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RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,  
WITH REPORTS.  
1877.

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## IN CONVENTION.

JANUARY 1, 1877.

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

The certificate of the election of HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1877, is read by the City Clerk, and the oath of office is administered by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court, to the Mayor.

The rolls of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council are called; and all the members elected being present, the oath of office is administered to them by the Mayor, as follows:

### ALDERMEN.

FIRST WARD,	-	-	-	ALFRED METCALF.
SECOND WARD,	-	-	-	ADDISON Q. FISHER.
THIRD WARD,	-	-	-	BENJAMIN W. PERSONS.
FOURTH WARD,	-	-	-	GEORGE T. SPICER.
FIFTH WARD,	-	-	-	WILLIAM SPENCER.
SIXTH WARD,	-	-	-	WILLIAM S. HAYWARD.
SEVENTH WARD,	-	-	-	ABNER H. ANGELL.
EIGHTH WARD,	-	-	-	EDWIN A. SMITH.
NINTH WARD,	-	-	-	DUTEE WILCOX.
TENTH WARD,	-	-	-	HENRY S. SMITH.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

PRESIDENT,

CHARLES P. ROBINSON.

## FIRST WARD:

STILLMAN WHITE,  
OREN WESTCOTT,ELISHA S. ALDRICH,  
CHARLES H. BARTLETT.

## SECOND WARD:

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

## THIRD WARD:

CLINTON D. SELLEW,  
THOMAS A. MILLETT,ARTHUR F. DEXTER,  
JAMES C. GOFF.

## FOURTH WARD:

ABNER J. BARNABY,  
CHARLES F. SAMPSON,GEORGE R. PHILLIPS,  
GEORGE A. STEERE.

## FIFTH WARD:

JOHN W. BRIGGS,  
JAMES H. TOWER,ALLEN SHAW,  
JAMES H. BUTLER.

## SIXTH WARD:

DANIEL E. DAY,  
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,THOMAS M. ROUNDS,  
STEPHEN C. ARNOLD.

## SEVENTH WARD:

JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY,  
ANDREW WINSOR,ROBERT E. SMITH,  
FREDERICK M. BALLOU.

## EIGHTH WARD:

RAYMOND G. PLACE,  
SILAS A. SWEET,NICHOLAS A. FENNER,  
EDMUND S. HOPKINS.

## NINTH WARD:

HENRY R. BARKER,  
WILLIAM Y. POTTER,WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,  
WILLIAM J. CROSSLEY.

## TENTH WARD:

JOHN MORRIS,  
JOHN M. BRENNAN,JOSEPH F. BROWN,  
JAMES PROVAN.

CLERK,

JOSHUA M. ADDEMAN.

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

Prayer is offered by A. J. F. Behrends, D. D., as follows :

O Lord God, the subjects of whose moral government we are, we thank Thee for the infinite wisdom and the boundless beneficence with which Thou dost administer the same. Our safety finds its source in Thee ; for the institutions of human government afford us security only as Thou dost make Thy voice heard and heeded by the public conscience. Without the supremacy of moral law, naught is the administration of municipal legislation. We thank Thee, therefore, for the security that as a city we have enjoyed during the past year ; for the safety that has come to us as individuals, as we have passed up and down these streets ; for our deliverance from fears and calamities, and civil disturbances and conflagrations. We trace to Thee all our joys, and give Thee hearty benediction for all Thy kindness towards us.

And now, Lord, upon the solemnities of this inauguration, we invoke thy benediction. Hands have been lifted towards Heaven to invoke the recognition of God, attesting the sincerity of our motive, and the honesty of our intention, and we beseech Thee that through the months that are coming the solemnity of this appeal may not be forgotten. Thou, O God, art the source of light and of life and of love. Thou dost keep in just balance the powers of our reason, so that we shall be able quickly to discern and rightly to judge. Thou art the Lord and Master of the conscience, so that we shall be brave in heart to do that which our judgment dictates as wise. And therefore we beseech Thee that upon these officers of our municipal administration, Thou wilt bestow the spirit of light and of life, that they may discern rightly, that they may judge fearlessly, that they may execute in the spirit of the fear of God. Upon him who by the confidence of our citizens has been called again to fill the place of executive head, we invoke

Thy blessing. Amid all the cares, anxieties, and fears of his official life, may there be always in his heart the consciousness of integrity, and through it may there come to him the assurance of God's support and benediction. Standing as the representative of the people, may he feel himself to be the servant of God, uplifted and sustained by his divine hand. And upon all those who have been selected to consider the needs of our municipal government, upon this board of aldermen, upon the members of this common council, let the divine blessing rest. We beseech Thee that Thou wilt grant unto them the clearness of judgment, the earnestness and honesty of intention, which come only as we acknowledge ourselves to be subjects of the law of God. And let Thy benediction abide upon us, we beseech Thee, as a city, upon our commonwealth, and abroad upon the great nation of which we are a constituent and living part. We do trust in Thee, O Thou God of our Fathers, by whose hand the foundations of our civil government were laid, by whose divine breath this nation was born; and amid the political complications of the present, and the anxieties that fill the hearts of so many, we still trust in Thee. Guide Thou us, we beseech Thee, not only to a peaceful solution of our existing embarrassments, as we are assured Thou wilt, but also to such a solution as shall commend itself to the vast masses of our nation; so that we may enter upon the second centennial of our national history with confidence unabated, with greater enthusiasm, and with increased faithfulness; thus securing a more solid progress, and a widening blessing not only to ourselves, but through us to the nations of the earth.

Hear Thou us in our prayer, as we commend all our personal, domestic, municipal and national interests to Thy keeping. Help us all in our places to serve Thee, and at last may ours be the reward of those who in their allotted stations have been faithful to God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Mayor delivers his Inaugural Address.

The following city officers are elected for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1877, 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,	(Passed.)
Supt. of Public Buildings,	Obadiah Slade.
Superintendent of Lights,	Charles M. Smith.
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 :

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

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground :

Zachariah Allen,	William Earle,
	Andrew Winsor.

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,	George H. Pettis.

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

(Passed.)

## Coroners :

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

## Undertakers :

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

## Constables :

George Allen,	William H. Pullen,
Silas J. Allen,	Jabez C. Potter,
Byron H. Arnold,	Roger W. Potter,
William Batcheller,	Samuel B. M. Read,
George A. Billings,	Charles H. Scott,
Charles Henry Brown,	Charles J. Sweet,
Frank O. Ballou,	John Edward Taylor,
Charles Barrows,	George E. Thompson,
George H. Bucklin,	Cornelius A. White,
John H. Cokely,	William L. Whipple,
Herbert E. Dodge,	William P. Winslow,
George Lawless,	William E. Whiting,
James McEnanly,	Joseph Dean Whitaker,
Samuel Merry, Jr.,	Samuel Whitney,
	Randall B. Wilcox.

## Packers of Fish :

Peleg S. Sherman,	William A. Austin,	Albert F. Fuller.
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## Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding,	Samuel F. Hilton.
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## Inspector of Saleratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

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

## Surveyors and Cordors of Wood :

William W. Arnold,	Charles D. Cobb,
Thomas S. Battey,	Elam H. Gates,
Stephen Brooks,	Christopher L. Holden,
Samuel B. Bullock,	James S. Hudson,

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Samuel W. Hartshorn,	Eden Perrin,
Robert Manchester,	Esek H. Pierce,
Darwin R. Mowry,	Lucian W. Palmer,
John Medley,	Edwin L. Spink,
Theodore V. Matteson,	Franklin A. Steere,
Jabez C. Olney,	Thomas E. White,
	George L. Wood.

## Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

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

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

Jonathan S. Angell,	Clifton A. Hall,
John Buckley,	Edson S. Jones,
George W. Cady,	Robert Manchester,
Russell Greene,	Alfred Stone,
Charles F. Griffin,	Niles B. Schubarth,
Henry A. Grimwood,	John A. Townsend,
Isaac N. Hallett,	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.
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## Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law :

Benjamin F. Thurston,	Edward C. Ames,
	Nathaniel A. Fisher.

## Weigher at the Platform Scale at the Haymarket :

Charles D. Cobb.
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## Weighers of Cotton :

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

[The election of City Engineer and of Persons to Superintend the building of Chimneys, etc., is passed.]

Nominations of certain persons for the office of constable, are presented, read and referred to the joint committee on police.

Resignations of CYRUS B. MANCHESTER, HORATIO N. ANGELL and ESEK TALLMAN, Commissioners of the Brook Street District, are presented and read, whereupon it is

RESOLVED, That said resignations be hereby severally accepted by the city council.

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No. 1. Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 1, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1877.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 1, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1877.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 2. Justices of the Police Court.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 1, 1877.

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 1, 1877.

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. 3. Joint Committee on Accounts.

[Elected January 1, 1877.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 1, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Aldermen E. A. Smith and Persons 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 1, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Oren Westcott, Thomas A. Millett, George R. Phillips, Robert E. Smith and Joseph F. Brown, 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. 4. Joint Standing Committees.

[Appointed January 1, 1877.]

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 1, 1877.

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. Daniel E. Day,	Henry L. Parsons,
Charles F. Sampson,	Frederick M. Ballou,
Alderman Fisher.	

Highways :

Messrs. Joseph F. Brown,	Stephen C. Arnold,
Silas A. Sweet,	Charles H. Bartlett,
Alderman Hayward.	



## Parks :

Messrs. Charles F. Sampson, William H. Shattuck,  
 Arthur F. Dexter, Joseph F. Brown,  
 Alderman Hayward.

## North Burial Ground :

Messrs. Andrew Winsor, James C. Goff,  
 Allen Shaw, Alderman Spencer.

## Harbor :

Messrs. Arthur F. Dexter, Robert E. Smith,  
 Andrew Winsor, Alderman Wilcox.

## Railroads :

Messrs. James Lewis Peirce, James H. Tower,  
 Frederick M. Ballou, Alderman Spicer.

## Sewers :

Messrs. John W. Briggs, Nicholas A. Fenner,  
 Thomas A. Millett, Alderman E. A. Smith.

## Lamps :

Messrs. Thomas M. Rounds, James Provan,  
 William H. Shattuck, Alderman H. S. Smith.

## Water :

Messrs. William Y. Potter, Charles H. Bartlett,  
 Daniel E. Day, Alderman Fisher,  
 Nicholas A. Fenner, Alderman Wilcox.

## City Debt :

Mr. J. B. Barnaby.

## City Engineer's Department :

Mr. Andrew Winsor.

No. 5. Resolution to contract for Printing and Stationery.

[Approved January 1, 1877.]

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.

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No. 6. Resolution for printing the Mayor's Address and the City Manual.

[Approved January 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Millett, Miller, Crossley and Steere, of the common council, with Alderman Wilcox, 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."

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No. 7. Resolution to print certain Reports.

[Approved January 1, 1877.]

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

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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.

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No. 8. Resolution regulating the number of City Documents to be printed.

[Approved January 1, 1877.]

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

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No. 9. Resolution referring the Mayor's Message and the stated reports to the proper committees.

[Approved January 1, 1877.]

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. 22. Resolutions to index and bind the Resolutions and City Documents for 1876.

[Approved January 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city clerk, under the direction of the joint committee on printing, is hereby instructed to cause an index to the printed resolutions of the city council, passed in 1876, to be prepared and printed, and also to cause said resolutions to be bound for the use of the city government.

RESOLVED, That the city clerk, acting under the direction of the same committee, is hereby instructed to cause one hundred and fifty copies of the documents of 1876, with a proper list of contents, to be bound for the use of the city.

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No. 23. Resolution referring the subject of the Election Law in the Mayor's Address, to a Special Committee.

[Approved January 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the mayor's message as relates to the election laws, be referred to Messrs. Bartlett, Millett, Hopkins, Arnold and White of the common council, and Aldermen E. A. Smith and Hayward of the board of aldermen, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 24. Resolution relating to Asia street.

[Approved January 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on highways be hereby directed to report a plan for the extension of Asia street, from Vinton street to Knight street, together with an estimate of the probable cost thereof.

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No. 26. Joint Standing Committee.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 11, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Brennan be excused from further service on the joint standing committee on ordinances, and that Mr. Dexter be appointed in his stead.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

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No. 27. Resolution approving appointment of  
Deputy Gaugers.

[Approved January 15, 1877.]

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

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

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

Providence, January 1, 1877.

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

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No. 28. Annual Report of the Commissioners of  
Sinking Funds.

[Presented January 11, 1877.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this, their third annual report of the condition of the several sinking funds under their control, on the thirty-first day of December, 1876.

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 SINKING FUND TO REDEEM THE BONDS DUE IN 1885.

This fund amounts to \$443,885.81, and is invested as follows:

City of Providence bonds due in 1885,		\$215,000 00
“ “ “ 1893,		123,000 00
“ “ “ 1895,		14,000 00
“ “ notes 1877,		91,600 00
Cash on hand,	- - -	285 81
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		\$443,885 81

## SINKING FUND TO REDEEM THE BONDS DUE IN 1893.

This fund amounts to \$162,986.35, and is invested as follows:

City of Providence bonds due in 1885,		\$9,000 00
“ “ “ 1893,		137,000 00
“ “ notes 1877,		16,900 00
Cash on hand,	- - -	86 35
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		\$162,986 35

## SINKING FUND TO REDEEM THE BONDS DUE IN 1895.

This fund amounts to \$38,052.58, and is invested as follows:

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,		\$36,000 00
“ “ notes 1877,		1,900 00
Cash on hand,	- - -	152 58
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		\$38,052 58

## SINKING FUND TO REDEEM THE WATER LOAN.

This fund amounts to \$93,218.36, and is invested as follows:

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,		\$75,000 00
“ “ notes 1877,		17,500 00
Cash on hand,	- - -	718 36
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		\$93,218 36

## NORTH BURIAL GROUND SINKING FUND.

This fund amounts to \$2,500.51, and is invested as follows :

City of Providence bonds due in 1877,	\$1,100 00
Cash on hand, - - -	1,400 51
	<u>\$2,500 51</u>

The sinking fund to redeem the bonds due in 1876, as stated in the second annual report, amounted on the thirty-first day of December, 1875, to \$92,546.14, and was, on the first day of January, 1876, paid to the city treasurer towards the redemption of the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill railroad company, due and payable on that date.

The increase in the several sinking funds since the thirty-first day of December, 1875, has been as follows :

In the fund of 1885, - - -	\$33,211 25
In the fund of 1893, - - -	13,013 71
In the fund of 1895, - - -	36,492 58
In the water loan fund, - - -	93,218 36
In the north burial ground fund, -	1,382 54
	<u>Whole increase - - - \$177,318 44</u>

Whole amount of the several sinking funds, December 31, 1876, - - -	\$740,643 61
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The commissioners made a personal examination of all the securities belonging to the several funds, at which time there were two vacancies in the board, one caused by the resignation of Hon. Seth Padelford, and the other by the failure of the committee on finance to organize.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.  
 JAMES M. CROSS, City Auditor,  
 BENJAMIN TRIPP, City Treasurer,  
 DANIEL E. DAY,  
 OLIVER A. WASHBURN, JR.

Providence, January 9, 1877.

No. 29. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon  
Assignment of the Rooms in the new City Hall.

[Presented January 11, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee, appointed by resolution approved October 12, 1876, to whom was referred the suggestions contained in the eighth quarterly report of the city hall commissioners, report, that plans for all the interior arrangement of the rooms in the city hall have been prepared under their supervision, by the architect, Samuel J. F. Thayer, Esq., which are submitted herewith, and the committee unanimously recommend their approval and the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

WILLIAM Y. POTTER, Secretary.

No. 30. Resolution assigning the Rooms in the new  
City Hall.

[Approved January 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the plans for the arrangement of the interior of the new city hall, and for the assignment of the rooms, as prepared by Samuel J. F. Thayer, architect, and recommended by the special committee, under resolution No. 590, series of 1876, reported herewith and marked A, B, C, D and E, are adopted, and the mayor is hereby authorized to approve the same by endorsement thereon.

No. 31. Resolution to pay the unconfirmed Police.

[Approved January 15, 1877.]

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

ber, 1876, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Patrick H. Garrigan,	-	-	-	\$60	50
Sylvester Tracy,	-	-	-	85	25
Benjamin F. Worth,	-	-	-	93	00

No. 32. Message from the Mayor relating to the Claim of Messrs. Miller and Ellerbeck, in the matter of Broad street.

[Presented January 11, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, January 11, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In the matter of widening Broad street, south of Public street, the claims of Mr. George W. Miller and the heirs of James Ellerbeck have never been adjusted.

Mr. Miller requests that a committee may be authorized to examine into these claims, with the view to an amicable and early settlement thereof, and I therefore recommend that such a committee be appointed by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No 33. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved January 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated January 11, 1877, in relation to the unsettled claims of George W. Miller and the heirs of James Ellerbeck, in the matter of the widening of Broad street, be referred to the joint special committee appointed to settle with the parties on said street.

No. 34. Message from the Mayor with resignation of  
Seth Padelford, Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

[Presented January 11, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, January 11, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The Honorable Seth Padelford has forwarded to me his resignation of the office of commissioner of sinking funds, which I transmit herewith, and recommend that it be accepted.

Mr. Padelford has been connected with the board of commissioners since its organization, and has been exceedingly prompt in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 4, 1877.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE :

Sir :—I beg leave to resign my commission as a member of the commissioners of sinking funds of the city of Providence.

Will you please to express to the city council my sincere thanks for the honor they conferred upon me, and the confidence which they placed in me.

Yours respectfully,

SETH PADELDFORD.

Read, whereupon it is resolved, that said resignation be accepted by the city council.

No. 35. Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 11, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Jesse Metcalf be hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds, in place of Seth Padelford, resigned.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 15, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Jesse Metcalf be hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds, in place of Seth Padelford, resigned.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 36. Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented January 15, 1877.]

OFFICE CITY HALL COMMISSION,  
Providence, 12th January, 1877. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The commissioners for building a new city hall herewith present, pursuant to ordinance, the ninth quarterly report of said commission.

The main roof of the building, consisting of copper and slate laid upon concrete tiles, has been completed, and it is believed to be absolutely fire-proof, and it promises to be very satisfactory. The frame of the dome has been erected, but the work of covering it is delayed by the severity of the season. The commissioners are assured by the contractors that the iron is ready to be put on whenever the weather will permit. The ornamental and other iron work for the interior, are nearly ready, and as soon as the dome shall have been covered, will be rapidly put in place.

Arrangements have been made with the water commission for water and sewer pipe connections in the sub-basement.

A contract has been made for covering the cellar bottom with a superior cement which shall render it absolutely water tight, and perfectly protect the sub-basement to a point above mean high water. The delay in locating the different city departments has however retarded this work on the sub-basement, and other contracts to succeed it.

A "Monitor" water elevator for passengers, of great capacity, to be in position by the 20th of January, instant, with a temporary freight platform for use during the work of completing the interior, has been contracted for.

A contract for a "Steam Heating Apparatus and Ventilating Appliance," has been entered into, which will follow immediately the completion of the sewer and water connections, and the concreting of the sub-basement.

Referring to their report of 12th of October last, the commissioners beg to desire the earliest decision practicable of the council, in relation to the areas around the building, the widths of the sidewalks, etc.

The following are the disbursements since the report of 12th of October last :

Architectural Iron Works.....		\$21,659 62
Models, casts, boxing, etc.....		622 00
Grading account.....		378 10
Office rent, clerk's salary, etc.....		334 91
Carpenters' work.....		1,222 32
H. G. Macomber.....		6,721 06
Hopkins & Pomroy.....		6,580 35
S. P. Brown, overseer.....		500 00
J. G. Batterson.....		6,436 28
Flag staff, etc.....		185 02
Engineering account.....		488 75
Freights, birch lumber.....		610 96
S. J. F. Thayer, architect.....		1,750 00
Temporary heating.....		128 68
H. R. Horton, cement.....		116 25
		<u>\$47,734 30</u>
The amount of expenditure last quarter,	-	\$47,734 30
The total amount of expenditures,	-	451,261 53
The amount of appropriation,	- -	510,000 00
The unexpended balance,	- -	58,738 47

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. R. MOWRY,  
HENRY G. RUSSELL,  
WM. M. BAILEY.

No. 38. Resolution to hire land for use of the School on Oxford street.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized to hire for one year from October 1, 1876, a lot of land on Oxford street, now occupied by the old Square street school house; provided the rent thereof shall not exceed the sum of \$261.80 per annum: to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 39. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances, in relation to Salaries.

[Presented January 15, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The joint committee on ordinances to whom was referred the "Resolution fixing the compensation of city officers," with instructions to examine and report upon the power of the council to pass such a resolution, respectfully beg leave to report that in their judgment it is not competent for the council to pass such a resolution.

In the municipal year 1876, and in the month of October last past, a bill to fix the salaries of the city officers for the municipal year 1877, was introduced in the common council, and after various modifications was passed by said council, and concurred in by the board of aldermen, and presented to his honor the mayor for his approval. After the passage of said bill by the common council and before the concurrence by the board of aldermen, said council adjourned *sine die*, and thereby, in the opinion of the city solicitor, (whose opinion your committee believe the council is bound to follow,) prevented by their said adjournment, said bill from becoming a law, as by

their own act, the mayor was not given an opportunity either to approve or veto.

By reference to chapter 311, section 6, amendment to city charter, it will be observed that "all salaries shall be fixed in the month of October in each year," etc. The legal construction of this section, in the opinion of your committee, precludes the present council from fixing the salaries for the present municipal year; because to your committee it clearly was the intent of the general assembly to prevent city officers from fixing their own compensation. This will be more fully shown by reference to other sections of the city charter. And this construction would seem to be most just.

Section one of said chapter provides for the election of city officers, and that said election shall take place in the month of November—*after*, it will be observed, the salaries shall have been fixed, or at least an attempt shall have been made to fix them. This too is most proper in order that persons nominated for official positions under the city government, may be made aware of the compensation which the people through their agents, the city council, intend to provide for their services, that they may decide as to whether the time and services which the position they are asked to fill demands of them, are to be reasonably and fairly compensated.

Again, section nine, clause 7, of the charter, provides that "no salary of any officer shall be increased or diminished to take effect during the municipal year in which such increase or diminution is made." The intent of this section is obvious and but more effectually closes the door, which, but for this provision, would be left open for an unscrupulous city council to defraud the people by voting to themselves, or other city officials, salaries entirely disproportionate for the services rendered in return, or for the more criminal purpose of carrying out a conspiracy to enrich themselves from the treasury of the city; and equally unjust and offensive action in decreasing salaries during the term for which an officer is elected, is also guarded against by this section.

From the light afforded by a study of these three sections, your committee are unanimously of the opinion that salaries should be fixed, if fixed at all, in the municipal year next preceding that in which they are to take effect.

If then under the city charter the city council have no power to pass an *ordinance* fixing the salaries of officers, except for the year next succeeding that in which the ordinance is passed, it must certainly follow that this council has no power to pass a *resolution* which would practically effect the same result as an ordinance. The passage of this resolution would simply be an attempt to evade the law, and would prove abortive, however well meant, as a measure to relieve the city from the results of the veto of his honor the mayor, in the salary ordinance of the council of 1876.

Your committee would therefore submit and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution as a substitute for the one referred, as the only safe and sure means by which the city officials may be paid for their services for the municipal year ending January first, 1878.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND S. HOPKINS,

Chairman Joint Com. on Ordinances.

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No 40. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an Act empowering the City Council to fix the salaries of the City Officers.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be instructed to apply to the general assembly, at its present session, for an amendment to the charter of the city of Providence, to enable the city council to fix the salaries of city officers for the year 1877; said salaries so fixed to continue in force until changed by ordi-

nance; provided, however, that thereafter no salary of any officer shall be increased or diminished to take effect during the municipal year in which such increase or diminution is made.

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No. 41. Report of Joint Committee on Ordinances,  
relative to the Highway Laws.

[Presented January 15, 1877.]

The joint committee on ordinances, to whom was referred the message from his honor the mayor, dated October 16th, 1876, in relation to the highway laws, under resolution of the city council, No. 598, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and in their judgment a necessity exists for certain changes, alterations and modifications in the present laws relating to highways as applicable to this city. Your committee would therefore recommend that a joint special committee be appointed to examine the present laws, and report what changes are required therein, and what if any additional legislation is necessary; the committee to report in print in time for the city council to apply to the general assembly at its present session for such action as the city council may deem to be requisite.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND S. HOPKINS,

Chairman Joint Com. on Ordinances.

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No. 42. Resolution relating to the Highway Laws.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the matter of the revision of the highway laws and the ordinances of this city in relation to highways, be referred to the joint standing committee on ordinances, with

instructions to report such changes as they may deem advisable : and that said committee is hereby authorized to employ counsel to aid in this work.

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No. 43. Resolution authorizing the grading of the Brook Street District, and the removal of a building.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause that portion of said district lying between Wickenden street on the north, and Pike street on the south, and between Brook street on the east, and Traverse street on the west, to be filled and graded ; providing the expense of the same shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars : (\$300,) the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district. Also, that said committee are authorized to sell, or to take down the building in said district, formerly used as the third police station.

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No. 44. Resolution authorizing the use of Philadelphia Brick for the High School on Summer street.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed to build a new high school building are hereby authorized to substitute Philadelphia pressed brick, in place of Whitbeck brick, as named in the specifications for said new building, provided it does not add to the cost thereof to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

No. 45. Resolution discharging the Special Committees on a Public Market, and on the petition of Pontiac Branch Railroad.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on a public market, appointed April 3, 1873, and the joint special committee on petition of the Pontiac branch railroad company, appointed August 10, 1875, be hereby discharged.

No. 46. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly, for an act to reduce the number of the School Committee.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he hereby is directed to apply to the present general assembly, at its adjourned session in January, 1877, for such legislation as will reduce the school committee of the city of Providence to twenty-one members; ten to be elected at the annual April election, as at present, and eight by the city council in joint convention, at its next meeting after said April election; but in such manner that one-half of said committee, exclusive of the *ex-officio* members, shall be retired from office each year.

[For report accompanying the above, see City Document No. 47.]

No. 47. Message from the Mayor relative to the compensation of the Police and Firemen.

[Presented January 18, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, January 18, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

No compensation has been fixed for the police or firemen of this city for the present municipal year. As no additional leg-

isolation is required to enable the city council to decide upon such compensation, I recommend that immediate action be taken in the premises, in order that the members of these departments may receive their pay at the expiration of the present month, and they be thereby saved from serious inconvenience.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 48. Resolution referring the above message.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated January 18, 1877, in relation to the compensation of the police and firemen be referred to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

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No. 49. Resolution to print the City Laws and Ordinances.

[Approved January 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on printing are hereby instructed to cause the public laws relating to the city and the ordinances passed since the publication of the revised ordinances, to be printed for the use of the city council.

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No. 50. An ordinance authorizing the sale of Property coming into possession of the Police Force. [Chapter XCIII.]

[Approved January 19, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to sell at public auction annually, in September, any lost or stolen property, or property recovered or found by,

or which has otherwise come into the possession, charge or control of the police force of this city, which has not been claimed by the owners thereof within two years prior to the first day of September in any year; said treasurer first giving notice of said proposed sale by advertisement thereof, at least once each week, for two successive weeks prior to the time of such sale, in one of the public newspapers published in said city; and the proceeds of such sale, after the payment of the expenses thereof, shall be paid into the treasury of said city.

