standing committee on railroads, to whom, on May 21st, 1875, was referred the petition of Patrick Harney and others, for a gate at the Webster street railroad crossing, respectfully report, that at the request of your committee the

Providence and Worcester railroad company constructed a suitable pair of safety spring bar gates, so called, at the above crossing and a similar pair at the Ashburton street crossing, thus leaving those two crossings held protected for public travel. They have also, at the request of your committee, erected a suitable fence on both sides of the railroad, from Smith street bridge to Corliss crossing, including an excellent and expensive close board fence on Back street, extending several feet north from Smith street, and thereby protecting one of the most dangerous places on the line of railroads within the city limits.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

JOHN P. COONEY, Chairman.

No. 753. Resolution to pay Elisha M. and Samuel Warner for draining water over their land.

[Approved December 28, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Elisha M. Warner and Samuel Warner, the sum of two hundred dollars, in full for damage to their lots, situate between Public and Sullivan streets, to April 1st, 1876, resulting from draining Elmwood lake and other surface waters thereon, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; and also to pay to said Elisha M. and Samuel Warner, their heirs or assigns, the sum of fifty dollars per year, from said April 1st, 1876 as long as the city shall continue to use said land for such drainage, as tenants from year to year; to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

No. 756. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to manage the Brook Street District.

[Approved December 30, 1876.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Millett, Briggs and Parsons, of the common council, and Aldermen Lapham and Hayward, are hereby appointed a committee to take the care, charge and management of the Brook street district, so called, in the city of Providence, and are instructed to make and report to the city council an estimate of the expense of making streets and grades in said district, in accordance with the plan of the same adopted by the city council by resolution No. 647, current series; also an estimate of the expense of making drains for said district; also an estimate of the amount required to be paid for those lands that are not yet paid for; also, whether arrangements can be made with parties whose lands have been taken and not paid for, to re-convey to them such lands or any part thereof, they paying to the city a reasonable compensation for the betterments made said lands by reason of making such grades, streets and drains for said district: and for the purposes aforesaid, said committee are authorized to employ such agents to assist them as they deem necessary: and the expense of carrying into effect the foregoing shall be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district. Said committee shall report to the city council on the first of January, April, July and October in each year, the amounts paid out by them and the amounts received by them for rents or from any other source, on account of said district.