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No. 51. Special Committee on the Brook street District.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 11, 1877.

Alderman Benjamin W. Persons having been appointed a member of the joint special committee on the Brook street district, in place of Mr. Lapham, resigned, it is

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

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No. 52. Report of the Joint Special Committee to investigate the Fire on Parade street.

[Presented January 18, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee appointed under resolution No. 678, approved December 11, 1876, to investigate the subject of the fire on Parade street, present the following report:

We have examined the chiefs of both the fire and water departments, and such of their subordinates as it was thought

could in any way assist us in getting at the facts in the case, and have also given the general public an opportunity to be heard in the matter.

From the statements of all these persons, we find that too much reliance was placed in the head of water or hydrant pressure.

The doctrine that our hydrant pressure was all-sufficient to extinguish a large majority if not all of the fires that were likely to occur, without any assistance from the steamers, had been so urgently advocated in official communications to the city council in 1872 and 1873, that it caused the board of engineers of the fire department to modify their rules concerning the kinds of apparatus that should run to fires. Up to the autumn of 1872, the orders were for steamers to go to every fire on the first alarm: at that time a new code was made, and the men at each fire station had orders to go with hose only to calls from certain boxes on a first alarm. In making this revision, the board of engineers claim that they were governed in a great measure by their knowledge of the head or pressure of water then existing, and that the only intimation that had been given them from that time up to the Parade street fire, that the head had been reduced, was contained in a communication of which the following is a copy:

PROVIDENCE WATER WORKS,  
Chief Engineer's Office, No. 35 North Main street, }  
Providence, September 4, 1875.

OLIVER E. GREENE, CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY:

DEAR SIR:—The latter part of this afternoon—say at 6 to 7 o'clock—we shall shut off the water at Sockanosset reservoir and supply the city from Hope reservoir alone, for several days, probably. This will reduce the static head about fifteen feet, and consequently the pressure at the hydrants.

Yours,

CHARLES H. PIERCE, Assistant Engineer.

A few days subsequent to the receipt of this letter, the chief engineer of the fire department had ocular proof that the water was shut off at Sockanosset for the purpose of cleaning the bot-

tom of the reservoir, and not very long thereafter like evidence that the reservoir was again nearly filled with water. He then concluded that the old pressure was restored and dismissed from his mind the necessity of further extra precautions. That this conclusion was a reasonable one was attested by the chief engineer of the water works, who wrote to the chief engineer of the fire department under date of December 11, 1876, that the letter of September 4, 1875, (copied above) was sent to notify him of two things—"first, that the city was to be supplied from Hope reservoir, which would reduce the head about fifteen feet; and second, that for several days, probably, the supply would be cut off from Sockanosset reservoir entirely," and added "it was not intended you should understand—as I see you would naturally infer—that after several days the Sockanosset head would be restored."

We believe that steamers would have responded to the first alarm at the Parade street fire but for a mistaken idea as to the hydrant pressure, and probably have prevented so great a loss of property.

We are unanimously of the opinion that communications from one department of the city to another, should be positive and distinct, and that the water department erred in making so important an announcement in such ambiguous language.

We cannot exonerate the fire department from blame in this matter of reduced head; they should, in our opinion, test the hydrants with a pressure gauge oftener than once in fifteen months.

We find that the orders from the chief engineer of the fire department to his subordinates are sometimes written and sometimes verbal, and that what appears to us to be one of the most delicate matters to decide, namely: whether a steamer should answer an alarm from a box for which the code prescribed hose, was by verbal order left discretionary with some of the engine men. Under a change recently made in the rules governing the department, steamers respond to all fire alarms, thus doing

away with this discretionary power, which we think was very objectionable.

We are of the opinion that *all* orders emanating from the headquarters of the fire department, however trivial they may seem at the time they are given, should be in writing.

Keys of fire alarm boxes are sometimes kept in places that are inaccessible excepting during the business hours of the day. This is a mistake which should be promptly rectified, and as soon as new custodians for the keys are settled upon, a revised official telegraph fire alarm circular should be printed, and a copy left by the police with each and every family in the city. In addition to the fire alarm box, the telegraph post to which it is fastened should have attached to it a placard stating where the keys of the box may be found.

The fire department have increased the security of the property of our citizens by ordering steamers to run to every fire, and now if the water department can supplement this action by restoring the Sockonosset head, the residents of the higher portions of the low service, on Christian, Smith's and Constitution hills, will be as well, if not better, protected from fire than they ever were.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND W. RAYNSFORD,  
ALFRED METCALF,  
JOHN P. COONEY,  
ANDREW WINSOR,  
OREN WESTCOTT,  
W. J. CROSSLEY,  
CHARLES F. SAMPSON,

Committee.

Providence, January 18, 1877.

## IN CONVENTION.

JANUARY 18, 1877.

Henry L. Parsons is elected water commissioner until July 1, A. D. 1879, in place of Amos D. Lockwood, declined.

No. 53. An Ordinance providing for the election of Public Administrator. [Chapter XCIV.]

[Approved January 30, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council in convention, shall annually elect a public administrator, who shall hold such office for the municipal year in which he is elected, or until another is elected and qualified to act in his place.

No. 54. Resolution relating to the Providence Reform School.

[Approved January 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the annual report of the trustees of the Providence reform school as relates to the subject of sentences for short terms in the school, and the subject of removing the girls from the institution, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 55. Resolution relative to the Teaching of Drawing.

[Approved January 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to expend from the appropriation for public schools, a sum of not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, for the necessary expenses of the drawing department in the public schools.

No. 56. Resolution adding \$12,000. to the appropriation for Bridges.

[Approved January 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for public bridges : to be transferred from the reserve fund.

No. 58. Organization of the Board of Water Commissioners.

[Presented January 29, 1877.]

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, January 29, 1877. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The board of water commissioners respectfully report, that the members having been duly engaged, have organized by the election of Lodowick Brayton, President.

L. BRAYTON, } Board of  
HENRY L. PARSONS, } Water  
N. F. POTTER. } Commissioners.

No 59. Second Report of the Joint Special Committee on Assignment of Rooms in the New City Hall.

[Presented January 29, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee, appointed by resolution approved October 12, 1876, make this their second report :

Since the adoption by the city council of the plan recommended by the committee, for the assignment of the rooms in

the city hall, the committee have given their attention to the matter of affording better accommodation to the public, in the main business room of the water department.

One of the two large rooms intended for the storage of documents, occupies a space of nearly two hundred square feet, which should be properly included in and made a part of the business office of the water department. The document room will then contain nearly one hundred and fifty square feet.

The number of water stops now open, brings several thousand persons annually to the water office, and within a few years other thousands will be added thereto, which renders it important that ample space for their accommodation should be provided.

The document rooms were planned before it was known that the building was to be made thoroughly fire-proof, and the action of the city council in ordering the latter change, has, in a great degree, done away with the necessity for these large rooms, so that either one or both of them can be materially reduced in size, without detriment to the public service.

The space to be gained in the water office, is directly under the vaults of the city treasurer; and in the place of the brick walls to be removed, will be substituted a granite column, and iron beams will rest thereon, to support that portion of the vault which now rests upon the brick walls. This work, in the opinion of the architect and superintendent of the building, can be accomplished without difficulty, and they concur with the committee in the opinion that it should be ordered by the city council.

The city hall commissioners declined to make the change unless it was approved and ordered by the city council. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

Providence, January 29, 1877.

No. 60. Resolution to pay the members of the Fire Department.

[Approved February 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the members of the fire department of the city the same compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, and in the same manner, until otherwise ordered by the city council.

No. 61. Message from the Mayor presenting a bill entitled "An act for the Regulation and Inspection of Buildings, etc.

[Presented January 29, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }  
January 29, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I transmit herewith the report of the Rhode Island Chapter American Institute of Architects, together with the bill prepared by the chapter, entitled, "An act for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Providence."

This bill has been prepared in obedience to a resolution of the city council, approved June 5, 1876, and a printed copy thereof will be furnished to each member of the city council.

I suggest that the city council meet in convention at the earliest practicable date, for the consideration of this matter, so vital to the best interests of the city.

The chapter of architects has appointed a committee to represent that body before the city council, and at the above meeting it would be well to have this committee, and also the

city solicitor present, to aid the council in their deliberations.

Prompt action is required, in order that the bill may be presented to the general assembly at an early day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 62. Resolution referring the above Bill to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the bill entitled "An act for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Providence," prepared at the request of the city council by the R. I. Chapter American Institute of Architects, January, 1877, be hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Dexter, White, Winsor, Phillips, Briggs, and Fenner of the common council with the Mayor, and Aldermen Spicer, Wilcox and Angell, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 63. Resolution to print the City Laws and Ordinances.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city clerk, under the direction of the joint committee on printing, is hereby instructed to cause the public laws relating to the city, and the ordinances passed since the publication of the revised ordinances, to be printed for the use of the city council; and so much of joint resolution No. 49, current series, as is inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed.

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No. 64. Resolution relating to the New City Hall.

[Approved February 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be and they are hereby requested to cause room "Number III, on working sheet No. 3, A of the Providence city hall," to be finished as delineated on said plan.

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No. 65. Resolution permitting the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to change their track on India street.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the Boston and Providence Railroad Company are hereby authorized to change the location of portions of their track in India street: provided such changes be made under the advice of the joint committee on railroads, and that the paving be replaced to the satisfaction of the highway commisioners.

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No. 66. Resolution relating to the Police Station on Martin street.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to report to the city council, without delay, an estimate of the cost of draining, grading, fencing, heating and furnishing the Martin street police station.

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No. 67. Resolution relative to consolidating the Engineering Department.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the city engineer's department be hereby requested to examine into and

report in print, upon the advisability and the best method of rearranging and consolidating into one department, under one responsible and competent head, the various kinds of engineering service required by the city. The committee are authorized to report for consideration, a bill for an ordinance in accordance with their conclusions.

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No. 69. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Nichols street.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Nichols street, from Charles street to Nash lane.

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No. 70. Resolution to pay Samuel W. Hartshorn \$50.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Samuel W. Hartshorn the sum of fifty dollars, in full for all moneys expended by him in fitting up an office for the weigher at the city scales; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 71. Resolution discharging Joint Special committee on a House of Correction.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed January 25, 1875, to report a location and plan for a house of correction, and also upon the subject of committals for drunkenness, are hereby discharged from the further consideration thereof.

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No. 72. Resolution relating to a House of Correction.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the inaugural address of the Mayor, delivered January 1, 1877, as refers to the subject of a house of correction, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Alderman Spicer and Messrs. Goff, Smith and Butler, of the common council; to examine and report thereon.

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No. 73. Resolution to pay the tax assessed by the  
Town of Cranston on the Water Works  
under protest.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the tax assessed by the town of Cranston on the water works of the city in said town, under protest.

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No. 74. Resolution to apply for an Act to exempt  
from taxation, the public works of any  
town or city.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That a joint special committee consisting of Aldermen Fisher and Spencer, and Messrs. Dexter, Potter and Woods, of the common council, be appointed to procure from the general assembly at its present session, the passage of a law which shall exempt the public works of any town or city in the state from taxation.

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 No. 75. Annual Report of the Reform School.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

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

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## No. 80. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 5, 1877.

Mr. J. C. B. Woods, having been appointed a member of the joint standing committees on finance and city property, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Parsons, late a member of the common council from the second ward:

RESOLVED, That said appointments be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

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## No. 81. Highway Commissioner.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 18, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Thomas W. Hart be hereby elected a highway commissioner, for the term ending in January, 1878, in place of Samuel L. Blaisdell resigned.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 5, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Thomas W. Hart be hereby elected highway commissioner for the unexpired term of Samuel L. Blaisdell, resigned.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 82. Resolution to pay the City Officers for their services in January and February, 1877.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the several city officers and their assistants, for services rendered during the months of January and February 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same months.

No. 83. Resolution for transferring Property in the hands of the City Engineer to his Successor.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the city engineer's department are hereby directed to receive all books, papers, note books, maps and other property of the city, in the hands of Charles E. Paine, city engineer, and to transfer the same to his successor in office.

No. 84. Petition of Elisha Dyer and others, relating to streets along the Woonasquatucket River, with a Resolution referring the same.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The undersigned owners and proprietors of real estate adjoining the Woonasquatucket river, respectfully petition your honorable body for the appointment of a special committee of the city council, to confer with the owners of the real estate above mentioned, in relation to filling in the highways laid out by the state along said river, with the deposit now being taken from the cove basin, or otherwise.

[Signed]

ELISHA DYER and others.

RESOLVED, That the petition of Elisha Dyer and others, for building wall and filling highways along the Woonasquatucket river, be referred to a joint special committee consisting

of Messrs. Phillips, Brown and Barker of the common council, with Alderman Fisher, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 85. Resolution relating to the Police Station on  
Martin street.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee of the city council on city property, be and they are hereby directed to cause the police station on Martin street, to be heated, furnished, drained, graded and fenced, at a cost not exceeding the sum of forty-one hundred dollars: and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

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No. 86. Resolution to place a Fire Alarm Box near  
the corner of Benefit and Meeting streets.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer of the fire department, acting under the direction of the joint committee on the fire department, be directed to place a fire alarm signal box, at or near the junction of Benefit and Meeting streets, at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars: to be charged to the appropriation of the fire department.

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No. 87. Resolutions to settle with certain parties in  
the matter of the lay out of Brook street.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to make settlement with the following named persons who have

demande jury trials in the matter of the lay out of Brook street, from Angell street to Hope street, provided that the payments shall not exceed the following sums; viz.:

To George C. Nightingale,	-	-	\$ 671 15
To Josiah W. Crooker,	-	-	4,638 50
To Sarah P. Harris,	-	-	3,231 55
To Red Bridge Land Co.,	-	-	3,200 00
To Avis L. Harris,	-	-	9,812 75

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to amend the record in the supreme court, in accordance herewith.

No. 88. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James G. Peterson & Co., 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. 89. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Henry B. Eddy to raise a certain building, located at No. 36 South street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 90. Resolution abating \$14.50 from the tax of Lydia H. Winsor.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Lydia H. Winsor, the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against her in the year 1876.

No. 91. Resolution abating \$14.50 from the tax of Sarah J. Winsor.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Sarah J. Winsor, the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents, being amount of tax erroneously assessed against her in the year 1876.

No. 93. Resolution to pay the police for services in January.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the months of January and February, A. D. 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same months.

No. 94. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in January 1877 by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Patrick H. Garrigan, -	-	-	\$85 25
Sylvester Tracy, -	-	-	85 25
Benjamin F. Worth, -	-	-	87 00
George R. Saunders, -	-	-	85 25

No. 95. Resolution for enlarging the Police Station  
on Canal street.

[Approved February 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on city property, be and they are hereby directed to cause to be built upon land owned by the city, adjoining the central police station, an addition to said station, to be built of brick, one story in height, of dimensions 15 by 50 feet, for the purpose of supplying the room needed for the better accommodation of the police department; and at a cost not to exceed the sum of eleven hundred dollars: the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 5, 1877.

The following city officers are elected; viz.:

Surveyor of Lumber,	Esek A. Jillson.
City Engineer,	Samuel M. Gray.
Public Administrator,	Daniel Burrows.
Constables:	
Dominick Healey.	Kenrick Walker.
Edmund F. Prentiss.	Henry A. Spicer.
John D. Thornton.	Zebedee Howland.
Lucian M. Stayner.	Charles E. Chaffee.
Wanton A. Weaver.	Walter C. Smith.

No 96. Message from the Mayor, relating to the  
obstruction of Hydrants.

[Presented February 19, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 19, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

There is a necessity for the passage of an ordinance to prevent the use of the fire hydrants from being obstructed in any

manner, by piles of lumber or other building materials, by articles of merchandise, by the erection of buildings, by the deposit of dirt or rubbish, or by the removal of old buildings, except for such time and under such restrictions as the board of engineers of the fire department may prescribe.

I therefore recommend that the matter receive your early attention, that the necessary action may be taken thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 97. Resolution referring the same.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor dated February 19, 1877, relative to the necessity for the passage of an ordinance to prevent the use of the fire hydrants from being obstructed, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, with instructions to report an ordinance of the nature recommended in said message.

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No. 98. Message from the Mayor, relating to the County Jail.

[Presented February 19, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 19, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

By a resolution of the city council, approved on the fifth instant, so much of the inaugural address of the mayor, delivered January 1, 1877, as refers to the subject of a house of correction, was referred to a joint special committee to examine and report thereon.

As it is now highly probable that the new prison on the state farm will be occupied sometime during the current year,

it is necessary that some arrangement should be entered into between the state and the city as to the occupancy of the present prison building, after the state prisoners are removed therefrom.

I recommend that the special committee already appointed, be authorized and empowered to confer with a committee of the general assembly, in reference to a plan for the use by the city of the old prison building, and to arrange terms therefor, to be submitted to and approved by the general assembly and city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No 99. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly  
for the use of the County Jail.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed by resolution No. 72, current series, upon the subject of a house of correction, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to arrange with any committee of the general assembly, as to a plan and terms, to be submitted to the city council for approval thereof before being binding upon the city, for the use of the present state prison by the city, after the new state prison is finished and occupied.

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No. 101. Resolutions relating to the Brook street  
District.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED That the joint special committee on the Brook street district is hereby authorized to agree with any person or persons entitled to any estate in any part of the lands taken by the city of Providence, under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to authorize the city of Providence to take certain lands for the purpose of draining and grading the

same," for the price of the land so taken; and upon such agreement, to draw upon the city treasurer for such amounts of money as may be necessary to carry out such agreement.

RESOLVED, That said committee are further authorized to make contracts for the purchase of such water lots as may be needed to deposit the dirt or material to be removed from said district, and to make contracts with any person or persons for the deposit of such dirt or material, on his or their land.

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No. 102. Resolution in relation to supplying the Town of Pawtucket with water.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on water, be and they are hereby directed to consider the application of the town of Pawtucket, made May 27, 1876, to the city of Providence, for a supply of water to said town by said city, and to report to the city council at an early day, a proposition to be submitted said town, either to supply them at the boundary line, or through distribution pipes, to be laid by or at the expense of said town.

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No. 103. Resolution authorizing the employment of additional men in the Fire Department.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers of the fire department, acting under the direction of the joint committee on the fire department, be and they are hereby authorized to employ at their discretion, additional manual force for service in the fire department, provided that the number of men so employed shall not exceed six, and that the annual compensation paid to said additional men shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred dollars each: to be paid in the same manner as other

permanent members of the fire department are now paid; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 104. Resolution appropriating \$500. for use of  
of the committee on the Improvement of  
the Harbor.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the committee on the harbor, in making investigations for harbor improvements: said sum to be transferred from the reserve fund to the harbor dredging account.

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No. 105. Resolution to pay Roscoe O. Wood, \$150.  
for damages caused by flooding.

[Passed February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Roscoe O. Wood, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full for all damages to his estate by overflow of water, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 106. Resolution to pay costs in the suits of  
Alice Gannon *vs.* the City.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Charles E. Gorman, the sum of fifty-seven dollars and forty cents, being the amount of taxed costs in suits of Alice Gannon against the city, whenever he shall present a re-

ceipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 107. Appointment of Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

[Approved February 21, 1877.]

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,	John B. Winship,
Frank B. Chedell,	Robert Carlisle,
Charles A. Manchester,	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, February 19, 1877.

No. 109. Message from the Mayor relating to the pay of the License Commissioners.

[Presented February 21, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 21, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

A resolution of the city council approved on the fifth inst., authorized the city treasurer "to pay to the several city officers and their assistants, for services rendered during the months of January and February, 1877, the same rate of

compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same months”

It is the opinion of the city solicitor that the license commissioners cannot be considered as city officers within the meaning of the city charter. Although they hold their places by an election of the board of aldermen, and their compensation is fixed by the city council, yet their office was created by the general assembly for the sole purpose of performing duties prescribed by a state law, and they are in no sense within the control or direction of the city council or either branch thereof, as to the manner in which they shall discharge their duties.

Under this ruling, the city auditor has not paid the commissioners for their services in the month of January, and I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution directing the city treasurer to pay them in the same manner as the city officers are paid.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 110. Resolution to pay the License Commissioners.

[Approved February 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to the license commissioners, for services rendered during the months of January and February, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same months.

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No. 111. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Blackstone street.

[Approved February 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby re-

quested to lay out Blackstone street, from Plane street to Eddy street, as a public highway.

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No. 112. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Sherburne street.

[Approved February 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Sherburne street as a public highway, from Plane street to Ocean street.

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No. 113. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Willard street.

[Approved February 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Willard street, from Plane street to Eddy street, as a public highway.

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No. 116. Report of the Joint Committee on Education relating to the School House on Scott street.

[Presented February 26, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

Your committee to whom was referred the communication of the committee on city property relating to the Scott street school house, would respectfully report, that the school requirements of that district will not justify the expense called for by the changes suggested in that communication. The recent fitting up of the Benefit street building for schools of that grade, and the good condition of the Graham street building will provide for the wants of the primary and inter-

mediate schools for some time to come. As it is only one half mile from one to the other of these two, the location of the Scott street house, midway between them, is not the most desirable. The building is old and cannot be made attractive even at the maximum cost named in the inclosed communication, viz. : \$4,800. When more primary and intermediate schools are needed in that district, some other location will be called for. At present it would seem most desirable that the building be sold and the use of the lot for school purposes given up.

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

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No. 117. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Engineer's Department in relation to Consolidating the Engineering.

[Approved February 26, 1877.]

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

The committee on the city engineer's department make this their report.

The committee at a meeting held this day, discussed the matter of the consolidation of the engineering departments of the city, but were unable to agree upon the form of an ordinance to be reported this evening to the common council.

The committee expect, however, to be able to perfect a bill and to be ready to report it to the board of aldermen on Thursday of the present week, or to the common council on the evening of that day, if they shall decide to meet at that time.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 26, 1877.

No. 118. Report of the Joint Committee on Railroads upon the petition of the Union Railroad Company for Abatement of their Annual Payments to the City.

[Presented February 26, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

Per vote of the common council January 29, 1877, the several petitions, resolutions, proposed amendments to ordinances, and committees reports thereon, being matters pertaining to the Union Railroad company, were taken from the table and referred to the joint standing committee on railroads, and upon same we respectfully report,—that we find, first, a petition from the Union Railroad company requesting the appointment of a committee on the part of the city council to examine and report on the ordinances relating to railroads, they claiming them to contain inconsistencies and contradictions when considered together, which can and ought to be remedied. The joint standing committee on ordinances, to whom this petition was referred, June 28, 1875, made report December 27, 1875, with resolution relieving the said Union Railroad company from all taxes for use of the streets, by their car tracks. Action was taken on report and resolution at last meeting of the council, January 1st, and postponed to the new council of 1876. Accompanying the report was the written opinion of the city solicitor that no repeal of ordinances had been passed by the city council whereby the said Union Railroad company were relieved from said tax. Second, in January, 1876, said Union Railroad company again petitioned that their original petition of 1875, and such other matters as they might desire to present, be referred to some committee. Reference was made to a special committee consisting of the members of the standing committees on ordinances and railroads, who reported against any changes in the ordinances as asked by the Union Railroad company. Third, in April, 1876, a resolution to re-

lieve the Union Railroad company from all taxes for use of streets, then due or to become due in 1876, was postponed.

Your committee construe all these petitions, resolutions, &c., to mean the same thing, viz.: to be exempted from all taxes for use of streets, and the representatives of the railroad company so acknowledge.

By a resolution approved January 12, 1870, a commission was appointed to revise the ordinances. The adoption of their report carried into effect the present ordinances on the first day of January, 1875. During these five years from 1870 to 1875, the matter was under discussion and consideration, and the standing committees were each supposed to investigate such ordinances as pertained to their own department. The railroad company claim that it was during the municipal term of 1872 and '73 that the new ordinance on railroads, being chapter forty-six, was arranged between them and the then committee of the city council on railroads. Section eleven of said chapter forty-six provides "that the permission granted and continued to said companies respectively, is so granted and continued, under the powers and obligations created by their several acts of incorporation, and subject to all the provisions of this chapter, and upon the express terms and conditions hereafter named." Section thirteen of same chapter provides for the care and maintenance by said Union Railroad company of that portion of the streets that may be occupied by their railroads, and that they shall pave between their rails, and one and one-half feet outside each rail, this latter one and one-half feet being additional to requirements of old ordinances. They also claim that as between them and the committee of the city council on railroads, it was agreed and understood, that this additional pave and care of same, was in lieu of money tax, before paid into the city treasury. And they also further claim that the language of section eleven is sufficiently clear, that no tax was to be paid, inasmuch as no reference is made in the whole chapter to such tax. In all these positions taken by the railroad company, the members of the committee on railroads for

the year 1872 and '73, who have appeared before us, are in entire accord.

In answer to these claims of the railroad company, we have the opinion of the city solicitor, before referred to, that the tax clause of the old ordinances is still in force. But we must concede that some obligation imposed by the old ordinance was to be removed. Else, why should the railroad company accept the conditions of the new, thereby assuming the obligations to pave three feet more of the street, and maintain the same. The care of this portion of the pavement, being that which comes to the hardest wear of any, must relieve the highway department and thereby be a saving to the city treasury.

Your committee being confident, from their investigation, that it was not the intent of the railroad company, in accepting the new ordinances, to both pay tax and pave three feet more of the street, would suggest their relief from either one or the other of these obligations.

There is a difference of opinion among legal men, as to the construction of the new ordinance. The counsel for the railroad company being of the opinion that they are not liable for the tax.

Your committee are advised by the highway commissioners, that should the council decide to relieve the railroad company from either the tax or care of the pavement, it would, in their judgment, be for the interests of the city to waive the former.

The railroad company assert that the outlay in cash, on their part, would be about equal, whether they pave or pay: their preference, however, would be to pave, and for the reasons that their liability as carriers can be better protected by their prompt repair of any damage to the pavement, and that the strength of the eighteen inch pave, outside their rails, as done by themselves, gives them a firmer track. This Union railroad company is engaged only in its legitimate business, and conducts the same in a manner approved by our citizens. They provide good and ample means of transit from one section of our city to another, and their track extensions, almost to the extremes of our city limits, have increased the valuation of real estate and thereby increased the city's income.

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With the foregoing full statement of facts, your committee submit their report, without resolution, but with an earnest recommendation that the council will take action, finally disposing of the matter.

For the committee,

J. LEWIS PIERCE, Chairman.

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No. 119. Resolution adding \$10,000. to the Appropriation for Opening Streets.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for opening streets: 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. 120. Resolution adding \$30,000. to the Appropriation for the Brook Street District.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district, so called, and the city treasurer, under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

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No. 121. Resolution to pay Anson W. Aldrich \$1000. for damages caused by flooding.

[Passed March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Anson W. Aldrich, the sum of one thousand dollars,

in full settlement of all claims for damages caused by overflow of sewer in Washington street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 122. Resolutions appropriating \$5000. to give  
Employment to the Poor, on the Highways.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to employ on such street work as can be done at the present time without disadvantage, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar per day to each man having a family or other dependants, to each man having no family or dependants, the sum of seventy-five cents per day; for each horse and cart seventy-five cents per day, and for two horses and cart, one dollar and twenty-five cents per day. Employment under this resolution shall be confined to persons who have resided in this 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 and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the sum of five thousand dollars to carry the above resolution into effect.

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No. 123. Resolutions appropriating \$2000. to give  
Employment to the Poor, on work at the North  
Burial Ground.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the north burial ground are hereby authorized to employ on such work in said burial ground, as they may deem expedient, certain

poor persons that shall be recommended to them by the overseer of the poor or the committee on the north burial ground.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to hire the sum of two thousand dollars, to carry the above resolution into effect.

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No. 124. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Fenner avenue.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby authorized to extend the water pipes in Fenner avenue, from their present termination in said avenue to Sampson avenue, in response to the petition of Charles E. Harris; provided that said Harris shall pay the sum of fifty dollars on account of the cost of said extension.

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No. 125. Resolution Proposing Terms for Supplying Pawtucket with Water.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to forward to the town council of Pawtucket, the following proposition:

The city of Providence will furnish to the town of Pawtucket, at the town line on East avenue, whatever quantity of Pawtucket water may be required by said town, at the price of one and one-quarter cents per one hundred gallons, and whenever the quantity used per day by said town shall exceed one million gallons, then such quantity in excess of one million gallons, will be furnished at one cent per one hundred gallons:

all of said water to be delivered under a satisfactory pressure and to be accurately measured.

RESOLVED, That upon the acceptance of this proposal, a proper contract will be entered into to carry into effect its provisions.

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No. 126. Resolution to build a Shed in the City Yard.

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and he is hereby directed to build a shed in the city yard, on the cove lands, for the use of the highway department for storage purposes, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars: to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 127. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Engineer's Department, in relation to consolidating the Engineering.

[Presented March 1, 1877.]

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

The committee on the city engineer's department having been instructed by resolution of the city council, approved February 5, 1877, "to examine into and report in print, upon the advisability and the best method of re-arranging and consolidating into one department, under one responsible and competent head, the various kinds of engineering service required by the city," make this their report :

The city for many years past has required and in all its future will require the constant services and experience of an engineer for its water works, sewers, bridges, buildings, high-

ways and other departments, and this work in the opinion of the committee should be done by or under the direction of the city engineer, who alone should be held responsible therefor.

They are also of the opinion that if such a policy be adopted by the city council great benefit will result therefrom, not only from the manner in which the work will be done but also from a reduction in the cost thereof.

The committee have therefore prepared and submitted herewith a bill entitled "An ordinance defining the duties of city engineer," which if adopted will consolidate under one head all the work required by the city of a civil engineer or surveyor. It is drawn with the intention of making the officer responsible for such work, with only the limit that the appointments made by him, with the rate of compensation, shall be subject to the approval of the committee on the city engineers department, and this committee cannot approve any expense, whether for services or other matters in excess of the appropriation made therefore by the city council.

The bill provides for reports to be made by the engineer annually, and oftener if necessary, to the city council, and also to the departments of the government with which he is directly connected. It also clothes him with authority to inspect all work being done for the city, in which the services of an engineer or surveyor may be required, and to stop any work for the city which is not being done in accordance with plans prepared by him therefor.

The committee recommend the passage of the ordinance by the city council.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,  
Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, March 1, 1877.

No. 127. An ordinance defining the duties of City Engineer. [Chapter xcv.]

[Approved March 10, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The city engineer shall perform all such services for the city of Providence, as properly come under the direction of a civil engineer or surveyor. He shall be consulted on all matters relating to public improvements of every kind, where the advice of an engineer or surveyor would be of service. He shall take charge of all such structures and public works of the city, as the city council, or either branch thereof, or any committee of the city council, or either branch thereof, or commissioners appointed by the city council may direct; and under their direction he shall prepare all plans and specifications for such structures and public works, and shall prepare or cause to be prepared, under their direction, all contracts for the same, and if required by them, he shall measure or cause to be measured, all work done by contract for the city, and shall certify to the same.

SEC. 2. Said engineer shall make such surveys, plans, estimates, and descriptions, and take such levels as may be required of him by the mayor, the city council or either branch thereof, or any committee of the city council or either branch thereof, or commissioners appointed by the city council. He shall prepare all such plans, statements and estimates, and furnish all such information in relation to the grading, laying out, enlarging, straightening, or otherwise altering streets, as may be required by the city council or either branch thereof, or any committee of the city council or either branch thereof, or by the highway commissioners; and shall, whenever required, furnish the city solicitor with all necessary description of lands.

SEC. 3. Said engineer may employ such assistants as shall be necessary to perform the services which may be re-

quired of him, and may fix their compensation, such appointments and compensation to be approved by the committee on the city engineer's department. In addition to the persons ordinarily employed in his department, he may obtain such additional assistance, from time to time, as he may require, and may discharge any assistant employed in his department.

SEC. 4. Said engineer shall annually, and oftener if, in his opinion, it shall be necessary, or if required by the advising committee on bridges, make a careful examination of all the bridges within the city limits, and make to said committee such reports respecting their condition as to safety, need of renewal or repairs, as the exigency of the case may require.

SECTION 5. Said engineer shall be the chief engineer of the Providence water works, and shall take such charge of the sources for the supply of water and the several reservoirs and all other structures, works and property connected with the water works, as the board of water commissioners may require; he shall perform all such services in relation to the water works as may be required of him by said board, or by the city council, and shall furnish all such plans and estimates in relation to the water works, as may be required by the joint committee of the city council on water. He shall at his discretion, cause observations of the height of the water at the sources, the pipe chambers and the several reservoirs, to be made daily, or oftener in order to estimate the daily consumption of water in the city. He shall also prepare all plans for the construction of sewers, and perform all such duties in reference to the construction, reparation or maintenance of the sewers of the city, as the board of water commissioners or the city council may require, and shall make such estimates and furnish such information in relation to the extension of the sewerage system, as may be required of him by the joint committee of the city council on sewers.

SEC. 6. Said engineer shall annually, and whenever in his opinion it shall be necessary or whenever he shall be required by the board of water commissioners, make a careful

examination of all the reservoirs, structures, works and property connected with the water works, and also of all the sewers, catch-basins and man-holes, connected therewith, and make such report to said board, respecting their condition, safety, need of renewal or repairs, as the exigency of the case may require.

SEC. 7. Said engineer shall, on or before the fifteenth day of February, in each year, present to said board a report of the general condition of the water works and sewers, with a detailed statement of all expenditures in his department relating to the same, and such other matters as he or the said board may deem expedient.

SEC. 8. Said engineer shall annually, in the month of January, present to the city council a report in relation to the city engineer's department, in addition to other reports which he is hereinbefore required to make, showing the number of persons employed, the detailed expenses of the department, the general nature of the work, the condition of all structures that have come under his supervision, that are in process of construction or that have been completed during the year, and such other general information in relation to the same as he may deem expedient.

SEC. 9. Said engineer shall have the custody of all plans relative to all work under his charge, and shall keep the same properly classified and indexed; he shall furnish such plats relating to the streets and highways, as may be required in the office of the city clerk; he shall keep a record, with proper references and index, of the location of all stone or other bounds which have already been, or which may be hereafter set, for the purpose of defining the lines of any highway, street or avenue of the city; and he shall also keep a record, alphabetically arranged, of all highways, streets or avenues in the city, which have already been or may hereafter be declared public highways, with the date of such declaration.

SEC. 10. Said engineer shall define the lines of all streets or highways for persons who have given notice of their intention to build upon land abutting upon such street or highway,

and he shall properly mark such line upon said estate, and shall also mark upon such estate the established grade of said street or highway in front thereof.

SEC. 11. Said engineer shall, whenever he deems it expedient, inspect all work being done for the city either by contract or otherwise, in which the services of an engineer or surveyor may be required, and shall carefully note any and all defects in said work, and report the same to the department, or officer of the city, agent or agents under whose supervision the said work is being done, and shall also report the same to the committee on the city engineer's department.

SEC. 12. Said engineer shall report to the committee on the city engineer's department, as soon as practicable, any work for the city which is not being done in accordance with the plans prepared by him for said work, and is hereby authorized to stop the prosecution thereof, and such work shall stop, until the committee on the city engineer's department, or the city council, shall direct it to be continued.

SEC. 13. The committee on the city engineer's department shall approve all bills and expenses, whether for services, materials, or other matters, contracted by the city engineer, provided, that the amount so allowed shall not exceed the amount appropriated therefor by the city council.

SEC. 14. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

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## No. 129. Resolution to pay the unconfirmed Police

[Approved March 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in February, 1877, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Patrick H. Garrigan, -	-	-	\$77 00
Sylvester Tracy,	-	-	77 00

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Benjamin F. Worth, -	-	-	81 00
John Casey, -	-	-	77 00
George R. Saunders,	-	-	85 75

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## IN CONVENTION.

MARCH 1, 1877.

The following officers are elected ; viz. :

Surveyor and Corder of Wood,	Stephen P. Henry.
Weigher of Cotton,	Frank H. Bliss.

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No. 130. Resolution to pay Perrin & Irons, \$200. for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved March 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Perrin & Irons the sum of two hundred dollars, in full for all claims for damages caused by overflow of sewer on Manton avenue, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor ; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingences.

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No. 131. Message from the Mayor in relation to supplying Pawtucket with water.

[Presented March 5, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, March 5, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

In accordance with the authority contained in Resolution No. 125, current series, I forwarded to Lewis Pearce, Esq., town clerk of the town of Pawtucket, a certified copy of the

resolution proposing terms for supplying said town with Pawtuxet water.

A copy of my letter, together with the answer of the town clerk thereto, is transmitted herewith.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, March 2, 1877. }

LEWIS PEARCE, Esq., TOWN CLERK, & C :-

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith a certified copy of two resolutions passed by the city council of this city, and approved on the first instant, wherein terms are given upon which the city will agree to furnish a full supply of Pawtuxet water to the town of Pawtucket.

I respectfully request that you will present these resolutions to the citizens of your town at their first town meeting.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
Pawtucket, March 5, 1877. }

TO HON. MAYOR DOYLE :-

DEAR SIR—Your note conveying the joint resolutions of the city council, with their proposition for furnishing Pawtuxet water to the town of Pawtucket, is received.

By section first of the 491st chapter of the public laws, it is provided that the town council shall consider all propositions for water supply.

I will put the resolutions before the council at their first session, which will be Tuesday next, and communicate the result to you.

Very respectfully yours,

LEWIS PEARCE, Town Clerk.

### No. 132. Resolution relating to assistance in the office of the Overseer of the Poor.

[Approved March 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the overseer of the poor, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire such temporary assistance in his office as may be necessary.

No. 133. Resolution to sell the old School House on  
Scott street.

[Passed March 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to sell at public or private sale, the old school house on Scott street, and to transfer to the commissioners of the Dexter donation, the land on which the same now stands.

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No. 134. Resolution for grading a portion of the  
Brook street District.

[Approved March 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby instructed to cause that portion of said district lying east of Ives street, to be graded forthwith; provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars; the cost of same to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

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No. 135. Resolution to contract with the General  
Advertiser for Advertising.

[Approved March 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on printing are hereby instructed to contract with the publisher of the Providence General Advertiser to do the city advertising; provided such contract can be made for a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

No. 140. Report of Joint Special Committee upon the claims of Anson W. Aldrich, in the matter of Eddy street.

[Presented March 12, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee, to whom on the fifth day of June, 1876, was referred the petition of Anson W. Aldrich for damages for land taken for laying out Eddy street, report: that the land for which the petitioner claims compensation, is situated at the crossing of Eddy and Worcester streets, and is a portion of the land that in the division of the estate of James Aborn, deceased, among the heirs, was alluded to in the various conveyances as follows: "the strip of land situate in front of lots Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and No. 1 as designated on said plat, which is intended to be used at some future time to widen Worcester street, so called, is included in the above several conveyances, and shall be owned as aforesaid by the said grantee, his heirs and assigns forever, and may be improved by him or them until it shall be laid out for a street, but no building shall be erected thereon." The said plat is recorded in Book on Plats No. 3, at page 68, but no lines nor marks appear on it to indicate the bounds of the strip so described. We are of the opinion that the recording of said plat by the original grantors was an offer of dedication of the land in question for the purposes of a highway, and this is the view that the assessors of taxes have taken of the matter, as they have never assessed it, and in the plat from the assessors' office used by the commissioners appointed to extend, etc., Eddy street, from Cove street to Washington street, the bounds of this petitioner's lots were identical with the plat hereinbefore mentioned in the recorder's office.

Said commissioners in their report of their doings, stated that they had taken from different parties, among whom was this petitioner, certain quantities of land. Accompanying

their report was a plat showing the location and area of the land so taken, and also the location and area of the land for which this petitioner now asks payment.

The petitioner had free access to both report and plat, but declined or failed to take an appeal from the award in the time required by law.

He claims that he was satisfied with the amount the commissioners awarded him for what they specified in their report, but that they did not take this strip into account. Even admitting this to be the fact, we are advised by the city solicitor that the report and plat must be taken together, and the latter, as before stated, shows the location and area of the land described in the petition.

In view of the foregoing facts, the committee recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

ED. W. RAYNSFORD,	}	Committee.
ALFRED METCALF,		
HUGH HAMILL,		
BENJAMIN HUNT, JR.,		
A. B. RICE,		

No. 141. Message from the Mayor, with resignation of William W. Paine, of the special Committee on Broad street.

[Presented March 12, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,	}
City of Providence, March 12, 1877.	

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

I transmit herewith the resignation of William W. Paine, Esq., as a member of the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 222, series of 1873-74, to settle with parties in the matter of widening Broad street.

ADDISON Q. FISHER, Acting Mayor.

No. 142. Resolution appointing a member of the Joint Special Committee on Broad street.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Mr. Sampson, of the common council, be hereby appointed a member of the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 222, series of 1873-74, to settle with parties in the matter of widening Broad street, in place of William W. Paine, resigned.

No. 143. Message from the Mayor relating to St. Patrick's Day.

[Presented March 12, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, March 12, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

I have received from the chief marshal of the Irish military and civic societies an invitation for the city council to review the procession under his command, as it passes the city building on Saturday, the 17th inst., and recommend that the same be accepted.

ADDISON Q. FISHER, Acting Mayor.

No. 144. Resolution accepting invitation to review the procession on St. Patrick's Day.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation of the chief marshal of the Irish military and civic societies to review the procession on the 17th of March, instant, be hereby accepted.

No. 145. Resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for the new City Hall.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

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

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No. 146. Resolution to pay the members of the City Council.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay the members of the board of aldermen, and common councilmen, for services rendered during the quarter ending April 2d, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year.

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No. 147. Resolution to pay the City Officers for their services in March, 1877.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the several city officers and their assistants, for services rendered during the month of March, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

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No. 148. Resolution to pay the License Commissioners.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the license commissioners, for services

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rendered during the month of March, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

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No. 149. Resolution to pay the police for services in March.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of March, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

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No. 150. Resolution relative to the widening of North street.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on highways be, and hereby are directed to inquire into the expediency of widening North street, from North Main street eastwardly, as far as it can be done without expense to the city for land.

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No. 151. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Howard street.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Howard street, from High street to Broadway, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 152. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Reservoir avenue.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Reservoir avenue, from Greenwich street to the line of the town of Cranston.

No. 153. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved March 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Margaret Early 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.

No. 154. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 12, 1877

Mr. Arnold Green having been appointed a member of the joint standing committees on police and ordinances, to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Clinton D. Sellew, Esq. :

RESOLVED, That said appointments be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 15, 1877.

Read,  
SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 155. Resolution for curbing Brook street in the Brook street District.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby instructed to cause the street to be made, the gutters paved and the curbing set, upon Brook street, between Wickenden and India street.

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No. 156. Resolution to purchase a Platform Scale for the Haymarket.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on city property, be and they are hereby directed to purchase and place in position, on the site of those now on Canal street, a platform scale of a capacity for weighing twenty tons: and that the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for this purpose, is hereby appropriated: to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 157. Resolution to lay water pipes in Lloyd street.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Lloyd street, from Prospect street to Brown street.

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No. 158. Resolution to lay water pipes in Linwood avenue.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Linwood avenue,

(formerly West Elmwood avenue) from Cranston street about five hundred feet easterly.

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No. 159. Resolution to lay water pipes in Mathew street.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Mathew street, about four hundred feet from Taylor street.

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No. 160. Resolution to lay water pipes in Smith street.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Smith street, above Oakland avenue, for a distance of about eighty feet.

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No. 161. Resolution to lay water pipes in Wayland avenue.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby authorized to extend the water pipes in Wayland avenue two hundred and fifty feet northerly, provided the owners of property thereon shall guarantee an annual income from said pipes of at least fifteen dollars per annum.

No. 162. Resolution to print the proposed Building Act.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the building act be and they hereby are directed to print, for the use of the city council, one hundred and fifty copies of the building act, as amended and condensed by them.

No. 163. Resolution relating to the Brook street district.

[Approved March 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee to manage the Brook street district, in addition to the powers conferred by resolution No. 756, are hereby authorized and empowered to raise, lower, take down and remove any building in said district, and to drain any estate therein in such manner as they shall deem best; and for the purposes aforesaid said committee are authorized to employ such assistance as they deem necessary: and the expense of carrying into effect the foregoing, shall be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 164. Message from the Mayor in relation to selling the High School estate on Benefit street.

[Presented March 26, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, March 26, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

By a resolution of the general assembly, passed at the January session, 1875, a joint special committee was ap-

pointed, "with power to negotiate for, and purchase the Providence High school building and grounds for the use of the state Normal school."

No action having been taken by the city council in relation to the matter, I therefore recommend that the subject be referred either to the joint standing committee on city property, or to a special committee of the city council, to confer with the committee representing the state, or with any party wishing to purchase the high school estate on Benefit street, and report to the city council the price that can be obtained therefor, upon the condition that possession of the premises be given when the new high school building now in process of construction, is ready for occupancy.

ADDISON Q. FISHER, Acting Mayor.

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No. 165. Resolution in relation to selling the High School.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Phillips, Burnham, Tower and Woods, with Alderman Persons, be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with the committee of the Rhode Island general assembly appointed at its January session 1875, and with any other parties desiring to purchase the high school estate on Benefit street, and report to the city council what price can be obtained for said estate.

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No. 166. Resolution for grading and fencing the School House lots on Candace and Oxford streets.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby authorized to cause the school house lots on Can-

dace and Oxford streets to be graded and the fences built the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

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No. 167. Resolution adding \$20,000 to the appropriation for School Houses and lots.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for school houses and lots, 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. 168. Resolution adding \$18,000 to the appropriation for the Poor.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eighteen thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the support of the poor; and that 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. 169. Resolution accepting gift of Thomas M. Knight, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Thomas M. Knight, of the sum of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the north burial ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot standing in the name of Thomas M. Knight, in said ground, be and the same is hereby

accepted by the city council, under the name of Thomas M. Knight fund.

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No. 170. Resolution permitting access to the Records of the Assessors of Taxes.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of assessors, be and they are hereby directed to allow the public, for the purpose of obtaining information with reference to the taxation of property in this city, access to the records kept in their office, between the hours of one and three P. M., in each week day: all examinations of said records to be made under the superintendence of some person connected with said office.

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No. 171. Resolution to pay Hall & Maxon, \$400, for Paving blocks.

[Passed March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Messrs. Hall & Maxson the sum of four hundred dollars in full settlement of their bill for paving blocks furnishing the city from August 4, to November 19, 1873, inclusive, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

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No. 172. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Butler avenue.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Butler avenue, from South Angell street to President avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 173. Resolution for curbing Clinton street.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and the gutters to be paved on Clinton street, from Broad street to Prairie avenue.

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No. 174. Resolution to lay a sewer in Ringgold street.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

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 Broadway to Carpenter street, to connect with the sewers in Broadway and Carpenter street.

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No. 175. Resolution to lay a sewer in Union street.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

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 Washington street southerly, about one hundred and sixty feet, to connect with the sewer in Washington street.

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No. 176. Resolution to lay a sewer in West Clifford street.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in West Clifford street, from Point street to Pearl street : to connect with the sewer in Pearl street.

No. 177. Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William Hall to raise two certain buildings, located at No. 9 Fremont street pursuant to his petition.

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No. 178. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Elisha W. Peirce 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.

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No. 179. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Passed March 29, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the water commissioners 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.

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No. 180. An ordinance in relation to Fire Hydrants.  
[Chapter 96.]

[Approved April 10, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:*

SECTION 1. Every person who shall obstruct or interfere with the use of any fire hydrant in this city, by piles of lumber, by building materials, articles of merchandise, the

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erection or removal of buildings, the deposit of dirt or rubbish, or in any other way or manner, unless by permission of the board of engineers of the fire department, shall pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each and every day that such obstruction or interference shall continue.

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No. 181. Resolution to lay water pipes in Eddy street.

[Approved April 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Eddy street about six hundred feet southerly from Thurber avenue.

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No. 182. Resolution to lay water pipes in Fulton street.

[Approved April 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Fulton street, from Eddy street to Dorrance street.

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No. 183. Resolution to lay water pipes in Forest street.

[Approved April 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be authorized to extend the water pipes in Forest street, first ward, one hundred feet easterly from their present termination in front of the estate of Charles O. Giles.

No. 184. Resolution to lay water pipes in Peace street.

[Approved April 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Peace street, from Broad street to Greenwich street.

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No. 185. Resolution relating to pay Wardens and Clerks.

[Approved April 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the several wardens and ward and district clerks, for services rendered on election days in the month of April 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them for like services in the year 1876.

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No. 190. Report of Joint Committee on Ordinances upon the Message of February 10, 1876, relating to Public Halls and Buildings.

[Presented April 9, 1877.]

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to whom was referred resolution No. 81, series 1876, beg leave to report that they have examined the subject, and in view of the fact that under the supervision of a special committee, an act is being prepared, which when completed and passed, will accomplish all which can be desired, your committee see the need of no further action and ask to be discharged.

EDMUND S. HOPKINS, Chairman.

No. 191. Report of Joint Special Committee upon the Messages of the Mayor relating to a House of Correction.

[Presented April 9, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee on the house of correction, appointed under resolution No. 72, approved February 5, 1877, and resolution No. 99, approved February 21, 1877, respectfully report that they recommend that no action be taken at the present time, the general assembly having passed an act giving the city of Providence the same rights in the Providence county jail as are enjoyed by other towns in said county.

GEORGE T. SPICER, Chairman.

No. 192. Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook street District.

[Presented April 9, 1877.]

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

GENTLEMEN :—The joint special committee on the Brook street district, appointed Dec. 30, 1876, present this their first quarterly report of receipts and expenditures.

The amount received for rents for the quarter

ending March 31, 1877, is	-	-	\$5,482 68
Amount of sale of third district police station,			102 50
Amount of sale of house No. 25 Thompson street,			15 00

Total receipts, \$5,600 18  
 Amount of approved bills and drafts on the city treasurer, for the quarter ending March 31st, as follows :

For salaries,	\$525 00
“ repairs, carpenters’ work,	102 05
“ water,	662 47

For labor, grading land,	291 34
“ land and buildings,	16,100 00
“ rent of office, &c.,	187 50
“ stationery, &c.,	33 54
“ care of office, &c.,	34 00
“ shovelling snow,	2 00
Total expenditures,	\$17,937 90

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS. A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 193. Resolution for grading the Brook Street  
District, west of Hope street.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby instructed to cause that portion of said district bounded on the north by Wickenden street, on the east by Hope street, on the south by the south line of Shamrock street, and on the west by Traverse street, to be graded forthwith : providing the cost of the same does not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars : the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 194. Resolution to pay the City Officers, etc.,  
for services in April.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants, and also the license commissioners for services rendered during the month of April, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

No. 195. Communication from the Water Commissioners with the appointment and compensation of their Employees.

[Presented March 26, 1877.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 26, 1877.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The board of water commissioners, to whom on the first instant was returned a report to the city council, dated February 19th, 1877, reporting an organization for the Providence water works, with list of officers, employes, &c., for approval, respectfully report that the passage by your honorable body of an ordinance, defining the duties of the city engineer, by which all services that properly come under the direction of a civil engineer or surveyor, are now required to be performed by the city engineer, has relieved the commissioners of the necessity of providing employes to perform such duties and consequently reduced the number of persons that will be required to be employed by the water department proper.

The commissioners now present the following list of employes and recommend the approval by your honorable body of the appointment and compensation of those whose compensation exceeds the sum of one thousand dollars, to take effect on the first of April next:—

Clinton D. Sellew, secretary,	compensation \$2,300 per annum.
Philip S. Chase, book-keeper,	“ 1,700 “
Thomas C. Gushee, bill clerk,	“ 1,100 “
Leonard N. Austin, Jr., bill clerk,	“ 850 “
Jesse W. Coleman, bill clerk,	“ 600 “
William H. Turner, clerk in charge of plumbers’ returns, &c.,	“ 1,100 “
Walter F. Slade, service pipe clerk,	“ 900 “
Frederic A. Arnold, examiner of water fixtures and collector,	“ 1,100 “
Albert C. Winsor, assistant examiner of water fixtures and collector,	“ 875 “
Andrew B. Purdy, superintendent of pipe work, and repairs,	“ 1,600 “
S. Horace Wheeler, superintendent of service pipe work,	“ 1,300 “
William F. Janes, in charge of service stops,	“ 900 “
Edward A. Moran, superintendent of meter work,	“ 1,100 “
Richard M. Wood, clerk at pipe yard,	“ 900 “
William T. Schneider, superintendent at Pettaconset and Sockanosset,	“ 1,100 “
Simeon Noell, pumping engineer at Pettaconset,	“ 1,600 “
William Harry, assistant pumping engineer at Pettaconset,	“ 1,000 “
John Hamilton, fireman at Pettaconset,	“ 1,000 “
James Hamilton, “ “	“ 2 00 per day.
Jephtha Baker, keeper of Sockanosset reservoir,	“ 2 50 “ “

John Quinn, pumping engineer at Hope station,	“	1,500	“	annum.
Joseph F. Plant, assistant pumping engineer at Hope station,	“	1,200	“	“
Michael Hamill, fireman at Hope station,	“	65	per month.	“
Judson Davis, “ “ “	“	65	“	“
Alexis C. Miller, keeper of Hope reservoir,	“	2	50 per day.	“
Allen Aldrich, superintendent of cleaning and repairs of sewers,	“	1,100	per annum.	“
William Aplin, clerk of sewer work,	“	900	“	“
L. BRAYTON,	}	Board of Water Commissioners.		
HENRY L. PARSONS,				
N. F. POTTER,				

No. 196. Resolution confirming the appointment and compensation of the Employees of the Water Commissioners.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the appointment and compensation of those employés on the Providence water works whose compensation exceeds the sum of one thousand dollars per year, and who were nominated by the water commissioners to the city council, under date of March 26, 1877, be and is hereby confirmed, to date from and after March 31st, 1877.

No. 197. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Delaine street.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Delaine street, from Manton avenue to Sampson street.

No. 198. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Union street.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause the main drain or common sewer in Union

street, running southerly from Washington street, to be extended to the summit near Fulton street, about forty feet in length; to connect with the sewer running to Westminster street.

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### Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

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. 199. Edwin W. Potter
  - 200. Thomas O'Donnell.
  - 201. Benjamin D. Weeden.
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[Approved April 14, 1877.]

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. 202. Samuel A. Irons.
- 203. John M. Schmid.

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

No. 204. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Stephen Tourtelot 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 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.

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No. 205. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Creighton Street.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Creighton street, from Prospect street to Brown street.

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No. 206. Resolution to change the lay out of Brook street, in the Brook street District.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the Brook street district, are hereby directed to cause the lay out of Brook street, in said district to be changed as follows: beginning about one hundred feet southerly on the east line of Brook street, from the southeasterly corner of Wickenden and Brook streets; thence in a straight line to the northeasterly corner of Cole and Brook streets; also moving the westerly line of Brook street, between Pike and Wickenden streets, about five feet easterly.

No. 207. Message from the Mayor in relation to the  
proposed Building Act.

[Presented April 19, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, April 19, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The joint special committee, which has been considering a draft of a new building act for this city, being ready to report, I have convened the city council at this time that action may be taken thereon without interfering with the regular business pending before the two boards, and suggest that much time will be saved if the matter be considered in convention.

The recent instances of loss of life in buildings in other cities will prompt the city council to favorable action upon the wholesome requirements of the bill to be presented by the committee, so that at the ensuing May session of the general assembly, such necessary legislation may be had as will, so far as practicable, prevent a repetition of similar horrors in this city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 208. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon  
the proposed Building Act.

[Presented April 19, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee, to whom on the fifth day of February, 1877, was referred the building act, so called, make report thereupon, accompanied with a printed abstract of said act, hoping thereby to place its provisions more clearly before the council.

Your committee have spared neither time nor labor in the discharge of the duty entrusted to them. They first considered

the act in committee, section by section, making such amendments as were deemed proper ; they then invited the committee of the Rhode Island Chapter of Architects, and some of the leading builders and contractors of the city to meet with them in consultation ; thus consulting, the act was examined in detail, and much valuable information was gained ; after this second revision, your committee, in private sessions, made final decision upon each section. They can, therefore, say that the act, as reported by them, is the result of faithful work by the architects who first presented it, and by your committee that have examined it, in every detail ; and that it has the approval of numerous intelligent and experienced mechanics and builders, from whom were gained many valuable suggestions.

Your committee beg to remind the council that this act, which, even in its condensed form, might seem too cumbrous for practical use, is largely composed of ordinances now in existence, that are here collated, and made parts of a symmetrical whole, and that the number of new enactments recommended is not so large as from the size of the printed act it might be supposed.

It is believed to be unnecessary to urge the imperative necessity for such an act as this purports to be. Every city ought to have one ; we have none ; we need one almost more than any city ; the time is ripe for its adoption, and a wise and prudent present will secure a safe, a healthy, and well ordered future for our city.

Your committee desire to call the attention of the council to some of the most important effects, which will result from the passage of this act, and the faithful execution of its requirements :

First—A department is created, having charge of all building and important repairs : of the draining, ventilation and moving of buildings, and of the protection of the public from unsafe structures.

Second—The character of all structures, both for dwelling houses and for business purposes, is required to be such as to insure their stability, and give safety to occupants and to the public.

Third—The “fire limits,” so called, are extended, and certain kinds of buildings prohibited within certain districts.

Fourth—The provisions relating to the construction of chimneys and flues, the setting of stoves, furnaces and boilers, and the location of wooden buildings will, if enforced, reduce to the minimum the danger, (ever present in a city so largely built of wood as ours) of an overmastering conflagration; a disaster which, unless the provisions herein recommended are enacted and enforced, will inevitably come upon us whenever wind and fire shall conspire to work destruction; and then fire department and water works will here, as they have elsewhere, demonstrate their utter inability to do more than mitigate the horror.

Fifth—The requirements of this act in relation to drainage, ventilation and the construction and occupation of tenement houses, are deemed of great importance, as calculated to prevent the existence here of the noisome slums and alleys, and crowded tenement houses, swarming with life and reeking with filth, that are a curse to those who live therein, and a fruitful source for pestilence and disease for miles around. It is our good fortune that this evil is almost unknown in our city, but so surely as we grow, so surely will it appear, unless we now resolve to avail ourselves of our unequalled natural advantages, by enforcing the thorough drainage which the location of our city and our excellent sewerage system has made practicable, and by securing free passage for the pure air from the ocean or from the hills, through all our streets and into every house.

Sixth—Your committee gave much attention to that portion of this act which seeks to protect the public assembled in halls, theatres or churches, the guests in our hotels, our children in their schools, and the employés in large workshops or factories from danger by fire and from loss of life in cases of panic. They believe that the recommendations of this act, upon these points, are calculated to secure the greatest safety practicable, and were nothing else herein deemed worthy of adoption, they would urge the prompt enactment of these sections as discharging a duty to the community which the council has too long

failed to perform, and which the fearful calamities which have visited other cities warn them no longer to neglect.

Seventh—The transfer of the control of all matters pertaining to the removal of buildings to the department created by this act, is believed to be a change that will be productive of good results.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to say that, in their opinion, this act, as reported by them, meets substantially the wants of our city; that it is not so cumbrous as to be practically useless, but that its provisions can be enforced, if only the right men are elected therefor; that it will not prove an expensive burden upon our tax-payers, for when its requirements shall be faithfully observed, and its excellence shall become known abroad, foreign capital will here seek investment, where its property will be so carefully guarded, and the lower rates of insurance that will certainly result from an experience of its advantages, will far more than compensate for any expense hereby created; and finally, that the rights of individuals are not hereby affected, except so far as the public safety and welfare demand. Therefore they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

ARTHUR F. DEXTER, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, April 19, 1877.

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No. 209. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an Act Relating to Buildings.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly at its May session, 1877, for the passage of the act entitled "An act for the regulation and inspection and moving of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in the city of Providence."

No. 210. Message from the Mayor relating to the claim of Robert Arnold, caused by the construction of Hope Reservoir.

[Presented April 19, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, April 19, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Mr. Robert Arnold, the owner of an estate on Barnes street, in this city, has two cases now pending in court, brought against the city for damages caused to his estate by the construction of Hope reservoir.

It is understood that he will sell the premises to the city at a reasonable valuation, and I therefore recommend that a committee be authorized to confer with him in reference thereto, and report upon what terms the city can become the owner of the property, and thereby terminate the two pending suits.

There seems to be no doubt that the building of the reservoir has so injured the estate of Mr. Arnold as to render it untenable, without a considerable outlay for drainage. Whether the city is legally responsible for this injury, under the act of the general assembly authorizing the construction of the water works, is a question to be determined by the proper tribunal ; there can be no question, however, that the city has no moral right to injure the property of a citizen, without due compensation therefor, and it ought not to take the advantage which a strict construction of the act may possibly give.

If, therefore, Mr. Arnold is willing to sell his estate at a fair price, it is manifestly proper for the city to become its purchaser, and thus relieve him from an annoyance to which he has been too long subjected.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 211. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated April 19, 1877, relative to suits of Robert Arnold, against the city, for damages to his estate on Barnes street, caused by the construction of Hope reservoir, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Sweet, Bartlett and Woods, with Alderman Spencer, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 213. Resolution relating to the Semi-Annual Report of the City Solicitor.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the subjects contained in the semi-annual report of the city solicitor, presented April 19, 1877, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 214. Resolutions appropriating \$2,500. to give Employment to the Poor, on the Highways.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to employ on such street work as can be done at the present time without disadvantage, at a compensation not exceeding one dollar per day to each man having a family or other dependants; to each man having no family or dependants, the sum of seventy five cents per day; for each horse and cart seventy-five cents per

day ; and for two horses and cart, one dollar and twenty five cents per day. Employment under this resolution shall be confined to persons who have resided in this 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 and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to carry the above resolution into effect.

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No. 215. Resolution permitting the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to lay a spur track in India street.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the Boston and Providence railroad corporation be permitted to insert a switch and curve into the main track of the railroad on India street, so as to connect with the rails on Lonsdale wharf : the same to be done under the direction of the joint standing committee on railroads.

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No. 216. Resolution to place a Fire Alarm Box at Dyerville.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer of the fire department, acting under the direction of the joint committee on the fire department, be and the same is hereby authorized to place a fire alarm signal box on Manton avenue, near the Dyerville Manufacturing Co.'s works, at a cost not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars : the same to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

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

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John L. James 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 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. 218. Resolution to pay the Police for duty in  
April, 1877.

[Approved April 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of April, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

No. 219. Quarterly Report of Commissioners of  
Sinking Funds.

[Presented April 14, 1877.]

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

The Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds make this, their eleventh quarterly report :

The amount of funds in the control of the board Dec. 31, 1876, was :

Of the fund of 1885,	.	.	.	\$443,885 81
Of the fund of 1893,	.	.	.	162,986 35
Of the fund of 1895,	.	.	.	38,052 58

Of the water loan,	93,218 36
Of the North Burying Ground,	2,500 51

Whole amount, \$740,643 61

The amount on hand March 31, 1877, was :

Of the fund of 1885,	\$457,383 75
Of the fund of 1893,	172,357 46
Of the fund of 1895,	39,076 85
Of the water loan,	95,606 37
Of the North Burying Ground,	2,555 33

Whole amount, \$766,979 76

The increase in the several funds has been :

In the fund of 1885,	\$13,497 94
In the fund of 1893,	9,371 11
In the fund of 1895,	1,024 27
In the water loan,	2,388 01
In the North Burying Ground,	54 82

Whole increase, \$26,336 15

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, April 14, 1877.

## No. 220. Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented April 14, 1877.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., 12th April, 1877.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

Agreeably to ordinance the city hall commissioners herewith present their tenth quarterly report:—

Since their last report, the roof and the dome of the building have been slated and covered in. The principal water

and sewer connections have been made. The sub-basement, which is expected to be water-tight, is nearly finished. A monitor water elevator has been put in, and it is now running satisfactorily as a freight elevator. The boilers for the heating apparatus are in place, and the radiators and piping are progressing, with a prospect of having steam let on in a few days.

The following are the disbursements since the report of twelfth of January last :—

Labor on floors, cellar, roof, dome, carpenters' work, &c.,	\$3,278 30½
Office rent, clerk's salary and expenses,	312 79
Advertising,	44 58
Architectural iron works (flue pipes)	1,450 00
A. R. Whitney, (iron work)	15,600 00
H. R. Horton, (plaster)	1,286 50
S. P. Brown, superintendent,	500 00
Birch lumber,	3,222 17
Portland Cement Stone Company,	4,080 00
Hopkins & Pomroy,	335 90
S. J. F. Thayer,	1,750 00
Water commission, (water and sewer connections)	2,475 26
Heating apparatus, (Davidson & Mars)	7,241 78
J. G. Batterson,	54,851 23
Elevator,	1,610 00
	<u>\$98,038 51½</u>
Amount of expenditure last quarter,	\$98,038 51½
Total amount of expenditure,	549,300 04½
Amount of appropriation,	610,000 00
The unexpended balance,	60,699 95½

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. R. MOWRY,  
HENRY G. RUSSELL, } City Hall Commissioners.  
WILLIAM M. BAILEY,

No. 221. Report of Joint Special Committee on  
Broad Street, relating to the claim of Messrs.  
Miller & Ellerbeck.

[Presented April 14, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee to whom on the 15th day of  
January, 1877, was referred a message of his honor the

mayor, dated January 11, 1877, in relation to the unsettled claims of Geo. W. Miller, and the heirs of James Ellerbeck, in the matter of widening Broad street, beg leave to report :

That in the opinion of your committee, the parties named in the message of his honor, have no just claims against the city.

In widening and straightening Broad street, south of Thurber avenue, the land of Messrs. Joseph G. Johnson and Miller & Ellerbeck was cut in twain, leaving a considerable piece of land on the east side of the new street and between the old and new streets.

These three gentlemen entered into an agreement to sell to the city this strip or gore of land at a price to be agreed upon by disinterested parties, who afterwards made their award, which was accepted by Mr. Johnson, who conveyed his portion of the land to the city, and took his pay for it at the appraisal. Messrs. Miller & Ellerbeck refused to convey their portion, and upon being sued by the city to carry out their agreement, the city was beaten on technical grounds.

Since the reference of his honor's message, your committee have had several interviews with Messrs. Miller & Ellerbeck, but have failed to purchase their land at any price which was considered reasonable.

For the committee,

EDWIN A. SMITH, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, April 14, 1877.

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No. 222. Report of Joint Special Committee to confer with the parties who claim jury trials in the matter of Eddy Street.

[Presented March 15, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council, who were appointed by resolutions Nos. 198 and 507, series of 1876, to

confer with the parties who have taken appeals from the awards and assessments made by the commissioners appointed to extend, etc., Eddy street, present this, their report :

No appeals have been made from the awards.

The appeals from the assessments for the extension, etc., from Cove street to Washington street, can be settled on the following terms, viz :

Alexander Duncan and Sarah Duncan his wife, owners of lot No. 4 plat 26, assessed \$880. The present owners of the property, the Hon. Amos C. Barstow and others, have platted a new street, forty feet wide, across the lot from Cove street to Aborn street, and extensions of Calender and Beverly streets into this new street, said new streets and extensions containing 21,076½ square feet of land, which they propose to convey to the city for highway purposes, in consideration of a remission of this assessment.

Martha W. Parsons, wife of Thomas Parsons, of Brookline, Mass., owner of lots Nos. 23 and 117, plat 20, assessed \$600, is willing to pay \$200. She paid an assessment of \$650, for the opening of Eddy, then Baker street, from Fulton street to Westminster street.

Emma B. Bush, wife of Samuel L. Bush, of New York, owner of lots Nos. 24 and 138, plat 20, assessed \$300, is willing to pay \$100. She paid an assessment of \$450 for the opening of Baker street.

William Barstow, owner of lot No. 162, plat 20, assessed \$50, is unwilling to pay anything.

Eliza A. Church, widow of Frederick S. Church, and George A. Church, owners of lot No. 155, plat 20, assessed \$400, are willing to pay \$200. They paid an assessment of \$425 for the opening of Baker street.

Alexander F. Adie, owner of lots Nos. 125, 133 and 199, plat 25, assessed \$1500, is willing to pay \$750.

A. C. Mathewson et al., appellants from assessment of \$250, on lot No. 142, plat 20, are not willing to pay anything. They paid an assessment of \$149 50 for the opening of Baker street. Mathewson, for himself, claims that by the terms of his lease he was only liable for assessments on buildings.

George C. Elliot, appellant from assessments of \$200, on lot No. 147, plat 20; \$300 on lot No. 148, plat 20, and \$100 on lot No. 160, plat 20, is unwilling to pay anything. He represents that since the opening and widening of Eddy street from Fulton street to Westminster street, his stores have all been empty; that he has put new iron fronts in them to render them more attractive but cannot get tenants; that an assessment of \$355 for the Baker street improvement was included in his regular city tax bill and paid when he was confined to his house by illness, and that had he been well that assessment also would have been contested on the ground that all of these so called improvements, instead of benefiting, have actually damaged his property for the purposes of rental.

The appeals from the assessments for the extension, etc., from Pine street to Broad street can be settled as follows, viz:

Benjamin Barker et ux., on lot 147, plat 20, \$300, represented by George C. Elliot, will not pay anything for reasons stated above.

William H. Fenner et al., on lot 311, plat 20, \$450, will not pay anything. They paid an assessment of \$200 for the extension from Cove street to Washington street, and claim that the widening from Pine street to Broad street has damaged them, asserting that heavy teams en route from Fox and India points to the New York and Hartford freight depots, almost invariably follow this Eddy street to avoid the railroad tracks, and that this travel, which formerly took other channels, so nearly monopolizes the street in its narrow part between Broad and Westminster streets, that they can get but few opportunities to receive and deliver goods at their Eddy street entrance.

William Grosvenor and children, on lot 280, plat 20, \$810. They claim that \$11,108 was paid the Narragansett Hotel corporation for 1292 square feet of land taken from said corporation for this widening, and that, at the same rate per foot, they should, instead of being assessed \$810, be awarded \$4,575 20 for the 532 square feet of land taken from them for this same purpose. They paid an assessment of \$550 for the extension etc., from Cove street to Washington streets,

Providence Opera House Association, lot 290, plat 20, \$1,120 are willing to pay \$870. They have paid \$250 for the extension from Cove street to Washington street, and are not ready to admit that the benefit to their property by both improvements, is any more than they are assessed for the one from Pine street to Broad street.

The offers of settlement contained in this report have all been made to us with the express understanding and agreement that if not accepted by the city council, they are not to be used to the injury or prejudice of these appellants in their cases at court.

To relieve committees that may in future be appointed to confer with parties who appeal from the doings of commissioners of estimate and assessment from what has been to us very annoying, and to facilitate their investigations, we recommend that the city solicitor be instructed in case of the amendment of a report of such commissioners, to procure from the court a certified copy of the amendments and deposit the same with the city clerk.

The offer of Mr. Barstow and others is so liberal in its terms that we feel justified in so far transcending the authority given us which was merely to confer and report as to recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the city solicitor to take the steps necessary to carry its acceptance into effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ED. W. RAYNSFORD,	} Committee.
ALFRED METCALF,	
HUGH HAMILL,	
B. HUNT, JR.,	
A. B. RICE,	

PROVIDENCE, March 15, 1877.

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No. 223. Resolution abating \$880. from Assessment on A. Duncan and wife, for Eddy street.

[Approved April 23, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to amend the report of the commissioners upon the lay out and extension of Eddy street, from Washington street to Cove street, by striking out therefrom the assessment of eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$880) to Alexander Duncan and Sarah Duncan his wife, owners of lot No. 4 on plat 26, upon the delivery of a deed from the present owners thereof to the city of Providence, of all their right, title and interest in and to certain streets for highway purposes, included in said lot and represented on a map of land belonging to A. C. Barstow and others, as Calender street, Beverly street, and a proposed street: said map being recorded in book of plats, No. 12, at page 16, in the recorder's office.

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No. 224. Resolution abating \$200. from Assessment on Emma B. Bush, for Eddy street.

[Approved April 23, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on the extension of Eddy street, from Washington street to Cove street, by reducing the assessment upon Emma B. Bush, wife of Samuel L. Bush, from three hundred dollars to one hundred dollars.

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No. 225. Resolution abating \$200. from Assessment on Eliza A. Church, for Eddy street.

[Approved April 23, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of

estimate and assessment on the extension of Eddy street, from Washington street to Cove street, by reducing the assessment upon Eliza A. Church, widow of Frederick S. Church, from four hundred dollars to two hundred dollars.

No. 226. Resolution abating \$400. from Assessment on Martha W. Parsons, for Eddy street.

[Approved April 23, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on the extension of Eddy street, from Washington street to Cove street, by reducing the assessment upon Martha W. Parsons, wife of Thomas Parsons, from six hundred dollars to two hundred dollars.

No. 227. Resolution abating Assessment on William Barstow, for Eddy street.

[Approved April 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment upon the extension of Eddy street, from Washington street to Cove street, by striking out the assessment upon William Barstow, of fifty dollars.

No. 229. Message from the Mayor relating to the size of the Aldermen's Chamber in the new City Hall.

[Presented April 23, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, April 23, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The council chamber in the new city hall is spacious, and with its ante-rooms admirably adapted for the transaction of

the public business, but the room assigned for the board of aldermen is contracted, and wholly unfit for the business to be therein transacted. I transmit herewith two ground plans of the room, and invite your attention to the dimensions given thereon.

The one on tracing cloth is from the office of the architect, and the one on paper from the office of the city engineer of this city.

The room contains but one thousand two hundred and nineteen square feet of flooring, from which is to be deducted the space occupied by columns and pilasters, leaving actually but one thousand one hundred and sixty-one square feet of available space, or if a line be drawn across the interior finish of the room, there will be but nine hundred and ninety-two square feet, or about twice the size of the room now in use.

The plan is arranged for twelve aldermen, the number which by law can be elected whenever the city council shall so order.

The city of Boston has twelve aldermen, and their chamber, in a building much smaller than the new city hall of this city, contains upwards of one thousand nine hundred square feet of flooring, and yet the members of the board most justly complain that the room is altogether too limited within the bar, or in the space occupied by them.

If in the new chamber the aldermen can be seated around a table as they are now compelled to be, then the room will answer for their meetings, as its great height, with upper windows, will allow of proper ventilation; but if a separate desk is to be provided for each member, then the room is absolutely mean in its dimensions.

It will be observed by the plan that there is no space left for the members to pass between their desks, but each one must pass or repass to and from his seat in a space of twenty-two inches in width, if his colleagues are seated close to their desks: if, however, they are seated back from their desks, as is generally the case, they must move to admit of his passing,

—an inconvenience which the members of both branches of the city council have always realized in the present chambers.

The seats of the members will be within easy reach of persons without the bar, so that the annoyance of constant interruption while transacting business, which has been heretofore experienced, is to be continued to all time, while the papers on the desks will be exposed to the inspection of those without the bar.

The space where a table should be placed for reporters, is six feet two inches in width, between the end of the members' desk and the face of the column, so that the table will have to be very small, and the reporters very few in number.

From the front of the clerk's desk to the desk of the members is eight feet six inches, which leaves but a small area within which the members of the board can gather for the examination of plats, or other matters; while the passage behind the president's chair is but fourteen inches wide in its narrowest part.

The space reserved within the chamber for the occupancy of the public, varies in width from seven feet four inches to fourteen feet, and contains three hundred and seventy-three square feet of available space, or one hundred and fifty-two feet more than the lobby of the present chamber, which is eleven feet nine inches wide in its narrowest part.

When it is considered that the business before the board often calls the residents, of both sexes in great numbers from some neighborhood where a steam boiler is to be located, or a matter affecting the public health of a certain district is to be acted upon, it will be seen by the above dimensions that very little attention has been given to their accommodation at such times. The board also, as a town council, have a great variety of other matters coming before them, which requires the attendance of persons of both sexes, and some accommodation should have been provided for them.

That portion of the building assigned to the board of aldermen should be given to the municipal court, while that given to the latter body should be assigned to the former.

By such a change the aldermen will have a chamber spacious and far better situated for the public business, than the cold corner where they have been located. As the board meets in the day-time, the sun in the winter months will light the chamber, and make a more comfortable place in every respect. More room will be given to the public and to the members, while the ante-rooms will be better arranged and more easy of access. The chamber will be directly opposite that of the common council, and be more what a legislative chamber should be.

There are three objections to this change. First—It does not meet the approval of the commissioners and the architect; second a delay of a few weeks will occur in the completion of the building; and third, the expense thereof.

As the facility for the transaction of public business by the board of aldermen for generations to come, is the matter to be considered, the objections of the commissioners and the architect should be very weighty to prevent the proposed change, and while entitled to full and respectful consideration, should not be suffered to interfere with public good.

Whether the building shall be finished in the fall of 1878 or the beginning of 1879, or whether \$10,000 to \$20,000 shall be added to the cost of a structure, which it is now conceded must exceed one million dollars, is of little importance, when the question presented for consideration is, whether the board of aldermen shall be seriously inconvenienced in the performance of their duties for generations, when a remedy therefor can now be so easily provided.

The present executive is in no manner responsible for the outlay being made on the building, and having now called the attention of the city council to this serious defect in its interior arrangement, no responsibility can rest upon him if it is not removed.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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 No. 230. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message dated April 23, 1877, relative to the aldermen's chamber in the new city hall, be referred to the joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall, with instructions to report on the propriety of the changes proposed and the cost thereof.

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 No. 231. Message from the Mayor relating to the use of cobble stone and blocks for paving.

[Presented April 23, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
 City of Providence, April 23, 1877. }

## GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Many of the streets paved with cobble stones are very much out of repair, and the great amount of heavy teaming thereon causes a large annual expenditure to keep them even in passable order. Particularly noticeable are portions of High, South Main, South Water, Dyer, Charles and Canal streets, all of which should be repaired by substituting granite blocks for worn-out cobble stones.

The Union Railroad Company are desirous of relaying their track on High street, and will pave that portion of the street, which they are required to keep in order, with granite blocks, provided the city will furnish the material therefor, as has been done in other cases. To do this, however, will require all the blocks now on hand, leaving none for portions of other streets where they are required, and which are kept in repair at the expense of the city.

The highway appropriation for the present year is too nearly exhausted, to admit of the purchase of any considerable amount of new material, and I therefore recommend that a

special appropriation be made for the purchase of sufficient stock to replace with granite blocks the cobble stones on streets now badly out of repair.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 232. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated April 23, 1877, relative to substituting granite blocks for cobble stones in certain streets, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 233. Message from the Mayor relating to the Statues for the Roger Williams Monument.

[Presented April 23, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, April 23, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

I have received from Franklin Simmons, Esq., information that the statues of Roger Williams and History, for the Roger Williams monument, are both cast, and will be shortly forwarded to this city. It is his intention to visit this country during the ensuing summer, and as it is highly important that he should superintend the placing of the statues on the monument, I recommend that the joint committee on parks be authorized to contract at once, for the granite portion thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

- No. 234. Resolution to contract for the Granite work for the Roger Williams Monument.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to advertise for proposals for the granite work for the Roger Williams monument, according to the plans of Mr. Franklin Simmons, and to contract for setting the same and for putting the statues in position.

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- No. 235. Resolution relating to amended Reports of Commissioners to lay out streets.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be instructed, in case of the amendment of a report of commissioners of estimate and assessment, in the matter of laying out, altering, straightening or otherwise improving any street or highway, to procure from the court a certified copy of such amendment and deposit the same with the city clerk.

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- No. 236. Resolution to lay water pipes in Abbott and Bolander streets.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Abbott street, from Camp street to Bolander street, and in Bolander street from Abbott street to Grandview street.

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No. 237. Resolution to lay water pipes in Camp street.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Camp street, from Larch street to Evergreen street.

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No. 238. Resolution to lay water pipes in Eddy street.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Eddy street, from a point six hundred feet south of Thurber avenue, along said Eddy street to the intersection of Aldrich street and Eddy street.

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No. 239. Resolution to lay water pipes in Monroe street.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Monroe street, from Lester street to Perkins street.

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No. 240. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Federal street.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

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

No. 241. Resolution relative to drainage of part of the Ninth ward.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be and he is hereby directed to examine into and devise a plan for the drainage, either by sewer or upon the surface, of that part of the ninth ward situated between Broad, Greenwich and Daboll streets and Roger Williams Park, together with such outlets as may be required; and to report as soon as possible to the city council, plats, specifications, sections and the estimated cost of such part of the work as may be required to be constructed at once.

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No. 242. Resolution for curbing Paine street.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Paine street, from Cranston street to Messer street.

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No. 243. Resolution for curbing Dora street.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Dora street, from Broad street to Prairie avenue.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following

named persons to raise certain buildings, located as follows, pursuant to their several petitions, viz.:

- No. 244. William H. Brown, No. 162 Thayer street.
- 245. Parley M. Mathewson, No. 109 Meeting street.
- 246. Patrick McLeer, No. 150 Spruce street.
- 247. Mary McDermott, No. 281 Atwell's avenue.
- 248. Amos W. Olney, No. 195 High street.
- 249. James Sullivan, No. 47 Robinson street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved April 26, 1877.]

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. 250. Michael Gordon.
- 251. Asa Pike.

No. 252. Message of the Mayor relating to the Fourth of July.

[Presented April 26, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, April 26, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

If there is to be a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence, it is time that the committee of arrangements was appointed, and I suggest that the usual civic and military procession be dispensed with, and that there be substituted for that, a grand trades procession in the morning, and that the afternoon be devoted to

amusements and festivities for the children in the various public halls and places of amusement in different sections of the city.

Such a celebration can be provided at a less expense than the usual order for the day, and will afford far more satisfaction to the community.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 253. Resolution referring the above to a special committee.

[Approved May 7, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated April 26, 1877, relating to the manner of celebrating the coming fourth of July, be referred to Aldermen Hayward and Wilcox with Messrs. Phillips, Dexter, Burnham, Smith and Aldrich of the common council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 254. Annual Report of the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Presented May 3, 1877.]

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, 1877 :

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 Jos. 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
Thomas M. Knight,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
	Total	\$5,623 66

No. 255.

## INCOME ACCOUNT.

Funds.	Amount of Funds.	Income on hand April 30, 1876.	Income Received.	Amount Expended.	Income on hand April 30, 1877.
Zachariah Allen	\$43 66	\$21 69	\$2 61		\$24 30
Phebe Whipple,	100 00	21 31	6 09	\$7 00	20 40
Joseph Veazie,	1'000 00	155 01	80 00	25 00	210 01
Rebecca M. Gladding,	100 00	7 66	6 09	6 00	7 75
John Barstow,	100 00	14 05	6 09	8 00	12 14
Ferdinand Balcom,	100 00	14 30	6 09	10 00	10 39
Stephen Randall,	100 00	24 97	6 09	10 00	21 06
Alexander Duncan,	1,000 00	115 36	60 90	25 00	151 26
Elizabeth Coville,	200 00	60 00	12 00	15 00	57 00
Jabez Gorham,	600 00	86 73	36 54	18 00	105 27
Almon D. Hodges,	100 00	25 39	6 09	9 00	22 48
James Wheaton,	80 00	1 62	4 86	5 00	1 48
George Earle,	100 00	32 64	6 09	.00	38 73
Anna Whipple,	200 00	45 40	12 18	10 00	47 58
Rosanna Carpenter,	300 00	51 47	18 27	6 00	63 74
John Crain,	200 00	20 42	12 18	6 00	26 60
Abby T. & W. G. Dearth,	200 00	28 42	12 18	.00	40 60
Heirs of J. Tillinghast,	100 00	13 19	6 09	.00	19 28
Mary Jane Sheldon,	400 00	26 00	32 00	7 00	51 00
Mary Goodacre,	100 00	.00	7 65	4 00	3 65
Gardner B. Pettis,	200 00	.60	12 18	8 00	4 18
Daniel Pettey,	100 00	.00	6 09	5 00	1 09
Elizabeth E. Gardiner,	100 00	.00	6 09	5 00	1 09
Thomas M. Knight.	100 00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	\$5,623 66	\$765 63	\$364 45	\$189 00	\$941 08

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM EARLE.

for the Commissioners.

No. 256. Resolution to lay Water pipes in Chalkstone avenue.

[Approved May 7, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes from their present termination in Chalkstone avenue, near Academy avenue, along said Chalkstone avenue to River avenue.

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No. 257. Resolution to lay water pipes in Plane street.

[Approved May 7, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Plane street, from Lockwood street along said Plane street southerly, about four hundred feet.

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No. 258. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the new High School.

[Approved May 7, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated towards the erection of the new high school building ; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

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No. 259. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Tefft, Crout and Trainor streets.

[Approved May 7, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out the following named streets :

Tefft street, from Atwell's avenue to Spruce street.

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Crout street, from Atwell's avenue to Spruce street.  
Trainor street, from Acorn street to Tefft street.

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No. 260. Resolution for curbing Nichols street.

[Approved May 7, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Nichols street, from Walling street to Nash lane.

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No. 264. Report of the Joint Special Committee on the City Hall, in relation to the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, with accompanying papers and a Minority Report.

[Presented May 7, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall, to whom was referred the mayor's message, dated April 23d, 1877, relative to the aldermen's chamber, by resolution, approved April 26th, 1877, make report :

That they have very carefully considered the matter in all its bearings, and while some members of the committee, concurring in this report, are of the opinion that the main room set apart for the use of the board of aldermen, might originally have been made larger with profit, yet, are of opinion that this room, with its adjuncts—two large rooms immediately connected with it by exceptionally wide doors, coat-room, closet, committee-room, &c.—is quite equal to the demands of the board of aldermen, and the necessary wants and conveniences of the public.

Within the hall will be seats provided for more than twenty

persons, which it is to be presumed will be occupied by city officials and others having business before the board, while the members' lobby, well provided with seats, within easy hearing distance and view of the board, will undoubtedly be open, as in other cities, to tax-payers of either sex, who are summoned before the board of aldermen on business.

Your committee see no reason why the desk of an alderman should be more than four feet four inches from the rail separating the particular portion of the chamber devoted especially to their use, from the public, as it is thought that if a tax-payer wishes to see or speak to an alderman, he will find some way to do so, no matter what the distance may be, and the aldermen of our city have always appeared willing to see their constituents, and listen to their suggestions.

If the sun shining into a room is thought to be at all necessary to the comfort of its occupants, it is believed the officers of the municipal court, who occupy their rooms every day during business hours, and frequently have large numbers of our citizens before them, are quite as much entitled to its benefit as a body whose occupancy of their room will not probably exceed two hours a week.

To use the municipal court for an aldermen's chamber is not thought advisable.

The aldermen's chamber is 34 feet 8 inches by 35 feet 4 inches, and of most admirable proportions, connected for the use of the aldermen and other officials, directly with the members' lobby, coat-room, committee-rooms, city clerk's office, &c. In short, there is direct communication, subject only to such restrictions as the board may impose, from the Dorrance street front, along Washington street to Eddy street, without going at all into the public lobby or corridor.

While the municipal court room is 30 feet 8 inches by 49 feet 2 inches, it is very ill-shaped for the purpose proposed, containing only 320 square feet more room, and of such proportions that it can hardly be utilized, and it is certainly connected with no such essentials for the convenience of the citizens or the members of the board as are the chambers specially built for the purpose.

The room next south of the court room, which has been devoted to other uses, might be used for coat-room, closet and members' lobby; but the members' lobby could only be reached by a long passage through the crowd in the public lobby, and the committee room of the board could only be gained by passing through the public corridor. The whole finely arranged connection of the aldermen's suite of rooms would be lost.

If the convenience of the public and the comfort of the board of aldermen are the objects sought in the proposed change, they certainly cannot be attained by taking the municipal court room for this purpose.

To take this room and the one immediately above it for the aldermen's chamber would seriously disorganize the arrangements for several departments, and it is not believed they could be re-arranged in anything like so convenient and systematic a manner.

The heavy iron beams with the lateral rods tie the walls together the entire length and breadth of the edifice.

These cannot be removed without weakening, more or less, the entire structure. Where the exact line of danger would be in such a work is never determined until too late; but your committee are unwilling to assume any responsibility in this direction.

The recent disaster in the New York post office building, by which several lives were lost, would seem to be sufficient warning, to say the least, that a heavy building of this kind cannot be strengthened by taking away any of its supports.

The windows in the court room were not intended for so high a ceiling, and when the ceiling is raised by taking out the floor above the court room, the symmetry of the room is gone.

The double row of nearly square windows will always seem incongruous, and it must appear to be a room altered to meet an emergency, and not as one specially designed for the use to which it would be devoted.

The projections built into the board of aldermen's room must all be differently arranged.

The room running up through two stories now, a floor would be built into it which would cross the long windows on the Dorrance and Washington street fronts, an architectural feature that could only be justified by an absolute necessity.

The staircase connecting this room with the mayor's offices, designed especially for the use of the mayor, aldermen and other city officials having business with them, which has been conceded by all to be of great utility, would be rendered useless.

In short, the objections to a change appear to be so many and so great, that your committee recommend the city council to adhere to the original plans.

For a more extended treatment of the matter, and an estimate of the cost, the council is referred to the communication of Mr. S. J. F. Thayer, architect, which is appended to and made a part of this report, as is also a communication of the city hall commissioners.

A plan of this floor of the building, from the office of the architect, is herewith submitted.

ABNER J. BARNABY, ADDISON Q. FISHER, HENRY L. PARSONS,	}	Committee.
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Read: whereupon it is Resolved, that the foregoing report be adopted.

Passed In Common Council, May 7, 1877.

In Board of Aldermen. May 10, 1877.

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COMMUNICATION FROM SAMUEL J. F. THAYER, ARCHITECT.

BOSTON, April 26th, 1877.

ABNER J. BARNABY, ESQ., CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING NEW CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, R. I. :

Dear Sir : Your favor of the 24th inst., requesting me to carefully consider the subject matter of the mayor's message to the city council, of date April 23d, and relating to a proposed change in location of the aldermen's chamber in the new city hall, is received.

I necessarily refer to the mayor's message, but in the belief that the interests of the building as a public work, are of more commanding consequence

than the opinion of any individual, you will understand that what I say is strictly professional and in due respect.

The general plans of the building were, in 1874, carefully examined, criticised and in some respects modified by the then committee on plans. The three points that came up for consideration were the legislative (the council,) the executive (the mayor and aldermen,) and the departmental business to be transacted in the building. The aldermen's chamber was regarded as one of the most important apartments in the building, and received particular care from the committee. The considerations were, to provide an adequate room for the business of the board, and a reasonable amount of accommodation for those attendant upon it, either as a matter of business, or as spectators. To facilitate the work of the board, specially ample lobbies are provided, outside the chamber proper, where members can consult each other or citizens, both members and citizens having separate lobbies, thus altogether avoiding confusion. The mayor in his message has entirely over-looked these extra and most important adjuncts to the chamber. Deducting the projections, bases of columns and other architectural features of the chamber, the area is 1146 square feet, all available. The public portion varies in width from 8 feet 10 inches to 14 feet, contains 374 square feet, and will accommodate 208 adult persons standing comfortably. The public lobby contains 412 square feet, and the members' lobby the same, each accommodating 229 adults, thus providing for an attendance of 666 without a person inside the rail or bar of the board, and without any interference with other parts of the building.

Inside the bar separate desks are provided for each alderman, and ample room for passage between the chairs and bar. Exceptionally ample provision is made for the mayor and city clerk, and a sufficient passage back of the mayor's seat. The mayor in his message is in error as to these details, and I submit that it is a mere matter of measurement of similar rooms used for similar purposes whether these provisions are not ample. They in all particulars closely approximate the aldermen's chamber in the Boston City Hall, which I have measured carefully. Referring to this building (the Boston City Hall,) allow me to add that the unusual size of the Aldermen's room comes from special considerations, namely, the Boston City Hall being contracted in size by its location, it became necessary to put the aldermen's chamber directly *under* the council chamber, and of necessity being the same in size as the latter, the absurdity of which will appear when you reflect that one body is composed of 14 members and the other of 78.

Notwithstanding the greater size of this room, as compared with that provided in your building, the space given to citizens in attendance is actually less by 35 per cent. ; a fact ascertained by measurement to-day. It is also true that the mayor has given the maximum size of the Boston room (no deductions for columns, etc.,) while in referring to your building he has given the minimum.

Still further referring to the Boston building, I would say that when persons are cited to appear before the board, they are permitted to enter the members' lobby, and as they are called upon come forward to the side of the mayor's desk and present their statement and retire, thus being in the most convenient position to be seen and heard, and to be questioned by the board. This custom could be adopted with perfect convenience in the present arrangement of your building. I am informed that a very small percentage of persons cited ever appear, so that on all ordinary occasions the

board, as well as the citizens, would have the most reasonable, proper and commodious facilities for the transaction of their business.

On the foregoing considerations I submit to the committee that the accommodations of the board are ample, and that inconveniences that occur now on account of the present limited quarters of the board will be entirely obviated in the new building, not only from the sufficient size, but from the special adaptation of the chamber.

But in addition, there are other points of convenience for your consideration. The whole building is carefully planned with reference to the work to be done. To illustrate : The whole executive business of the city government is located in rooms stretching along Washington street ; the aldermen's chamber, the mayor's suite, the police, the city clerk, etc., all have means of private intercommunication on the most important business floors of the building that by the proposed change will be destroyed. Up to this moment these points have been considered by all interested and casual observers as of great merit. Beside this destruction, the disturbance of the whole building would be so great as to certainly involve many other changes to even approximate the convenience already reached, and which your committee on assignment of rooms unanimously agreed to.

The room now proposed in the mayor's message to be appropriated for the aldermen, is occupied on the second floor by the municipal court room, and clerk of the same, together with the largest apartment given to the engineering department on the third floor ; when finished it would afford 1470 square feet, or 27 per cent. more than the present room, but being rectangular in shape, (30 feet 8 inches by 49 feet 2 inches) cannot be as practically arranged for convenience as a square room such as we have provided, so that the additional area gained would be largely lost by the more unfavorable shape of the room. I think fair lobbies might be got, necessarily, however, at still further loss of room already assigned, but no member or officer could reach either the members' lobby or the inside of the bar without passing through the crowd, (if any.) The business of the board could not, by any possibility, be transacted in as orderly, dignified or convenient manner as in the present arrangement, for the reason that the adjuncts cannot here be arranged as completely, except by changes so total as to be unreasonable to expect.

Referring to the cost involved, my judgment is that it would amount to, (including destruction of work already done,) \$10,000 to \$12,000, but it is a very difficult matter to more than approximate, from the fact that we cannot predict precisely the disturbance made or contingent work to be done. I think that the interests of the city would not materially suffer on account of breaking any contract ; the contracts being so framed as to provide for changes, leaving such matters within the control of the commissioners, although some additional sum must be allowed for this.

I now reach another part of the argument against this change ; the architectural view of the matter. I do not put it first because the utility of the building is paramount, but this should not be neglected. The only apartments in the building that are distinguished by their size or height are the council and aldermen's chambers. For purposes of general convenience first they were located on the second floor on the principal front. A little study of the building will show that they form important elements in the design of the structure. The height of the windows, the arrangements of the columns, the springing line of the circles, the treatment of the impost order ;

in fact the whole composition, centre and pavilions, has its motive in the fact that these important and magnificent rooms are located on its principal front.

The shifting of any of the minor rooms would not so materially affect the matter, but to make this change would destroy the architectural consistency of the building, and cause any man of taste, judging without a knowledge of the facts, to wonder at the utter stupidity of its builders.

I beg to assure you that I am not at all sentimental in this matter. On the most practical grounds, I believe the change undesirable, and am confident that if the committee will investigate the subject by visiting similar buildings, they will confirm the judgment of the committee of 1874 and the later committee on assignment.

I am respectfully yours,  
SAMUEL F. THAYER, Architect.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS,  
No. 5 What Cheer Building, Market Square, }  
Providence, R. I., April 30, 1877. }

ABNER J. BARNABY, ESQ., CHAIRMAN, &C. :

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., addressed to this commission, on the proposed change of the aldermen's room in the new city hall, asking for the conclusions of the commissioners on the subject, I am instructed to say that the commissioners consider the change to be undesirable—the expense they believe will be much larger than is supposed by those who favor such a change—the original symmetry of the rooms will be lost, to a great degree—and in a change so important as this, in the judgment of the commissioners, there is more or less danger that the strength of the building may be impaired.

Very respectfully,

D. W. VAUGHAN, Clerk.

MINORITY REPORT.

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

The undersigned of the joint special committee appointed to procure furniture for the new city hall, which was directed by the city council to inquire into the propriety of a change in the location of the aldermen's chamber with the cost thereof, differing from the majority of the committee in the conclusions to which they have arrived in regard to the matter referred, make this report.

The question presented for consideration is, whether the room in the new city hall, intended to be used for the meetings

of the board of aldermen, is of sufficient size to answer the purpose for which it was intended, and if not, whether there is a room now assigned to another department, which can be taken for the use of the aldermen without incurring too great an expense, or without materially inconveniencing that department.

The majority of the committee having decided to recommend to the city council that no alteration be made in the plans as now existing, thereby virtually declare that the chamber is large enough for the meetings of the board,—although a motion in committee to that effect was refused a passage, or they declare that the expense of the change is too great to be ordered by the city council.

One of these two propositions must be conceded, or otherwise consistency will require that the alteration shall be ordered.

It was the desire of the minority of the committee that the members of the city council should be invited to examine the premises before the report of the committee was presented, or if this was not done, that the report should contain a recommendation for such a visit to be made before final action was had thereon.

Both of these reasonable propositions were, however, refused a passage, very much to the regret of the minority of the committee, as they were satisfied that the presence of so many persons at one time in the proposed chamber, would have effectually settled all dispute in regard to the fitness of the room for the sessions of the aldermen, and they now earnestly recommend to the city council to visit the city hall officially, before deciding the question at issue.

The minority of the committee have carefully considered all the arguments urged in favor of the original plans, and although the architect, with great ingenuity, shows how, by adopting the mode of transacting business pursued by the aldermen of Boston, the proposed chamber will be ample for the purposes of the aldermen of this city, the minority of the committee remain unchanged in the opinion that the chamber

is altogether too limited for its intended use, and that as it is not designed for the aldermen of Boston, it is of little consequence how business is transacted there.

The "*adjuncts*," so often referred to as of such great importance in connection with the chamber, are simply two adjoining lobbies, separated from the chamber by brick walls, three feet in thickness ; one of these receives its light from the main corridor of the building, and the door into the aldermen's chamber, while the other has windows opening on Washington street. Persons in attendance upon the sessions of the board, who cannot obtain entrance to the chamber, are expected to remain in these lobbies with such knowledge of the proceedings of the board as they may be able to obtain through the open doors.

The value of these "*adjuncts*" depends upon the fact that the doors of the aldermen's chamber must always be kept open when the board is in session, and that the citizens in attendance upon the board will be satisfied to remain where they can see nothing of what is transpiring inside, and hear but little, unless it may be by the time the building is completed, Prof. Bell will have so far perfected his telephone as that the apparatus may be placed in the chamber, and then not only the "*adjuncts*," but other rooms in the building not yet assigned, being connected therewith, a much larger number of citizens may know what is said by their representatives.

It may be well to consider whether the persons in these "*adjuncts*" will not be likely to crowd as near to the doors as possible, and if so, whether ingress to or egress from the chamber will be at such times either easy or agreeable, and in fact, whether such a condition of things is desirable, when it can be easily avoided.

The room proposed to be substituted for the one originally designed, affords more space within the bar for the members and more room without the bar for persons in attendance, while the main corridor of the building will give as ample and desirable standing room for the public who cannot gain access to the chamber as the "*adjuncts*" of the other chamber. More

than this, access can always be had from within the bar of the aldermen's chamber to the office of the city clerk, or to the ante-rooms of the board, without passing through a crowd, or inconveniencing any one, while the centre door will afford to messengers from the common council, or distinguished guests, an entrance to the chamber, without annoying either the members or spectators. The clerk's office adjoins the new chamber on the north, while the ante-rooms occupy a similar space on the south.

There are but three alterations required to make the proposed room available: first—to remove the floor of the room directly over it: second—to erect a floor in the present aldermen's room on a level with the floor of the third story; and third—to remove that portion of the private staircase between the first and second floors, and close the opening where it connects with the second floor.

There are no partitions to be removed, as those designed to divide the various rooms exist only on paper, and the expense of erecting them will be alike in both instances.

In regard to the beams over the municipal court room tying the building together, there are but two of these used as ties, and no one has yet ventured to assert that their removal will seriously injure the building or weaken it in any degree; if, however, the removal of these two iron floor beams will materially weaken the structure, it is not so substantially built as has generally been supposed.

The minimum sum of \$10,000 named by the architect as the cost of the proposed change, the minority of the committee believe to be greatly in excess of a proper estimate; they are confirmed in this view by the opinions of practical builders in this city, who have examined the matter, and for further confirmation thereof they appeal with confidence to the judgment of members of the city council competent to pass upon the question.

Furthermore they have the offer of the party who has done the iron work for the city hall, to take down the iron staircase and fit the iron beams for the new floor, for the sum of eigh-

teen hundred dollars, and as this is by far the heaviest item in the expense of alteration, it is difficult to conceive how a larger sum than five thousand dollars will be required to make the necessary changes in the interior of the building.

The city engineer's department will be better accommodated by the proposed change, and no department will be materially inconvenienced thereby.

Convinced that the building, if finished according to the original plan, will not afford proper facilities for the transaction of the public business, the minority of the committee recommend that the city council adopt the resolutions herewith submitted. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,  
WILLIAM Y. POTTER,  
of the Committee.

Providence, May 7, 1877.

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No. 265. Report in relation to the Harbor  
Improvement.

[Presented May 7, 1877.]

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

The joint standing committee on the harbor, present this partial report of their work, with a sketch of their plans for the future, and recommendations for certain action on the part of the city council.

Immediately upon their appointment, your committee began to investigate what they considered the most important subject entrusted to them, viz.: to devise a plan for the improvement of our harbor, by which the great natural advantages which we possess might be so utilized that the former commercial prosperity of this city would be restored, and indeed, increased in proportion to the city's growth.

They found here a harbor giving such access to the interior

of New England, as no other harbor does, having an entrance from the ocean unsurpassed by that of any harbor on our coast; they found railroad facilities now ample for communication with all parts of New England and the west, and capable of unlimited development; a deposition on the part of enterprising men and corporations to make the best use possible of the meagre advantages for commercial ventures that the present condition of the harbor affords, with an earnest desire among all for far greater accommodations, and our citizens at last fully aroused to a sense of the supreme importance of fostering all maritime enterprises, and determined to aid all reasonable projects for harbor improvements; they found the condition of our harbor most unsatisfactory, for while the city has from time to time, expended considerable sums for dredging, no definite plan for development has ever been adopted, and shoals and flats exist where should be deep water and broad channels; wharf accommodations are insufficient or badly arranged, and the city has no means of properly enforcing its harbor regulations.

Your committee had first to decide upon a location where should begin the work of a liberal, comprehensive and permanent harbor improvement. They have decided to recommend the adoption of a plan suggested by the United States coast survey, urged in previous years by his honor the present mayor and approved by the state harbor commissioners. The portion of the harbor so designated, is that district lying within the established harbor line from Hill's wharf to Sassafras point, on the west side of the harbor. The plan recommended by your committee is in brief as follows: to build a retaining wall from Hill's wharf to Sassafras point, at a distance of six hundred feet west of the harbor line, from which wall the different riparian owners can build pile wharves out to the harbor line. The cost of building this wall will be large, larger than some of the present owners in the rear thereof can afford to pay. In order that this improvement shall accomplish the intended object, the wall must be planned and executed as a whole; therefore your committee recommend that the city

issue its thirty year harbor improvement bonds, for an amount sufficient to pay for this wall; that it be built by the city, and when finished, become the property of the lawful riparian owners; that said owners shall mortgage to the city their estate, both upland and that to be filled in, for an amount sufficient to repay the city the cost of the wall, each in proportion to the amount expended by the city in front of his estate: said mortgages to bear even date, equal interest, and be for the same term as the said harbor bonds. By this means the wall will be built much sooner, and more substantially than if left to become the work of individual owners, and the city will be amply secured for the sums advanced; an area exceeding 3,500,000 square feet, or about ninety acres of available land will be created, where are now only tide-flowed flats, and an extensive and convenient harbor frontage provided.

This plan is identical with that adopted by many foreign and domestic states and cities, and has been the means of creating commodious harbors where none before existed, and of converting whole districts from barren sterility to beauty and usefulness. If adopted by this city, it will be the efficient agency for restoring our lost commerce, and will do more to advance our prosperity than any project that could be devised; and if begun and carried out with a liberal yet careful expenditure, we may confidently expect that the general government will do its full share in the work of widening and deepening the ship channels from the ocean to the harbor.

Your committee are glad to be able to say that the owners of the property along the line of this proposed improvement are heartily in favor of this plan, and are now busy in arranging some disputed questions of boundary lines. The city engineer is preparing plans for said proposed wall, which plans, when completed, will, with detailed estimates of the cost of said structure, be at an early day, submitted to the council, it being impossible from the magnitude of the work, to offer more than an approximate estimate of its cost.

As it is necessary to have legislative authority to issue said bonds and receive said mortgages, your committee recommend

the passage of the accompanying resolution, reminding the council that it retains the option, when in the future, plans and estimate shall be submitted, to issue or refuse to issue said bonds.

Your committee avail themselves of this opportunity to acknowledge their obligations to the state board of harbor commissioners for very valuable advice and suggestions, and for active and hearty co-operation in their plans.

The attention of the city council is hereby directed to the necessity of providing the harbor master with suitable means for enforcing the harbor regulations. His duties call him to all parts of the harbor, and are often such as to require rapid movement and prompt action. The narrowest part of our harbor is most crowded; the steamers that are now using our waters have been much inconvenienced by the obstruction of the channel from Fox point to Sassafras point, by vessels anchored without regard to the harbor regulations. The president of the company owning the large steamers Massachusetts and Rhode Island, whose coming to our port we all hope presages a grand future, and for whose accommodation we ought to provide all reasonable facilities, has requested your committee to secure a more rigid enforcement of the harbor regulations in regard to the anchoring of vessels.

The harbor master reports that he cannot enforce the harbor rules with his present means of locomotion, and your committee fully coincide with his views. His present post of observation is the Point street bridge; his present means of transport about the harbor, a little row boat. He should have means for independent and rapid transit always at his command, and with steam power enough to remove any vessel that may be obstructing the channel, whose captain cannot or will not help himself. This work can be done by a steam launch, similar to those used in other cities, for like purposes, which should be at the harbor master's service, and under the charge of this committee.

They, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, appropriating three thousand dollars for the

purchase of such a boat, and for its running expenses, so far as the same shall be sufficient therefor.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

ARTHUR F. DEXTER, Chairman.

Providence, May 7, 1877.

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No. 266. Resolution to sell the High School estate.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Phillips, Burnham, Tower and Woods, of the common council, with Alderman Persons, be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to sell to the state of Rhode Island, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the high school estate on Benefit street ; with the understanding and agreement that said estate shall be occupied by the state normal school. Possession to be given upon the completion of the new high school building.

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No. 267. Resolution to lease Land and Water power at Pawtuxet.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby instructed to execute a lease for the term of ten years, to Samuel C. Fish & Co., 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 belonging to the city, 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 in advance, to the water commissioners.

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No. 268. Resolution relating to the Bathing Houses.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be directed to take charge of the bathing houses belonging to the city, to put the same in order for use, and on or before the first day of June proximo, to deliver the same to the joint standing committee on the harbor, to be by said committee managed during the bathing season.

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No. 269. Resolution to lay water pipes in Sherburne street.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes along Sherburne street, from Eddy street to a point six hundred feet easterly from said Eddy street.

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No. 270. Resolution appropriating \$30,000 for Paving blocks,

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of granite blocks to replace the cobble stones on streets now badly out of repair; and

and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

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No. 271. Resolution abating \$65.25 from tax of Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers.

[Passed May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to remit or if already paid to refund to the Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers, the sum of sixty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of tax assessed against said association in the year 1876.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

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. 272. Jonathan Chace and others.
  - 273. George B. Harris,
  - 274. Isaac N. Raymond.
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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

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. 275. Joseph A. Brown.  
 276. Isaac M. Sweet.  
 277. Winsor line of Steamers.

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

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No. 278. Election of City Solicitor.

IN COMMON COUNCIL May 3, 1877.

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN May 10, 1877.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

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No. 279. Resolution for curbing Candace street.

[Approved May 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Candace street, from Douglas avenue to Chalkstone avenue.

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No. 280. Resolution for draining the School House land on Point street.

[Approved May 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to

cause catch basins to be constructed at the Point street school lot, and the surface water standing thereon conducted to the privy vaults. The expense thereof to be paid from the appropriations for public buildings.

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No. 281. Resolution appropriating \$35,000 for the Brook Street District.

[Approved May 21, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-five 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 the same.

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No. 285. Report of Joint Special Committee to settle certain claims for building the Police Station on Wickenden street.

[Presented May 21, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee appointed by resolution, approved February 25th, 1875, to cause to be erected upon the lot owned by the city, on the corner of Traverse and Wickenden streets, a building to be occupied by the police and fire departments, respectfully report, that the work was completed about a year since and the building has been occupied by the departments for which it was constructed since about July 1, 1876 ; but in consequence of differences between the contractor and the committee, a settlement was unable to be made without a reference for which the contract provided. Recently the contractor and his assignee have agreed to a compromise of the differences which existed, and as the sum proposed seemed to your committee to be just, they consented to an

agreement which is annexed to the referees' report hereto annexed, and made a part of this report.

The estimated cost of the building alone was...	\$35,727 00
The cost of the building has been.....	\$37,784 17
The cost of furnishing the building was.....	3,006 40
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	\$40,790 57

The amount appropriated by the city council was

For the building.....	\$30,000 00
For furniture.....	3,200 00
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	\$33,200 00

Balance over appropriation..... \$7,590 57

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

CLINTON D. SELLEW, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, May 21, 1877.

PROVIDENCE, May 19th, 1877.

The undersigned, referees in the case of Joshua R. Brown vs. City of Providence, in the matter of a contract for erecting a certain building on Wickenden street for police and other purposes, make the following report, viz. : Several meetings were held at which both parties, were present with papers and counsel, and in consideration of the facts there presented and the further fact of an agreement entered into by both parties, (which said agreement is hereto attached,) the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars is awarded as the amount due from said city of Providence to said Joshua R. Brown: and we, the said undersigned referees, find the said sum of seventy-five hundred dollars to be in full for all claims under the contract and for all extras allowed in the construction of any and all parts of said building, and hereby award the same to said Brown.

The fees of referees, viz. :—the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars to be paid, one-half each by the said Joshua R. Brown, or his assignee, and by the city of Providence.

ROBERT SHERMAN,	} Chosen by the parties.
WM. A. CHAPMAN,	
W. T. BARTON	} Chosen by referees.

WHEREAS a dispute has arisen between the city of Providence and Joshua R. Brown, and his assignee, respecting labor done and materials furnished &c. in the building &c. of the Wickenden street police station, now for the sake of settlement and without further litigation or trouble, we said Joshua R. Brown and George W. Payton, his assignee hereby agree and offer to release and

discharge said city from all claims and demands on account thereof or arising therefrom in full to date, on the payment by said city of seventy-five hundred dollars. We agreeing to pay one-half of the fees of referees appointed to consider and decide upon said claims, viz. : Wm. T. Barton, Robert Sherman and Wm. A. Chapman: and to that end we agree that said referees may find due said Brown and his said assignee representing him, and report to that effect the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars, and that they may decide and declare that the cost of said reference shall be equally divided between the parties to such proceeding.

PROVIDENCE, May 14, 1877. }

Witness to both, }

JAMES A. SEARLE. }

J. R. BROWN,

GEO. W. PAYTON, Assignee.

I hereby agree to the above settlement.

CLINTON D. SELLEW, Chairman Special Committee.

In view of the above settlement, I fully release the city of Providence from all claims.

JAMES A. SEARLE.

No. 286. Resolution adding \$7,600, to the appropriation for the Police Station on Wickenden street.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventy-six hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Wickenden street police station, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 287. Appointment of Assistant City Solicitor with the approval of the Joint Committee on Ordinances.

[Presented May 21, 1877.]

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, May 11, 1877. }

TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON ORDINANCES :

GENTLEMEN :—I have appointed, subject to your approval, Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., of the city of Providence, to the office of assistant city solicitor, under the provisions of sec. 13, of chap. XXXVI of the ordinances.

Yours respectfully

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

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

The joint standing committee of said council on ordinances are in receipt of a communication from the city solicitor of the said city apprising them of the appointment of Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., as assistant city solicitor, under the provisions of sec. 13, of chapter XXXVI of the ordinances, and requesting the approval of your committee. Your committee hereby approve of the appointment of the said Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., to said office.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

ED. S. HOPKINS, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, May 18th, 1877.

No. 288. Resolution appropriating \$10,000. for the new High School on Summer street.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated towards the erection of the new high school building, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 289. Resolution for heating, fencing and furnishing the new High School on Summer street.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee for the erection of the new high school, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the same to be heated, ventilated and furnished, the outbuildings constructed and lot graded and fenced, provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars.

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No. 290. Resolution appropriating \$3,000. for excavating Crystal Lake, at Roger Williams Park.

[Passed May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to complete the excavation of Crystal lake, in Roger Williams Park, and make culvert, dam and other improvements around the lake for the public accommodation: said sum to be expended under the direction of the joint committee on parks.

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No. 291. Resolution to pay the City Officers for services in May.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants, and also the license commissioners, for services rendered during the month of May, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

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No. 292. Resolution to pay the Police for duty in May.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of May, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

No. 293. Resolution to pay assistant in the office of  
City Clerk.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Arthur L. Brown, the sum of two hundred ninety-one dollars and sixty seven cents, in full for services as assistant in the office of the city clerk, from January 1, to May 31, 1877, inclusive : to be paid from the appropriation for salaries.

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No. 294. Resolution to pay Mary G. Pierce \$100.  
for damages caused by water.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Mary G. Pierce the sum of one hundred dollars, in full settlement of her claim for damages caused by overflow of water upon her estate on Melrose street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 295. Resolution to pay Mrs. George Harris \$15.  
for injuries caused to her estate.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Mrs. George Harris the sum of fifteen dollars in full compensation for injuries to her estate, No. 213 Greenwich street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 296. Resolution relating to the widening of South Main and Crawford streets.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the subject of widening South Main and Crawford streets be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Phillips, Burnham and Brown, of the common council, with Alderman Metcalf, with instructions to report estimates of the cost of the improvements.

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No. 297. Resolution to place a Fire Alarm in the office of the Water Commissioners.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer of the fire department, acting under the direction of the joint committee on the fire department, be and he is hereby authorized to place a fire alarm gong in the office of the water commissioners, No. 35 North Main street, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars : the same to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 298. Resolution to apply for an act relating to assessments for laying out streets.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he hereby is instructed to apply to the general assembly at its next May session, for the passage of the enclosed act, entitled "An act fixing mode of assessments in certain proceedings for opening streets in the city of Providence.

No. 299. Resolution to apply for power to expend money for the Fourth of July

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby instructed to apply to the general assembly at its next May session, for the passage of such legislation as will authorize the city council of the city of Providence to expend in their discretion, such sums of money as they may deem proper for the celebration of the anniversary of American Independence, or other public occasions.

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No. 300. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arch street.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Arch street, from Gilmore street, to connect with sewer in Arch street.

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No. 301. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Roby Parker to raise building at No. 16 Gilmore street, agreeable to her petition.

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No. 302. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to William M. Bailey, to raise building Nos. 234 and 236 Benefit street, pursuant to his petition.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

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

No. 303. Thomas Forsyth, No. 73 Lippitt-street.

304. Frederick Alexander, No. 83 Chestnut street.

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No. 305. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

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

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

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No. 306. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William Han- num 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 eight 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 May 24, 1877.]

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. 307. William Hannum.

308. James McElhanev.

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

## No. 309 Resolution to lay a Sewer in John street.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

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

## No. 310. Report relating to the Salary of the City Engineer.

[Presented May 21, 1877.]

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

The committee on the city engineer's department make this their report.

The salary heretofore paid to the city engineer, has been at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum. The ordinance defining the duties of city engineer, approved March 10, 1877, conferred upon that officer largely increased duties, by the

consolidation of all the engineering for the city, in his department. He also acts as superintendent of the Providence water works, and of sewer construction.

It was not anticipated that this increased duty would be performed at the same rate of compensation as had been heretofore allowed for the service of the city engineer, and the committee, after a full consideration of the matter, have fixed the sum to be paid to the officer under the ordinance, at the rate of five thousand dollars per annum, and unanimously recommended the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, May 21, 1877.

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No. 311. Resolution to pay the City Engineer at the rate of \$5000 per annum.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the city engineer in full compensation for his services since the tenth day of March last, at the rate of five thousand dollars per annum.

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No. 312. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an Act relating to Sewer assessments.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly, for the passage of the following act :

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 313 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE" AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :*

SECTION 1. No tax now assessed and unpaid for the construction of a sewer in any street upon any estate which does not, or some portion of which does not, abut or bound upon such street shall be collected under the provisions of said chapter or of any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, and the city council is hereby authorized by ordinance, resolution or otherwise, under such conditions as it may impose, to refund any tax assessed as aforesaid already paid, to the parties paying the same.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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No. 313. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

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

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

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No. 314. Message from the Mayor relating to the Inspection of Kerosene.

[Presented May 24, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, May 24, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

In the latter part of the last municipal year, the inspector of kerosene was for some time, confined to his house by illness.

At my request the duties of the office were discharged by Henry W. Vaughan, Esq., and during the time he was so acting, I became satisfied that the inspector had not been performing the duties of his office in accordance with law. On his resumption of official duties, I informed him of the conclusions at which I had arrived, all of which he denied, and assured me that he had strictly complied with the provisions of the statute governing his office.

On the assembling in caucus of the present city council, I stated the charges which had been made against the inspector, and also the fact, that in case of a vacancy in the office, there was no authority to appoint a successor, and in my inaugural address on the first of January of the present year, the attention of the city council was called to this defect in the law, and the suggestion was made that the general assembly should be requested to provide a remedy therefor.

No attention was given to this suggestion, and Mr. George A. Cole was re-elected inspector of kerosene.

A short time prior to my own recent illness, I became satisfied that the inspector had resumed his former mode of performing his duties, and directions were given to obtain proof thereof.

From the evidence in my possession, I am prepared to show, that the inspector does not conform to the requirements of the statute, in relation to "the inspection, sale and keeping of inflammable and explosive fluids," in that he affixes his official brand to barrels of kerosene as standing at a certain fire test, the contents of which he does not know and has not tested, thereby recklessly endangering life and property.

A proof of the manner in which inspections have been made, is the explosion on the 17th instant, of a kerosene lamp while suspended from the ceiling of a place of business in this city. The lamp was filled with oil taken from a barrel bearing the official brand of the inspector of kerosene of this city, giving a fire test of 120 degrees.

A sample of the same oil was tested by Prof. John H. Appleton, of Brown University, who reported thereon as follows :

"I have carefully tested the oil, and find it to flash freely at 80° Fahrenheit. The oil continues to give off combustible vapors freely as the temperature rises, until at 100° Fahrenheit the oil itself takes fire and burns."

The purchasers of kerosene oil rely upon the official brand as their security against accident from this most dangerous article of daily use, and that a sworn officer should so violate the trust reposed in him, as to permit his brand to be placed upon such an article as the test of Prof. Appleton proves it to be, calls for the enforcement of the severest penalty which can be imposed upon the officer.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 315. Resolution referring the above Message to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated May 24, 1877, in relation to the manner in which the inspector of kerosene has performed the duties of his office, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Aldermen Spicer and Spencer, with Messrs. Green, Steere, Butler, Burnham and Crossley, of the common council, to examine and report thereon, and with power to send for persons and papers and to administer oaths.

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No. 316. Resolution relating to the City Debt created by the Brook street District.

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the city debt are hereby instructed to report a plan for funding or otherwise carrying the debt created by payments made and to be made, for and on account of the tract of land known as the Brook street district.

No. 317. An Ordinance providing for the issue of notes for the new High School building,  
[Chapter 97.]

[Approved May 24, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city treasurer, under the direction of the committee on the city debt, is hereby authorized to issue the negotiable promissory notes of the city, signed by him, and countersigned by the mayor and the chairman of the committee on finance, in an amount of not less than one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the payment of the costs and contingent expenses of the new high school building, and payable in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, or ten years from the date of issue thereof, respectively; provided that said notes shall be so issued that no greater sum than twenty thousand dollars shall be due and payable in any one fiscal year.

SEC. 2. The city council shall annually appropriate, from the sum received from the annual tax, a sum sufficient to pay the principal of the notes maturing hereunder, and the interest due on all the notes issued in accordance herewith, as the same may become due and payable.

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IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 4, 1877.

The following officers are elected:—

Assessor of Taxes for the term of three years,

James C. Hidden.

Water Commissioner, for three years from July 1, 1877.

Nathaniel F. Potter.

Surveyor and corder of wood,

Theodore M. Read.

No. 319. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive a Gangway.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive as a public highway, the gangway from Custom House street to Aborn gangway, and between land of Messrs. J. P. Eddy & Co., and Dutee Wilcox and the Bank of North America.

No. 320. Message from the Mayor relating to land of Rufus Sprague, on Richardson street.

[Presented June 4, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, June 4, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Mr. Rufus Sprague, the owner of certain real estate on Richardson street, adjoining land owned by the city, complains that his property is untenable, by reason of the manner in which the city has excavated their land for the purpose of obtaining gravel for the highways.

Mr. Sprague is willing to sell his estate to the city at what he considers to be a very low valuation, and as it contains equally as good gravel as the land already purchased by the city, I recommend that the matter receive the attention of the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 321. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated June 4, 1877, in relation to land owned by Rufus Sprague, on Rich-

ardson street, be referred to the joint committee on highways, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 323. Report relating to the Annual Reports of  
City Auditor and City Treasurer.

[Presented June 4, 1877.]

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, 1876, report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and find the same correct.

For the committee,

CHARLES F. SAMPSON, Chairman.

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No. 324. Report upon the Claim of Robert Arnold.

[Presented June 4, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee appointed by your honorable body, to whom was referred the claim of Robert Arnold, against the city of Providence, for damages to his estate on Barnes street, caused by the construction of the Hope reservoir, respectfully report, that they have examined into the matter of the claim of the said Arnold, and find that the building of the Hope reservoir, and the pressure produced by introducing water therein has cut off the natural subterranean channels through which the spring waters in that locality used to flow, and has caused such waters to back up on the estate of the said Arnold, causing the damage of which he complains. Your

committee further find that water stands under the cellar floor of his house to a depth varying from eight to eighteen inches; and that the house in consequence thereof, is excessively damp and unhealthy, and has been uninhabitable for a year past, and is in need of extensive repairs. The yard from the same cause, is in a bad condition, and the barn standing therein cannot be reached except by passing through a small swamp. Mr. Arnold is willing to accept the sum of \$1,250 in full settlement of all damages, and is willing to bind himself and his successors in title to hold the city harmless from all damages which may occur to the estate from the same cause. Your committee have considered the question of purchasing the estate from Mr. Arnold, but do not deem the same advisable for the reasons that Mr. Arnold's price is a large one, and when bought the estate would be of little or no value to the city. Your committee believing that the interest of the city would be best subserved by paying the above sum of \$1,250 to Mr. Arnold, upon his executing instruments satisfactory to the city solicitor, releasing the city from all claims for past or future damage to said estate, arising from the cause above mentioned, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

SILAS A. SWEET, Chairman.  
CHARLES H. BARTLETT,  
J. C. B. WOODS,  
WILLIAM SPENCER.

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No. 325. Resolution to pay Robert Arnold \$1,250.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Robert Arnold, the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, in full for all claims for damages which have occurred or may occur from the same cause, to his estate on Barnes street, in consequence of the construction of the Hope reservoir, whenever he shall execute such instruments

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as shall be satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for water works.

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No. 326. Report on the sale of the High School estate.

[Presented June 4, 1877.]

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution to sell the High school estate on Benefit street, respectfully report that they have agreed with the committee representing the state of Rhode Island upon the terms of sale; and your committee will file with the city auditor the contract duly signed by the mayor, chairman of the special committee, and the chairman of the committee representing the state.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE R. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

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No. 327. Resolution relating to Vacation Schools.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to establish eight vacation schools, for the support of which sixteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 328. Resolutions relating to School House on Smith's Hill.

[Passed June 4, 1877.]

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 Smith's hill grammar school building to be fitted up for primary and intermediate school purposes.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect: to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 329. Resolution authorizing the Committee on Kerosene Inspection to expend \$200.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the chairman of the joint special committee on the inspection of kerosene, is hereby authorized, acting under the direction of the said committee, to expend in experiments and examinations by technical experts, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, and that the said sum shall be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 330. Resolution to pay the Judge of Municipal Court.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the judge of the municipal court, in full compensation for services rendered since the first day of January last, at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, and to be charged to the appropriation for salaries.

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No. 331. Resolution to pay Robert R. and Anne F. Stafford \$150 for damage caused by flooding.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Robert R. and Anne F. Stafford, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being in full for all damages sustained

by the overflow of the Washington street sewer, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 332. Resolution to pay Cornelia E. Green and Samuel G. Arnold for use of land.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay to Mrs. Cornelia E. Green and Mr. Samuel G. Arnold, the sum of fifty dollars each, in full payment for use of land on the south side of Atwell's avenue, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

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No. 333. Resolution to pay for Sprinkling Exchange Place.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars per week be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid to Yetter & Wack, from and after May 20th, 1877, and until October 1st, 1877, 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.

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No. 334. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Chalkstone avenue.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Chalkstone avenue, from River avenue, eight hundred and fifty feet easterly,

No. 335. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Dahlia street.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Dahlia street, from Cranston street, five hundred feet easterly.

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No. 336. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Plane street.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Plane street, from Thurber avenue to Pavilion avenue.

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No. 337. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Seymour street.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Seymour street, from Eddy street to the westerly termination of said Seymour street.

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No. 338. Resolution to lay Water Pipe in Stampers street.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to extend the water pipe in Stampers street from its present termination in said street to a point two hundred and fifty feet northerly.

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No. 339. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Gilmore street.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Gilmore street, from the summit in said street southerly to Arch street.

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No. 340. Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to J. H. C. Gray to raise a certain building, located at No. 100 Colfax street, pursuant to his petition.

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No. 341. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Lyman 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.

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

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No. 342. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Clemence and Peck streets.

[Approved June 4, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out the following streets, viz. :

Clemence street, from Westminster street to Broad street.

Peck street, from Weybosset street to Dyer street.

No. 343. Resolution relating to plans for sewers in the Brook street District.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and are hereby requested to report to the city council at an early day, plans for and estimates of cost of sewerage that part of the Brook street district lying east of Ives street.

No. 344. Resolution to employ the poor in grading Gano street.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby authorized to give employment to such persons as may be recommended to them by the overseer of the poor, and upon the same terms as are specified in joint resolution No. 214, approved April 19, 1877, in bringing to grade Gano street, from Pitman street southerly: provided the abutters shall agree to make no claim for damage caused thereby, and provided, the expense shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, and that the same be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 345. Message from the Mayor relating to the sidewalks in Olney street.

[Presented May 31, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, May 31, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By a resolution of the city council, approved October 28, 1874, the highway commissioners were directed to cause the

sidewalk on the south side of Olney street, between North Main street and Prospect street, to be made of an uniform width of nine feet.

The commissioners are now ready to proceed with the work, but they deem it inexpedient to execute the order of the city council in this respect.

The present sidewalk on the south side of Olney street varies in width from seven feet at North Main street to fifteen feet at Pratt street, while it is but twelve feet at Prospect street and the roadway is of an uniform width of twenty-four feet. If the order of the city council is carried into effect, the roadway and gutters will present a very singular appearance, while the steep grade of the street demands that the gutters should be laid in a straight line.

The catch-basins for the sewers have been built in solid rock, and if removed to the proposed line of sidewalk, a heavy expense must be incurred, which seems to be unnecessary, while at North Main street, the width of roadway ought not to be reduced, but the widening thereof would be a decided advantage.

The city engineer and highway commissioners concur in the opinion, that the portion of the resolution above referred to, should be rescinded, and I therefore recommend that favorable action thereon be at once taken by the city council

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 346. Resolution relating to the width of the sidewalks in Olney street.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the resolution approved October 28, 1874, as requires the sidewalks on Olney street to be made of the uniform width of nine feet, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

No. 347. Resolution to lay water pipes in Brook street.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Brook street, from Pike street to India street.

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No. 348. Resolution transferring \$1,800. to appropriation for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eighteen hundred dollars be 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 improvement of Roger Williams park.

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No. 349. Resolution to lay a Sewer in a portion of Brook street District.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby ordered to cause main drains or common sewers to be constructed in the streets of that portion of the Brook street district lying east of Ives street, with such extensions thereof as may be necessary to make proper connections with other sewers: the cost of said construction to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

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No. 351. To extend Hospitalities of the city to the Grand Army of the Republic and other organizations.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Hayward and Wilcox, of the board of aldermen, and Messrs. Phillips, Dexter, Burnham, Smith and Aldrich, of the common council, be and they are hereby appointed a committee of reception to extend the hospitalities of the city to the association of the Grand Army of the Republic and other associations expected to visit the city of Providence during the last week of June.

RESOLVED, That said committee are further authorized to arrange for a celebration of the coming fourth of July, provided that the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof, as may be needed, shall be expended for such reception and the celebration of the fourth of July.

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No. 352. Resolution for sprinkling Wickenden street.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the Brook street district be and they hereby are instructed to water Wickenden street between Brook and Governor street, while the teams are at work for the committee on that district.

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No. 353. Resolution appropriating \$500. for Bath Houses.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under

the direction of the joint standing committee on the harbor, to pay the running expenses of the city bath houses, for the season of 1877.

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No. 354. Resolution to pay the City Officers &c., for services in June.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants, and also the license commissioners, for services rendered during the month of June, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

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No. 355. Resolution authorizing City Hall Commissioners to contract for wire netting, without advertising.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners are hereby authorized to contract without advertising for proposals, for the wire netting to be used as a preparation of the ceilings in the new city hall; provided the cost shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand dollars.

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No. 356. Resolution to fit up room in school house on Benefit street.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to cause one of the unoccupied rooms on the third floor of the

Benefit street school house to be fitted for intermediate scholars, and that the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for this purpose, is hereby appropriated : to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 357. Resolution relating to the claim of Wm. Grosvenor and family, for Eddy street.

[Approved June 11, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to take up so much of the report of a special committee, made March 15, 1877, as refers to our claim on Eddy street, and that you appoint a further committee to consider and settle the same, and thereby enabling us, if possible, to withdraw the case from litigation in court.

WM. GROSVENOR, JR.,  
ROBT. GROSVENOR,  
WM. GROSVENOR, for self and  
JAS B. M. GROSVENOR,  
ALICE G. MASON,  
ROSA ANNE GROSVENOR.

PROVIDENCE, June 1, 1877.

RESOLVED, That the petition of William Grosvenor and family, in the matter of their claim on Eddy street, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Pierce, Brown and Westcott of the common council, with Alderman Spicer, to examine and report thereon.

No. 362. Report relating to claim of Mrs. George Harris.

[Presented June 11, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The joint standing committee on city property to whom on May 21st, 1877, was referred so much of the petition of Mrs.

George Harris, as relates to snow guards on the roof, respectfully report, that if possible, the building in question will be so protected that a repetition of this accident will be prevented.

GEO. R. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

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No. 363. Report on sale of buildings on Richardson street.

[Presented June 11, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The joint standing committee on city property, who by a resolution approved July 10, 1876, were authorized to dispose of the houses belonging to the city of Providence, in the Richardson street district, respectfully report, that on the 24th day of November, 1876, houses Nos. 43 and 45 were sold to Patrick Collins, for the sum of six hundred dollars each, house No. 60, was purchased by Thomas P. Cole, for four hundred and fifty dollars. May 4th, 1877, the two remaining buildings were sold to Charles Medbury, and Thomas Wyatt, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars : making the amount received for this property, exclusive of the real estate, the sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars : all of which has been paid into the city treasury.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of said committee,

GEO. R. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

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No. 364. Resolution in relation to tenure of lots in North Burial Ground.

[Presented June 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances be and they hereby are instructed to ascertain and re-

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port to the city council, the tenure upon which the lots in north burial ground are now held, and to further recommend any action they may deem advisable in the premises.

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No. 365. Resolution transferring \$17,000. to the appropriation for the city engineer's department.

[Approved June 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies, to the appropriation for the city engineer's department.

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No. 366. Resolution to pay Aldermen and Councilmen.

[Approved July 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the members of the board of aldermen and common council, for services rendered during the quarter ending July 2, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid during the last municipal year.

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No. 368. Resolution to lay water pipes in Transit street.

[Approved July 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Transit street, from Governor street to Ives street.

No. 371. Report upon furnishing the Police Station  
on Martin street.

[Presented July 2, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The joint standing committee on city property, who by resolution approved Feb. 5th. 1877, were directed to cause the Martin street police station to be heated, furnished, drained, graded and fenced, would respectfully report, that they have completed the duty assigned them, and herewith submit the following statement of expenditures:

For heating, including coal and salary of janitor,	\$1,483 68
For furniture including carpeting, door and call- bells, speaking tubes &c.,	1,750 50
For gas fixtures,	205 15
For drainage and grading,	253 30
For fencing,	276 33
Total,	\$3,968 96
Whole amount of appropriations,	-\$4,100 00
Balance unexpended,	131 04

Respectfully submitted by the committee on city property.

GEORGE R. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

No. 372.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COL-  
LECTION OF A TAX UPON THE REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE  
IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE. [CHAPTER 98.]

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council hereby orders the assessment and collection of a tax on real and personal estates of one dollar and forty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of the value thereof.

SEC. 2. The board of assessors shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property in said city, on or before the thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1877, according to law, and conformably to the rules and regulations of the city council.

SEC. 3. Said tax shall be paid to and collected by the city treasurer, on and between the tenth and twenty-seventh days of November, A. D. 1877, inclusive.

SEC. 4. The city treasurer shall, by advertisement in the public newspapers of the city, notify all persons assessed to pay their respective taxes at his office, on and between the said tenth and twenty-seventh days of November, 1877, inclusive. Said treasurer shall attend daily, during said period, Sundays and Thanksgiving day excepted, at his office from 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock, to receive said taxes.

SEC. 5. All persons who shall not pay their respective taxes during the period aforesaid, shall pay respectively, in addition thereto, a percentage thereon at the rate of eight percentum per annum, from the said tenth day of November.

SEC. 6. The City of Providence hereby assumes the payment to the State of Rhode Island, of said city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1877, and the board of assessors are hereby ordered not to assess said state tax.

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No. 373. Resolution appropriating \$100,000. for the  
City Hall.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

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

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No. 374. Resolution to pay bill of A. R. Whitney  
for extra work on the City Hall.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to A. R. Whitney, the sum of seven thousand

six hundred thirty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents as per bill rendered for extra work on new city hall, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, together with the necessary vouchers: the same to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

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No. 375. Resolution to pay the Police for services in June.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of June 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

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No. 376. Resolution to convey land in the Brook street district to Jane McGarvey.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby directed to convey to Jane McGarvey, a certain lot of land situate in the Brook street district, upon her paying to the city treasurer the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars, bounded and described as follows, viz.: commencing at northerly corner of said lot in Gano street, at a distance of fifty feet southerly from the corner of said street and Bower street, thence southerly on said Gano street fifty feet, thence westerly at an angle of ninety degrees one hundred and ten feet to line of an unnamed street; thence northerly on said unnamed street fifty feet; thence easterly one hundred and ten feet to the above named first point.

The above named four hundred and twenty-five dollars by her to be paid, is in full for any betterments to said lot under the Brook street district act, for the grading, draining and making the streets of said district.

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No. 377. Resolution for repairs on certain School Houses.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to cause the Beacon, Elm and Hospital street schools to be shingled and generally repaired; also to generally repair the Greenwich and Thayer street grammar schools, and repair and whiten walls and ceilings: and that the sum of sixteen hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purposes, is hereby appropriated; to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 378. Resolution permitting the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to lay a switch in India street.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be, and is hereby granted the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to insert a switch and curve in main railroad track on India street, to connect with rails on wharf of John R. White & Son. The same to be done under direction of the joint standing committee on railroads.

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No. 379. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Taylor street.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Taylor street, from Dora street to the south side of Wesleyan avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 380. Resolution to re-set the curbing on  
Clemence street.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set and the street repaved in such a manner as will make the roadway wide enough for two carriages to pass each other, on Clemence street, from Westminster street to Washington street.

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No. 381. Resolution to pay Thomas Welsh, \$500. for  
damages.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Thomas Welsh, the sum of five hundred dollars, being in full for all damages to his estate on East street caused by the employés of the city, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 382. Resolution abating charge against  
J. T. Thornton.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to abate the charge against J. T. Thornton for occupying the streets of the city in removing building from the corner of Traverse and Pike streets.

No. 383. Resolution abating \$142.10 from tax of Job  
Wilbur.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to remit or if already paid, to refund to Job Wilbur, the sum of one hundred and forty-two dollars and ten cents being the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed in the year 1876.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

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

- No. 384. Margaret Burns, No. 32 Dodge street.
- 385. John W. Field, 2d. No. 1032 Eddy street.
- 386. Sebastian Gast, No. 44 Jewett street.
- 387. Charles W. Perry, corner of Willow and Messer streets.
- 388. Thomas Ryan, No. 22 Fremont street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

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

- No. 389. Frederick J. Clarke.
- 390. William Davidson.
- 391. Daniel S. Hazard.
- 392. John McGuiness.

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 Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

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. 393. John O'Connor.

394. William Lindsay.

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

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 No. 395. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved July 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission is hereby granted to Richard Barry to remove a certain two story wooden building from its present location on Ann street to the rear of lot at corner of Bower and Governor streets. Said building to be moved through Coles, East and Wickenden streets, and is to be used as a dwelling.

Said Barry to pay five dollars for each and every day that such building shall occupy any public street and shall cause all damages done to telegraph wires to be repaired at his expense, and said building shall be moved through Wickenden street from East street to Governor street, during the night time.

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 No. 396. Resolution to pay William Knowles \$65.25.

[Approved July 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay William Knowles, coroner, the sum of sixty-five dollars and

twenty-five cents, for services and expenses incurred in holding an inquest on the body of Francis McCahey, who was accidentally killed while at work on the new city hall, and who left no estate or property wherewith to pay said sum.

No. 397. Resolution appropriating \$20,000. for New High school.

[Approved July 9, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

No. 398. Message of Mayor, relative to paving Weybosset street.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 9, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called the attention of the highway department to the condition of the roadway on Weybosset street, at the junction of Custom House street, which is in such bad order that horses are frequently falling thereon.

The portion of Weybosset street referred to was paved with wooden blocks at the time the street was widened in front of the custom house, in accordance with an understanding had with the officers of the United States government, that the city should furnish around the building a noiseless pavement. This wooden pavement has become badly decayed, and the highway department has substituted granite blocks where repairs have been necessary, and this is claimed by the occupants of the government building, to be a violation of the above agreement.

An asphalt pavement is being tried in various cities, which is claimed to be superior to granite blocks in many respects, and which, it is said, can be kept in repair at a very slight expense. I suggest that this portion of street offers an excellent opportunity to test the new pavement, and this will meet the wishes of the representatives of the United States government.

Whether this experiment be tried or not, the portion of wooden pavement remaining should be removed at once, and the matter is therefore brought to your attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 399. Resolution referring Message relating to Weybosset street.

[Approved July 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated July 9, 1877, relative to the paving of Weybosset street at the junction of Custom House street, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 400. Message of Mayor relative to paving Atwell's avenue.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 9, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The highway commissioners have called my attention to the large sum annually required to keep in repair that portion of Atwell's avenue between Knight street and Harris avenue, and they urge as a remedy therefor, that this portion of the street be paved.

For several years this section of street has been badly washed by every heavy rain, and I recommend in order to

prevent farther damage thereto, that the highway commissioners be authorized to pave with granite blocks that part of Atwell's avenue, between the points above designated, and that the work be done at once.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 401. Resolution referring Message relating to paving Atwell's avenue.

[Approved July 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated July 9, 1877 relative to paving with granite blocks that portion of Atwell's avenue between Knight street and Harris avenue, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 402. Message of Mayor relative to water for public urinals.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 9, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

By resolution, No. 546, approved September 28, 1876, the committee were directed to purchase and locate four iron urinals for public use, three of which were opened for use some months since. Sanitary reasons require that each of these should have a supply of water from the water department, and this has been furnished up to this time, but the bills therefor remain unpaid.

I recommend that authority be given to the health department to pay for the water already used and that which may be hereafter required for all public urinals.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 403. Resolution to pay for water used in public urinals.

[Approved July 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be authorized to pay for the water already used in the public urinals of this city, and for such supply as may be necessary hereafter : the same to be charged to the appropriation for health.

No. 404. Message of Mayor relating to water for Fountain in Prospect Terrace.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 9, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A member of the common council has, at his own expense, placed a very handsome fountain in Prospect Terrace, which at my direction, has been supplied with water by the water department.

I recommend that the department of public parks be authorized to pay for the water thus far furnished to this fountain, and also for the future supply therefor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 405. Resolution to pay for water for Fountain in Prospect Terrace.

[Approved July 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on parks be authorized to pay for the water heretofore furnished to the fountain in Prospect Terrace, and also for such supply as may hereafter be necessary: to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

No. 406. Resolution for curbing Wesleyan avenue.

[Approved July 12, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Wesleyan avenue, from Broad street to Taylor street.

No. 407. Resolution to lay a sewer in Vernon and Battey streets.

[Approved July 12, 1877.]

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

No. 408.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FOR THE YEAR ENSUING THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1877. [CHAPTER XCIX.]

[Passed in Common Council, July 9, 1877.]

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, July 12, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows :*

SECTION 1. The salaries to be paid to the officers and teachers of the public schools, for the year ensuing the first Monday in September, 1877, shall be fixed by the school committee at not exceeding the following rates per annum.

The salaries of the teachers shall be paid in ten instalments, one to be paid to each of said teachers on or before the seventh day of each month, from October to July inclusive.

To the superintendent of public schools, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in quarterly instalments,

To the teacher in the classical department of the high school, twenty two hundred dollars.

To the teacher in the English department, twenty two hundred dollars.

To the assistant teacher in the English department, twelve hundred dollars.

To the assistant teacher in the classical department, twelve hundred dollars.

To the teacher of the junior class of boys, two thousand dollars.

To the teacher of the senior class of girls, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the teacher of the middle class, eleven hundred and fifty dollars.

To two teachers of the junior class, first division, each nine hundred and fifty dollars.

To the teachers of the other divisions of the junior class, each eight hundred dollars.

To the assistants in the junior class, first and second divisions, each six hundred dollars.

To each principal in the grammar schools, two thousand dollars.

To the assistants in the grammar schools, as follows :

To the first assistant, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

To the second grade of assistants, six hundred and fifty dollars.

To all other assistants, six hundred dollars.

To each principal in the intermediate schools, four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

To each assistant in the intermediate schools, four hundred and twenty five dollars.

To each principal in the primary schools, four hundred and twenty-five dollars.

To each assistant teacher in the primary schools, who has served one year, four hundred dollars.

To all teachers in the intermediate and primary schools, who have taught in our public schools, for the space of three years continuously, five hundred and seventy-five dollars.

To all other assistant teachers in the primary schools, each three hundred and fifty dollars.

To one principal teacher of music, eighteen hundred dollars.

To one assistant teacher of music, eight hundred dollars.

To two assistant teachers of music, each six hundred dollars.

To the secretary of the school committee, seven hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in quarterly instalments, provided that the secretary shall hereafter attend daily at his or her office, at least five hours on each school day, and during such hours on Saturday and in vacations, as shall be fixed by the school committee, and perform such other duties as the school committee may require.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

### No. 413. Twelfth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of the Sinking funds.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board March 31, 1877, was,

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$457,383 75
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	172,357 46

Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	39,076	85
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	95,606	37
Of the North Burying ground,	-	-	-	2,555	33
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$766,979	76

The amount on hand June 30, 1877, was,

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$457,627	78
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	172,422	78
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	39,084	18
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	95,774	25
Of the North Burying ground,	-	-	-	2,564	70
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$767,473	69

The increase in the several funds has been,

In the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$244	03
In the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	65	32
In the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	7	33
In the water loan,	-	-	-	167	88
In the North Burying ground,	-	-	-	9	37
Whole increase,	-	-	-	\$493	93

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE,  
Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, July 9, 1877.

#### No. 414. Quarterly Report of Joint Committee on the Brook street District.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

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

GENTLEMEN:—The joint special committee on the Brook street district present this their second quarterly report of receipts and expenditures:

The amount received for rents during the quarter ending June 30, 1877 is.....	\$5,652 99
The amount received for sale of buildings, &c..	383 44
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Total receipts.....	\$6,036 43

The amount of approved bills and drafts on the city treasurer is as follows :

For salaries, - - - - -	\$300 00
For repairs, carpenters, masons and plumbers,	231 31
For grading land, - - - - -	14,036 75
For repairs, hardware and lumber, - - - - -	238 32
For cleaning privies and cess-pools. - - - - -	68 00
For papering and painting, - - - - -	141 07
For land and buildings, - - - - -	34,860 31
For water, - - - - -	7 00
For removing, raising and re-locating buildings, -	3,859 12
For sundries, stationery, printing, advertising, &c.,	72 30
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Total expenditures, - - - - -	-\$53,814 18

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, July 7th, 1877.

No. 415. Report of Committee on reception of Grand Army of the Republic, and celebration of the Fourth of July.

[Presented July 9, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee of the city of Providence appointed June 11, to make arrangements for the reception of the Grand Army of the Republic and other military guests, and for the celebration of the fourth of July, A. D. 1877, respectfully report that they have attended to the duties assigned



Amount appropriated,	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,000 00
Expended reception military guests,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,437 42
“ Celebration of the 4th of July,	-	-	-	-	-	1,455 85
						<u>4,893 27</u>
Balance, -	-	-	-	-	-	\$106 73

For the committee,

GEORGE R. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, July 9th, 1877.

No. 416. Resolution adding \$18,000. to the appropriation for the Lamp Department.

[Approved July 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eighteen thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the lamp department, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 417. Resolution transferring \$3,000 to appropriation for Public Parks.

[Approved July 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for public parks, and the amount appropriated under resolution No. 290, passed May 24, 1877, is hereby rescinded.

No. 418. Resolution for curbing Pearl street.

[Approved July 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on Pearl street, from Prairie avenue to Plane street.

No. 419. Resolution for curbing Public Street.

[Approved July 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on Public street, from Eddy street to Allen's avenue.

No. 420. Resolution relating to the erection of a building for the Tenth ward.

[Approved July 14, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Brennan, Fenner and White, of the common council, and Messrs. H. S. Smith and Spencer, of the board or aldermen, are hereby appointed a committee to ascertain and report the advisability of erecting a building in the tenth ward, to be used for ward purposes.

No. 421. Message of the Mayor relating to water on Crocker avenue.

[Presented July 12, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 12, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The highway commissioners have brought to my notice the necessity of prompt action by the city council in relation to the proper disposal of the surface water on Crocker avenue, formerly Maiden lane.

It will be remembered that some time since, the track of the Stonington railroad was washed away by the surface water, and the timely discovery of the fact prevented an accident.

The recent storm caused a similar wash out, which occurring in the day time was at once discovered.

The city engineer has prepared a plan for the disposal of this water, which is herewith submitted, and which I recommend be at once adopted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 422. Resolution in relation to disposal of water on Crocker avenue.

[Approved July 16, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer is hereby directed to report a plan for the temporary disposal of the surface water from Crocker avenue.

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No. 423. Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented July 12, 1877.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I. July 12, 1877

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The eleventh quarterly report of the commissioners for building the new city hall is herewith respectfully presented.

There has been an unavoidable delay in the prompt prosecution of the work on the building, occasioned by the city's contemplated change in the assignment of rooms, it having been impracticable for the architect to complete the plans and specifications of the prospective contracts, until the question of the occupancy of the rooms had been decisively settled.

Since the last report, contracts for granite flagging to be laid around the building by the 15th of September next, and for plumbing and gas piping have been awarded and the contracts executed.

The following are the disbursements since the report of the twelfth of April last.

Iron work to A. R. Whitney,	-	-	-	\$25,199 64
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co., Brick, Lime &c.,	-	-	-	460 67
Heating apparatus, Edward Mars,	-	-	-	6,428 82
J. G. Haley, Tile Blocks,	-	-	-	1,617 30
Gallard, Bash & Co., Elevator,	-	-	-	1,500 00
Pay rolls three months,	-	-	-	1,997 67
Granite column,	-	-	-	475 00
S. P. Brown, Superintendent,	-	-	-	500 00
Portland Cement Stone Co.,	-	-	-	2,080 00
Architect,	-	-	-	1,750 00
W. A. Olcott, lightning rods,	-	-	-	750 00
Secretary and clerk's salary,	-	-	-	125 01
Expenses of Commission and Superintendent to New York,	-	-	-	86 00
Office rent and expenses,	-	-	-	160 38
Labor, carting, flag-staff, water account, &c.,	-	-	-	414 52
Total amount of expenditure, last quarter,	-	-	-	\$43,545 01
Total amount of expenditure,	-	-	-	\$592,845 05½
Amount of appropriation,	-	-	-	710,000 00
The unexpended balance,	-	-	-	117,154 94½

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. R. MOWRY,	} City Hall Commissioners.
HENRY G. RUSSELL,	
W. M. BAILEY,	

No. 424. Resolution for curbing Oak street.

[Approved July 16, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters, paved on Oak street, from Messer street to Norfolk street.

No. 425. Resolution accepting gift of Robert Eccles to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved July 16, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Robert Eccles, of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to the commissioners of the

north burial ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot conveyed to the heirs of Caleb Chace, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, and that the same be called the Robert Eccles fund.

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No. 426. Resolution appointing a joint special committee upon the claim of James G. Batterson.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the bill of James G. Batterson, for extra granite work on city hall, together with reports of committees on accounts and claims, the opinion of the city solicitor, presented by the committee on claims, on said bill, with any and all papers, pertaining to it, now in possession of the city council, be and they are hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Peirce, A. J. Barnaby and Hopkins of the common council with Aldermen Metcalf and Spicer to examine into and to report to the city council all the facts relative to same.

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No. 427. Resolution relating to erecting a Cottage at Roger Williams Park.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks be hereby directed to ascertain and report to the city-council, upon what terms and conditions a suitable cottage containing refreshment and reception rooms, can be erected in Roger Williams park: the same to be built without cost to the city.

No. 428. Resolution to pay the City Officers and License Commissioners for the month of July.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants and also the license commissioners, for services rendered during the month of July, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

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No. 429. Resolution to concrete yard, and provide drainage at School house on Sabin street.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to cause such portions of the yard at the Sabin street school building as may be necessary, to be concreted, and to make provision for conducting the surface water to the gutters in the street: and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby appropriated: to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 430. Resolution for a Urinal on Canal street.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are directed to purchase and locate, near the corner of Canal street and Crossing street bridge, one public urinal, at a cost not to exceed the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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- No. 431. Resolution to move certain buildings on Canal street to the city yard.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and is hereby ordered to remove the buildings now located on the corner of Exchange place and Canal street, to the enclosed portion of the cove lands.

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- No. 432. Resolution to pay bills of the Rhode Island Concrete Co.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay the bills of the Rhode Island Concrete Co., whenever they are presented in accordance with their contract with the city, and are duly certified by the highway commissioners.

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- No. 433. Resolution to lay water pipes in Fruit and Quince Streets.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Fruit street, from Broad street to Orchard street, and in Quince street, from Fruit street to Oxford street.

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- No. 434. Resolution to lay water pipes in Veazie and Vanderwater streets, and in Douglas avenue.

[Approved July 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Veazie street, from Douglas

avenue northerly to its junction with Douglas avenue again, and in Douglas avenue, from Veazie street to Vanderwater street, and in Vanderwater street, from Douglas avenue to a point seven hundred and twenty feet distant.

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No. 435. Resolution to lay water pipes in Fruit street.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Fruit street about one hundred and fifty feet easterly from Prairie avenue, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor.

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No. 436. Resolution to lay a sewer in Friendship street.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

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 the westerly line of the estate of J. C. Fanning to Beacon street.

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No. 437. Resolution to lay a sewer in Greene street.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

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

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No. 438. Resolution relating to applications for Water Pipes.

[Passed July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That all applications for the extension of water pipes shall be made to the water commissioners, who shall, after investigation, transmit said applications, with such facts and opinions as they may deem proper, to the joint committee of the city council on water. Said committee shall consider the matter and report to the city council their recommendation, with all the papers relating to the subject.

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No. 439. Resolution to pay the Police for services in July, 1877.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of July, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

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No. 440. Resolution appropriating \$50,000. for the Brook street District.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

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 authorized to hire the same.

No. 441. Resolution to lay water pipes in Esten street.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Esten street, from Orms street to Smith street, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor.

No. 442. Resolution to lay water pipes in Parsonage street.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Parsonage street, from Point street to Lake street, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor.

No. 443. Resolution to lay water pipes in Linden street.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in Linden street, from Friendship street southeasterly about one hundred feet, and are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor: provided the person wishing a supply of Pawtuxet water shall pay the cost of extra trenching necessary to lay the pipes to the proper grade.

No. 444. Resolution to lay water pipes in certain streets.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in the following streets, and

are hereby authorized to purchase the necessary materials therefor:

Courtland street, from Gesler street to Penn street.

Congdon street, from Halsey street to Hidden street.

Carrington avenue, from East avenue about four hundred feet westerly.

Ford and Diamond streets, from end of pipe in Ford street, to Superior street.

Hardenburg street, from Bailey street to Eaton street.

McKenna street, from Dart street to Whelden street.

Sayles street, from Searle street to French street.

Plane street, from Sayles street to Swan street.

Thurber avenue, from Prairie avenue to Broad street.

West Elmwood avenue, from Daboll street to end of pipe.

Willard street, from end of pipe to Bishop street.

No. 445. Message of the Mayor, in relation to expenditure of money by the City Hall Commission without advertising.

[Presented July 30, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 30, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The ordinance "prescribing the duties of the city hall commission" prohibits the commissioners from employing labor or purchasing materials for the city hall, except by contract, after advertising for proposals therefor.

A considerable amount of work must be done in the construction of such a building, for which contracts cannot be made, without causing great delay, and adding materially to the cost thereof. There are also materials to be purchased from time to time, which must be bought as wanted, and which, if the ordinance is complied with, will also cause delay and great expense.

The commissioners have been compelled to incur some debts in order to carry on the work entrusted to them, and which as yet remain unpaid, because no contract had been previously made therefor, and the families of laborers employed on the city hall, are suffering for the necessaries of life, because the sums due to them cannot be allowed under the ordinance governing the commissioners.

It is very certain that the work upon the building must cease unless authority can be given to the commissioners to employ labor and purchase materials, without contracting therefor, when in the judgment of the commissioners, such a course will be for the best interest of the city.

I earnestly recommend that such authority be at once given by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 446. Resolution appropriating \$10,000. for use of City Hall Commissioners.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

Resolved, that the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the city hall commissioners, the same to be expended in paying for labor and materials required in the construction of the city hall; provided that no expenditure for materials be made at any one time by virtue hereof, exceeding in amount the sum of two hundred dollars.

No. 450. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Debt on issue of notes for the Brook street improvement.

[Presented July 30, 1877.]

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

The joint committee on the city debt, instructed by resolution of the city council approved May 24, 1877, "to report

a plan for funding or otherwise carrying the debt created by payments made and to be made for and on account of the track of land known as the Brook street district," make this their report.

The committee recommend that the sum already expended, and which may be hereafter expended for the purpose of the Brook street district improvement, be provided for by the issue of notes of the city in sums of not less than one thousand dollars each, bearing interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum.

They further recommend that no notes be issued for a shorter time than three years from the date thereof, and that no greater amount than one hundred thousand dollars be made payable in any one year.

The committee also recommend that any premium received for said notes, together with all income from the Brook street district, whether derived from sales of land or materials or otherwise, be paid to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, to be held and applied by them to the payment of the notes issued for the improvement.

The committee deem it proper that the notes should not be made payable sooner than three years, in order that ample time may be afforded for the completion of the work proposed to be done in the district, and that the city may not be forced to make sales of the land except upon such terms as may be advantageous.

An ordinance, approved by the law officer of the city, embodying the views of the committee, is herewith presented, and its passage by the city council is recommended.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, July 30, 1877.

## No. 451.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOTES FOR THE  
BROOK STREET IMPROVEMENT. [CHAPTER C.]

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The city treasurer, under the direction of the committee on the city debt, is hereby authorized to issue negotiable promissory notes of the city, signed by him and countersigned by the mayor and the chairman of the committee on finance, in an amount not less than one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purposes of the payment of the costs of purchase or otherwise taking of land, under the provisions of chapter 314 of the public laws and amendments thereof, and of improving the same, together with contingent expenses of such purchase, taking, or improvement; provided, that the amount of all the notes hereby authorized to be issued from time to time, shall not at any one time, exceed the actual expenditure which has been made out of the city treasury for the purposes aforesaid at the time of such issue, exclusive of all other notes before issued by virtue hereof; provided, also, that no more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in amount of the principal of said notes shall be made due and payable in any one year; and provided further, that none of said notes so issued, shall be due and payable in less than three years from the date thereof, respectively.

SEC. 2. All money derived from the rental or sales of said land, or any part thereof, and all premium on said notes shall be paid over to the board of commissioners of sinking funds by the city treasurer, immediately upon receipt thereof, and shall be held and appropriated by them for the payment of said notes, principal and interest, according to their tenor.

No. 452. Report of the Joint Committee on Police upon the completion of the Police Station on Martin street.

[Presented July 30, 1877.]

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

The joint committee on police who were by Resolution No. 230, series of 1876, directed to erect a police station at the corner of Martin and Ashburton streets, make report of the completion of the building.

The whole cost of the bulding is	-	\$25,290 29
Amount of appropriation	- - -	23,630 92
		<u>\$1,659 37</u>

The principal items causing the extra expenditure over the contracts are as follows:

1. The action of the board of aldermen in changing the grade of surrounding streets after the foundation was commenced, necessitating a larger outlay for materials and labor.

2. Changing the depth of the reveals in the sides of the windows from four to six inches.

3. An extra coat of plaster finish upon a portion of the interior of the building.

4. The addition of one wash bowl.

5. Whitewashing cells and cell room, not included in the contracts.

6. Architect's fees which were not included in the estimates or appropriations.

Amount included in first item,	- - -	\$1,291 01
“ “ “ second “	- - -	35 00
“ “ “ third “	- - -	136 55
“ “ “ fourth “	- - -	26 65
“ “ “ fifth “	- - -	30 00
“ “ “ sixth “	- - -	352 00
Sundry small alterations in carpenter's work,		27 20

\$1,898 41

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, appropriating the sum of sixteen hundred ninety-eight dollars and forty-one cents, to settle balance of bills.

For the committee,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

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No. 453. Resolution transferring \$1,659.37 to the appropriation for the Police Station on Martin street.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixteen hundred fifty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents be and is hereby transferred from the appropriation for the reserved fund to the appropriation for building the Martin street police station.

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No. 454. Resolution to pay the Police for services in August, 1877.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of August, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

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No. 455. Resolution to pay the salaries of the city officers, &c., for August, 1877.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants, and also the license commissioners, for services rendered during the month

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of August, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

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No. 456. Resolution to pay James S. Aborn & Co., \$232.06 for crosswalks.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to James S. Aborn & Co., the sum of two hundred thirty-two dollars and six cents, for concrete crosswalks, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

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No. 457. Resolution to pay Priscilla S. Cory.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay Priscilla S. Cory, such additional sum to what she has already received, as will make her compensation equal to those in similar grade of service, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 458. Resolution to repair and refurnish the School House on Thurber avenue.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction and advice of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is directed to refit and refurnish the three lower rooms, in the Thurber avenue school

building, and to change the furniture from grammar to primary and intermediate sizes, and that the sum of eight hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for this purpose : to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 459. Resolution to repair the school house on Meeting street.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to cause the roof of the Meeting street school house to be straightened and strengthened, the upper portion to be replastered, and such other repairs to be made as will be required to put said building in a safe and serviceable condition : and that the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, is hereby appropriated : to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 461. Resolution to curb Transit street.

(Approved August 2, 1877.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set and the gutters repaved in Transit street, from Benefit street to Brook street.

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No. 462. Resolution to lay water pipes in the Brook street district, east of Ives street.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipes in the streets of that part of the Brook street district east of Ives street.

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No. 463. Resolution to lay water pipes in Dean place.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipes from Dean street through Dean place.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

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

- No. 464. Mary Martin, No. 68 Lippitt street.
  - 465. James Walsh, No. 41 Spring street.
  - 466. Samuel S. Wild, No. 1030 Eddy street.
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No. 467. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved July 30, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Mary M. Ware, 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.

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No. 468. Resolution permitting Thomas Mullen to connect with sewer without expense.

[Approved August 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Thomas Mullen may enter the sewer running through his land without charge, the same to be done under the direction of the water commissioners; and that the

said Thomas Mullen shall not be assessed upon his estate through which said sewer is laid, provided he shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, and in accordance with the report herewith submitted.

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No. 472. Message of the Mayor relating to the  
Monument to Roger Williams.

[Presented August 8, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, August 8, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on parks find that it is necessary to change the location of the proposed monument to Roger Williams, which cannot be done without the consent of the city council. As the contractor for the stone work is ready to put in the foundation, and desirous to proceed therewith at once, a delay until September will subject the city to damages, to avoid which, I have at the request of the committee, convened the city council at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 473. Resolution for locating the Monument to  
Roger Williams.

[Approved August 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to locate and erect the monument to Roger Williams, designed by Franklin Simmons, in Roger Williams park, at some point between Elmwood avenue and a line running north and south through the old Williams house so called.

No. 474. Resolution relating to a Monument to Roger Williams in the Williams Burying Ground.

[Approved August 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be instructed to present to the city council, as soon as practicable, a design for a monument to Roger Williams, to be erected in accordance with the will of Miss Betsy Williams deceased, in that portion of Roger Williams park designated in said will as the Williams burying ground."

No. 475. Report of the Joint Committee on Parks relating to the erection of a Building at Roger Williams Park.

[Presented August 8, 1877.]

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

The joint standing committee on parks, to whom on the 19th day of April 1877, was referred Resolution No. 427, directing them, to ascertain and report to the city council upon what terms and conditions a suitable cottage, containing refreshment and reception rooms, can be erected at Roger Williams park, the same to be built without cost to the city, report : that they advertised in the papers doing the city printing, for proposals for the erection of such a building as described in said resolution. In answer to which advertisement, the committee received a proposal from a perfectly responsible party, embodying the following specifications.

Your committee believe that it will be for the interest of the city that a contract should be made with said party upon the terms of the above mentioned proposal.

They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

By order of the committee.

ARTHUR F. DEXTER, Chairman.

ABSTRACT OF PROPOSALS FOR THE ERECTION OF A BUILDING AT ROGER WILLIAMS PARK, TO CONTAIN RECEPTION ROOMS, REFRESHMENT SALOON, &c.

The parties will erect such a building, to be always kept open and in good order, upon plans to be approved by the committee on parks, and at an expense for building and furnishings, not less than five thousand dollars, nor more than eight thousand dollars, upon the following conditions viz :

1st. That in consideration of this expenditure of money, the parties shall have the right to sell refreshments and such other goods and merchandise as shall be approved by said committee or their successors, provided, however, that the sale of all articles and the conduct of all employes shall be under the supervision of said committee or their successors, and subject to such rules and regulations as said committee on parks or their successors may prescribe, and further provided that no other person, persons, or corporation shall have the right to dispose of any article by sale within the limits of said park, without the consent of the parties making these proposals.

2nd. That the grounds and approaches to said building shall be graded and improved without expense to said parties.

3d. That the location of said building shall be satisfactory to said parties.

4th. That the right to sell, as herein before recited, shall be construed to apply to any and all portions of said park, subject to such restrictions and such regulations as may be prescribed by said committee or their successors, and shall be for the term of five years from the first day of January 1878.

Provided, however, that if at any time within the time named, the city council shall decide to purchase said building and cancel said lease, they may do so by giving said parties ninety day's notice of their intention to do so, and upon payment by them to said parties of the sums expended for said building and furnishings, the said parties will deed to them the said building and appurtenances, and the lease shall thereupon cease and determine.

And further provided, that at the end of said term of five years, if the city council shall determine so to do, they may take said building and appurtenances at an appraisal of their value at the time, to be determined by referees, one to be chosen by the city, one by the parties making these proposals, and the third by the two thus chosen, whose award shall be final and conclusive.

And further provided, that should said city council not elect to take said building within the five years herein named, that the lease shall thereby be continued for a further time of five years upon precisely the same terms and conditions as those above mentioned.

And further provided, that at the expiration of ten years, to wit, the first day of January, A. D. 1888, should the building still remain the property of said parties, they may and shall have the right to remove the same from the limits of said park, provided the same shall be done within ninety days from the expiration of said term of ten years.

And provided, also that said parties may sell or lease said building with the consent of said committee or their successors, and subject to all the conditions of the lease aforesaid.

No. 476. Resolution to contract with the Union Railroad Company for a building in Roger Williams Park.

[Approved August 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they hereby are directed to contract with the Union Railroad Company to build a building in Roger Williams park, without cost to the city, upon the terms set forth in the report of said committee, which accompanies this resolution.

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No. 477. Resolution appropriating \$28,000. for the Police Department.

[Approved August 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars be and is hereby added to the appropriation for the police department, 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. 478. Resolution authorizing the purchase of the Fence around the new City Hall.

[Approved August 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to purchase the board fence now around the new city hall, for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars: the same to be paid from the appropriation to build the new city hall.

## No. 479. Resolution for paving Atwell's avenue.

[Approved August 16, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Atwell's avenue, from Knight street to Harris avenue, to be paved with cobble stones.

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## No. 481. Resolution relating to the bill against the Dyer street Land Company.

[Passed September 3, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to place the bill against the Dyer street Land Company for curbing set adjoining their estate on Dyer, Peck, Friendship and Orange streets, in the hands of the city solicitor for collection.

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## No. 482. Resolution for draining Crocker avenue.

[Approved September 3, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to forthwith cause suitable drainage to be made in Crocker avenue, across the Stonington railroad.

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## No. 483. Resolution appropriating \$20,000. for the High school on Summer street.

[Approved September 3, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

No. 484. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Abbott's lane.

[Approved September 3, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to lay out Abbott's lane, from Knowles street to North Main street.

No. 485. Message of the Mayor relating to the school house on Doyle avenue.

[Presented September 3, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, Sept. 3, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

On the fifth of September, 1876, the grammar school building on Doyle avenue was dedicated to the uses for which it had been erected, and the committee who had superintended its construction surrendered its control to the proper authority.

As this committee have made no formal report to the city council, announcing the completion of their work, the appropriation for the building still remains open upon the books of the city auditor, and is carried forward from month to month, among the special appropriations for incomplected work. For the same reason the committee on city property have declined to assume control of the building, although the superintendent of public buildings has recently, under their advice, made extensive and necessary repairs upon the furnaces therein.

Under these circumstances, I recommend that the city council discharge the building committee from further care of the building.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 489. Report on the joint committee on Parks,  
relating to the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Presented September 3, 1877.]

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

The joint standing committee on parks, in accordance with resolution approved August 11, 1872, make this, a partial report, accompanied by a resolution :

By resolution approved February 19, 1872, a committee was appointed to advertise for plans for a monument to Roger Williams, to be erected in Roger Williams Park. Said committee reported August 12, 1872, recommending certain plans. On October 13, 1873, said committee reported that the cost of the monument, in accordance with such plans, would be about \$25,000. By resolution of October 16, 1873, the joint standing committee on parks was directed to contract with Franklin Simmons for two bronze statues in accordance with his accepted plans. Thus the city became pledged to erect such a monument, including of course, the added cost of suitably preparing that portion of the park where it should be located for its reception, and to secure for it the best and most artistic and picturesque effect. To future councils and committees the duty of carrying out these plans was left by the council that passed the above-mentioned resolutions.

The present committee on parks, but one of whom was upon any of the other committees, have, until within a short time, supposed that the council that directed the contract to be made, had also appropriated the money to pay for the work according to the then estimate of its cost. To their surprise they find this was not done, and that it remains for the present council, by its appropriation, to pay for the work ordered by its predecessors. The amount required for the present use of the committee is that sum which is needed to pay for the granite work and for the necessary grading and laying out of the ground, and for the services of the dedication.

The following is a statement of the payments already made with the sums required to complete the work :

Paid Franklin Simmons on account	-	\$9,804	16
Due do. do. do.	- -	5,026	66
Contract price for granite work	- -	3,950	00
Cost of grading, &c., including expenses of dedication services -	- - - - -	5,000	00
Total	- - - - -	\$23,780	82

From the above statement the council will perceive that the total cost of the monument in position, with the ground suitably laid out, and the services of its dedication paid, will be more than \$1000 less than a previous committee had estimated for the cost of the monument alone.

Your committee believe that the monument when completed, will be a source of pride and pleasure to our citizens, and a fitting tribute to the memory of the founder of our state, and that a work of such importance as a memorial, and that has already, while set up at the foundry in Munich, met with such high commendations from artists and all who have seen it, deserves and should receive all honors at its dedication. Acting upon this supposition, your committee have invited Prof. J. Lewis Diman, LL. D., to deliver the dedicatory oration, and propose, with the approval of the council, to arrange for other services that shall be appropriate and impressive.

In order, therefore, that the monument may be completed in accordance with the original designs, and dedicated in a manner worthy the subject and creditable to the city, the committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

By order of the committee,

ARTHUR F. DEXTER, Chairman.

Providence, Sept. 3, 1877.

No. 490. Resolution appropriating \$9,000, for Monument to Roger Williams.

[ Approved September 6, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the sum of nine thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay for the granite work of, the laying out and grading the ground around, and the expense of the services in dedicating the monument to Roger Williams in the Roger Williams Park ; said appropriation to be transferred, \$5,000 from the account of interest on loan due 1895, and \$4,000 from the appropriation for public buildings ; the whole amount to be charged to the appropriation for parks, and to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks : said committee being further authorized and directed to arrange and carry out the services at the dedication of said monument.

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No. 491. Resolution transferring \$1,000. to the appropriation for Bridges.

[ Approved September 6, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies, to the appropriation for public bridges.

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No. 492. Resolution transferring \$10,000. to the appropriation for Highways.

[ Approved September 6, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies, and the sum of five thousand dollars from the appropriation for sewer maintenance, making in all ten thousand dollars, to the appropriation for highways.

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No. 493. Resignation of Henry L. Parsons.

[Presented and Accepted September 6, 1877.]

PROVIDENCE, September 3, 1877.

C. P. ROBINSON, ESQ., PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

DEAR SIR:—I hereby tender to you my resignation, on the special committee of the Brook street district.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY L. PARSONS.

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No. 494. Resolution for grading of the remainder of the Brook street district.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby directed to cause the remaining portions of said district to be graded: the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

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No. 495. Resolution to lay sewers in the Brook street district.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby instructed to cause main drains or common sewers to be constructed in the streets in the Brook street district west of Ives street, whenever requested to do so by the joint special committee on said district: the expense of constructing the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 496. Resolution for making streets in the Brook street district

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby instructed to cause the streets to be made, curbing set and gutters paved in the streets east of Ives street, in the Brook street district, including said Ives street: the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 497. Resolutions to settle the claim of William Grosvenor and others, in the matter of Eddy street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by resolution No. 357, and approved June 11, 1877, be and it is hereby authorized to make settlement with William Grosvenor and others, owners of lot No. 280, on assessor's plat No. 20, for damages made to and assessments upon them arising out of layout, widening and straightening of Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad street: provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby authorized to assent to an amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment in the matter of said lay out, &c., of said Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad street, by striking out the assessment upon William Grosvenor and others, the owners of said lot, of eight hundred and ten dollars.

No. 498. Resolutions to add the Fire Station on Haymarket street to the Central Police Station.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing

committee on city property, be and he is hereby directed to cause the building on Haymarket street to be repaired and fitted up for the use of the police department, and the sum of eight hundred dollars be appropriated for this purpose: to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

RESOLVED, That the sum of nine hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building an addition to the Central police station: to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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No. 499. Resolution to pay Ida Landrum, for services as teacher.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Ida Landrum, formerly Ida Dunster, the sum of thirty-five dollars, being balance of salary due her July 1, 1874, as teacher in the public schools, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 500. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to declare Trenton street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

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

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No. 501. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Bucklin street and Carter street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out as public highways, Bucklin street, from

Hawthorne street to Earl street, and Carter street, from Greenwich street westerly.

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No. 502. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Pleasant street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Pleasant street, from Ivy street to East avenue.

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No. 503. Resolution to curb Benevolent street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be re-set and gutters paved on Benevolent street, from Hope street to Brown street.

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No. 504. Resolution to lay noiseless paving on Weybosset street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to contract with J. S. Aborn & Co., to lay a noiseless pavement in front of the custom house on Weybosset street, said pavement to be laid in accordance with their proposal numbered three, and at a cost not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents per square yard.

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No. 505. Resolution to lay water pipes in Plane, Swan and Sayles streets.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be directed to extend the distribution pipes :—

In Plane street, from Swan street to Oxford street, and from Sherburne street to Potter's avenue.

In Swan street, from Plane street to Eddy street, and in Sayles street, for a distance of two hundred feet each way from Plane street.

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No. 506. Resolution to lay water pipes in Linton and other streets.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in the following named streets:—

In Linton street, from Academy avenue to Canton street.

In Bond street, from Mountain street to Jones street.

In Jones street, from Bond street to Bradford street.

In Robinson street, from Prairie avenue to Gay street: provided, that the parties in Robinson street shall first pay the sum of fifty dollars for extra trenching.

In Gardner street, from Camp street to Knowles street: provided, that the parties on Gardner street shall first pay the sum of twenty-four dollars for extra trenching.

In Thurber avenue, from Eddy street to Hylstead street.

In Hylstead street, from Thurber avenue to Pavilion avenue: provided that the parties in Hylstead street shall give a guaranty to the commissioners that they will cause the pipes to be covered with earth in such manner and depth as shall be directed by the city engineer.

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No. 507. Resolution to lay water pipes in Wiley and Sherburne streets.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the distribution pipes in the following named streets:—

In Wiley street, for a distance of two hundred and fifty feet from Fillmore street.

In Sherburne street, from Plane street to Ocean street.

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No. 508. Resolution to lay a sewer in Carpenter street.

[Approved September 6, 1877.]

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

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No. 509. Resolution relating to Committees of the City Council.

[Passed September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances, be hereby instructed to examine and report if any changes or modifications are desirable or needed in chapter 13, of the ordinances, relating to committees of the city council.

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No. 510. Resolution for paving High street with granite blocks.

[Passed, over the objections of the Mayor, September 6, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause High street, from Barton street to Dexter street, to be paved outside the railroad tracks, with granite blocks.

No. 511. Message from the Mayor relating to the special meeting.

[ Presented September 13, 1877. ]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, September 13, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The necessity for prompt action in relation to the vacancy existing in the important office of chief of police, is my reason for convening you at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 512. Message from the Mayor with the resignation of John M. Knowles, Chief of Police.

[ Presented September 13, 1877. ]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, September 13, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

John M. Knowles, Esq., resigned the office of chief of police on the eleventh inst, and his letter of resignation is transmitted herewith.

At the re-organization of the police force, August 12, 1864, Mr. Knowles was appointed by me on the night patrol. In June following he was transferred to day duty ; on the 30th of June 1866, he was appointed warrant officer ; on June 1st. 1868, he was advanced to the position of detective, and on the 13th day of July 1870, he was again advanced to the rank of captain or deputy chief, which place he held until elected by the city council, chief of police, August 14, 1871, and has continued to hold that office by successive re-elections.

In all the these various positions he has been most faithful to duty,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

## RESIGNATION OF JOHN M. KNOWLES.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE. }  
 City of Providence, September 11, 1877. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor :

SIR—I hereby resign the office of chief of police to which I was first elected August 14, 1871. In retiring from this position, I desire respectfully, through you, to acknowledge my gratitude to the city council for the confidence expressed in my repeated elections to the office.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN M. KNOWLES, Chief of Police.

Read, received, and it is ordered that said resignation be accepted.

No. 513. Resolution of thanks to John M. Knowles

[ Approved September 13, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council be and they are hereby extended to John M. Knowles, for the able and impartial manner he has discharged the arduous duties of his office, since his first election in 1871.

IN CONVENTION.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1877.

The following officers are elected :

Chief of Police,	William H. Ayer.
Constable,	Michael Craddock.
Undertakers :	
Walter C. Pierce,	Daniel W. Steere.

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No. 514. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Smith street.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Smith street, from Chalkstone avenue to Ruggles street, as a public highway.

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No. 515. Resolution for catch basins on Gaspee and Steeple streets.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby requested to cause catch basins to be constructed as follows: two catch basins on Gaspee street, opposite the state prison; one catch basin at each corner of Steeple street and Canal street.

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No. 516. Resolution to pay William E. Whiting, for reimbursement of costs.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William E. Whiting the sum of seven dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of costs in the case of William E. Whiting vs. David Williams, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 517. Resolution to lay a sewer in Hammond street.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be

constructed in Hammond street, from Gilbert street to High street.

No. 518. Message of the Mayor relating to the suit of Ebben Simmons.

[Presented September 6, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, Sept. 6, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In the matter of the suits of Ebben Simmons against the city, the counsel for Mr. Simmons have consented that the cases may be taken out of court and submitted to a reference under a rule of the court, and this plan is approved by the city solicitor.

I therefore recommend that the city council give the necessary authority for the proposed reference.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 519. Resolution submitting suits of Ebben Simmons to a reference.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized and requested to agree to a reference, under the rule of the supreme court, of all matters at issue between Ebben Simmons and the city.

No. 520. Resolution to pay the salaries of the city officers etc., for September.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants and

also the license commissioners, for services rendered during the month of September, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year for the same month.

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No. 521. Resolution relating to Seymour street.

[Approved September 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Alderman Wilcox, with Messrs. Potter and A. J. Barnaby, of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the owners of property in the vicinity, and report upon what terms Seymour street can be laid out to Ocean street.

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No. 522. Report of Joint Special Committee to erect a School House on Doyle avenue.

[Presented September 13, 1877.]

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

The committee appointed by the city council to erect a brick grammar school house on Doyle avenue, beg leave to present this their final report. Unavoidable circumstances prevented the presentation of this report at an earlier date, and there yet remains some concreting work in the yard, which it is for the interest of the city to have done, and which your committee desired to complete before presenting their final report, but the committee of the city council to whom the matter was referred, not having yet reported upon it, your committee do not deem it advisable to delay their final report any longer.

By a resolution passed December 21, 1874, the city council appropriated fifty thousand dollars for the erection and furnishing of a school house on Doyle avenue, and appointed Messrs. Clarke, of the board of aldermen, and Greene and Nichols of the council, a committee to erect the same. Sub-

sequently the city council appropriated additional sums at various times, amounting to fifty-two hundred dollars, making the total appropriation the sum of fifty-five thousand and two hundred dollars. Your committee immediately after their appointment advertised for proposals, and on January 4, 1875, they awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidders. Work was commenced as early in the spring of 1875 as the weather would admit, and the building was completed and ready for occupancy at the commencement of the fall term in 1876. The dedication took place September 5, 1876, with appropriate ceremonies.

The exterior of the building is of Danvers pressed brick, with granite trimmings, and all the interior finish, doors and wainscoting, are of ash. The building contains ten school rooms, with forty-nine desks in each room. It is provided with convenient closets and recitation rooms, and a commodious hall in the third story. It is furnished with speaking tubes, enabling the principal of the school to communicate at once with each teacher in the building. The plumbing arrangements are not expensive, but are convenient and sufficient. The seats and desks were furnished through the agency of H. H. Burrington, of this city, and are neat and well made; and your committee flatter themselves that the furnishing throughout has been done in a very thorough and complete manner.

The cost of the building only, including school furniture and furnishing complete, amounts to \$50,324.84, or a little less than one hundred and three dollars per seat. In consequence of the shape of the ground, it being upon a side hill, and also in consequence of the great difficulty of obtaining a substantial foundation for the building by reason of the swampy nature of a portion of ground, your committee were obliged to expend a large sum outside of the contracts, amounting to over twenty-five hundred dollars, for the purpose of securing a solid foundation for the building, and also for the purpose of building a retaining wall on the westerly line of the land in order to bring the lot into suitable shape. Other additional expenses were about as follows. The iron fence in front and rear, cost

about five hundred dollars. The wooden fence upon the other portion of the lot, also cost about five hundred dollars. The grading, graveling and turfing, cost about nine hundred dollars. The total cost of the building and furnishing, together with all extra work on foundations, building retaining wall, iron and wooden fencing, grading and finishing the lot, and including every item of expense incurred by the committee, amounts to fifty-three thousand seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and sixty-three cents, or a little less than one hundred and ten dollars per seat. Deduct this from the appropriations made by the city council, amounting as before stated to fifty-five thousand two hundred dollars, and it leaves an unexpended balance of one thousand four hundred and six dollars and thirty-seven cents remaining in the city treasury.

Your committee have given much time and attention to the work, and are gratified in being able to report that it has been done within the appropriation made by the city council, and they think they can assure their fellow-citizens that they have a substantial, durable and ornamental building, every way well adapted to the purposes for which it was erected, and which will require little expenditure for repairs for many years to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. CLARKE, } Committee.  
ALLEN GREENE, }

Mr. Nichols the other member of the committee is out of health, and absent from the city, and unable to sign this report.

PROVIDENCE, September 12, 1877.

No. 524. Report of the Water Commissioners, relating to Pressure, and to the Engines at Hope Station.

[Presented September 17, 1877].

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:—

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

“RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to report to the common council at its next meeting, whether the pressure upon the water in the distribution pipes has been changed since July first, 1877, and if so, when, and for how long, and for what reasons; also to report the quantity of water pumped by each engine at the Hope station, and the amount of coal used by each engine during the months of June, July and August in 1876, and also in the same months in 1877.”

The water commissioners respectfully report: that the low service distribution was placed under Sockanosset reservoir head, July 3, 1877, and the pressure in the high service distribution was increased about eight pounds per square inch, July 2, 1877. The change was made in both instances with a view of rendering the supply of water more efficient in case of fire.

During the months of June, July and August, 1876, the Corliss engine was in operation twenty days, pumped 3,881,400 gallons of water, and consumed 26,350 pounds of coal.

During the same months, the Nagle engine was in operation seventy-two days, pumped 53,281,000 gallons of water, and consumed 69,673 pounds of coal. Forty-three per cent. of this amount pumped is the estimated quantity required for the high service: the remainder flowing back into the supply by a by-pass pipe.

During the months of June, July and August, 1877, the Corliss engine was in operation forty-nine days, pumped 12,321,000 gallons of water, and consumed 87,300 pounds of coal.

During the same months the Nagle engine was in operation forty-three days, pumped 24,646,400 gallons of water and consumed 47,325 pounds of coal. Forty-seven per cent. of this amount pumped is the estimated quantity required by the high service, the remainder flowing back into the supply pipes as before mentioned.

L. BRAYTON,	} Board of Water Commissioners.
N. F. POTTER,	

No. 525. Resolution appropriating \$141,112.14, for  
Interest on the Water Loan.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and forty-one thousand one hundred and twelve dollars and fourteen cents, is hereby added to the appropriation for interest, on the water loan, and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 526. Resolution transferring \$7000. to the  
appropriation for Interest.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seven thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for interest, to be transferred as follows, viz.: four thousand dollars from the appropriation for the reform school, and three thousand dollars from the appropriation for dredging the harbor.

No. 527. Resolution transferring \$723.54 to the  
appropriation for Rents.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seven hundred and twenty-three dollars and fifty-four cents is hereby added to the appropriation for rents, and said sum is hereby transferred from the appropriation for salaries.

No. 528. Resolution transferring \$2,000. to the  
appropriation for School Houses and Lots.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for school houses and lots: said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for printing

No. 529. Resolution to pay the salaries of the City Council.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the members of the board of aldermen and common council, for services rendered during the quarter ending October 1, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid during the last municipal year.

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No. 530. Resolution to pay the Police for duty in September, 1877.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of September, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid during the year 1876, for the same month.

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No. 531. Resolution to tender James G. Batterson \$9,161.71 and interest.

[Passed September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer make a tender to James G. Batterson, of the sum of nine thousand one hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-one cents, and interest on the same, from March 29, 1877, for services rendered and material furnished by him in the erection of the new city hall, under his contract with the city of Providence: and that said sum when paid, be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 532. Resolution to concrete walks at the School House on Doyle avenue.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to cause such portions of the walks and yards at the Doyle avenue school house to be concreted as they may deem necessary, provided the amount expended shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars: said sum, or so much thereof as may be expended, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 533. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Amy street.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Amy street, from Ives street to Gano street.

No. 534. Resolution discharging the Joint Special Committee in relation to Sewer outlets.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee in relation to outlets for sewers, appointed by resolution of March 9, 1876, be hereby discharged.

No. 535. Resolution to lay water pipes in Bridge, Norfolk, and McDonough streets.

[Approved September 20, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipes, as follows:—

In Norfolk and McDonough streets, from Oak street to the railroad, and

In Bridge street, from Wickenden street to South Main street.

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No. 536. Resolution to make streets, &c., in Brook street District west of Ives street.

[Approved September 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby instructed to cause the streets to be made, gutters paved, and curbing set on those streets in the Brook street district west of Ives street, whenever requested to do so by the joint special committee on said district: the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

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No. 537. Resolution relating to the overflow of Sewers.

[Approved September 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be directed to report what in his opinion, is the cause of the frequent overflow from the new sewers in various parts of the city, and what remedy he would recommend therefor.

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No. 538. Resolution to set apart a lot in the North Burial Ground for the Home for Aged Men.

[Passed September 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the north burying ground, and the joint standing committee of the city council on said ground, be and they are hereby requested to set apart for burial purposes, a lot of land in the north burial

ground, to the society called "Home for Aged Men," to be held by the society subject to the ordinances of the city council, and all future legislation in relation thereto, and report their doings to this council.

No. 539. Resolution for curbing Smith street.

[ Approved September 24, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved, on the south side of Smith street, from Ruggles street to a point three hundred and fifty feet west of Oakland avenue, and on the north side of said Smith street, from Ruggles street to Oakland avenue.

No. 540. Message from the Mayor in relation to  
Locust Grove Cemetery.

[ Presented September 24, 1877. ]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, September 24, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Locust Grove cemetery on Greenwich street, contains about nine acres of land in one of the best sections of the city for residences. A portion of the cemetery is yet unsold, and it is desirable that it should not be sold for burial purposes, while the time is not far distant when all interments in this ground will be discontinued.

The growth of the city will soon demand the extension of streets through the cemetery, which now terminate at its boundaries, while some of the land may be made available for purposes of the government.

The owners of the fee will assist in clearing the ground, and will also stop any further sales of burial lots therein.

It would seem as if an exchange of lots in north burial ground might be made for those in Locust Grove cemetery, and thus the city acquire a title to such of the land as will be needed for municipal purposes, while the remainder will be brought into market, and a valuable tract of land thereby added to the tax roll.

I recommend that the matter receive the attention of the city council, and that a committee be appointed to examine and report thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 541. Resolution referring the Message relating to Locust Grove Cemetery.

[ Approved September 27, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated September 24, 1877 in relation to Locust Grove cemetery, be referred to Messrs. Barker, Winsor and Tower, of the common council, with Alderman Spencer, to examine and report thereon.

No. 542. Message from Mayor relating to suit of B. O. Anness, and grade of Orms street.

[ Presented September 24, 1877. ]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, September 24, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A suit against the city brought by Benjamin O. Anness, Esq., for damages caused by a change in the grade of Orms street, has been pending for some years, the trial of which has been delayed, awaiting the decision of the supreme court in a case in equity affecting the ownership of the property damaged. A decision having been reached, the suit of Mr. Anness will

be pressed for trial at an early day, and his counsel suggests that an effort should be made for a settlement without the expense of a trial, and he therefore asks that a committee of the city council be authorized to confer with his client, and if practicable, agree upon terms of settlement. This course meets the approval of the city solicitor, and I therefore recommend the appointment of such a committee by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 543. Resolution appointing a committee to agree with Benjamin O. Anness.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Aldrich, Arnold and Butler, of the common council with Alderman Angell, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with and agree upon terms of settlement of all matters at issue between Benjamin O. Anness and the city, caused by a change of grade on Orms street.

No. 544. Message from the Mayor relating to Jackson avenue and the School House.

[Presented September 24, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, September 24, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In 1874, the city erected on Jackson avenue a building for primary and intermediate scholars, which is the best structure for that purpose possessed by the city.

This avenue has never been received as a public highway, and is now, and has been for some time, in such condition as to be unsafe for children to pass or repass thereon. In consequence thereof, one of the primary school rooms in the

building is closed, while the other has but fifty scholars, with seats provided for seventy, and the children who should occupy these rooms are either kept at home or sent to the school building on Potter's avenue, where in a room with sixty seats, ninety-eight scholars have been registered the present term.

The city council has recently refused to make Jackson avenue a public highway, but certainly it is a question which the citizens of that section of the city have the right to ask, whether the city has provided them with proper school facilities when it erects a building that has no highway leading to it, by which it can be made available.

A few months since an expenditure of fifty dollars by the city, would have made the roadway safe and convenient, but now a much larger sum will be necessary, and if no repairs are made the highways will soon be entirely impassable for man or beast, and the property in that vicinity be left almost entirely unprotected in case of fire.

If the city council will not receive the street, there is no doubt but that the city, as an owner of property thereon, has the right to make the roadway to that property passable without incurring any liability as a municipality, to take full care of the highway, and this course I recommend be at once adopted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 545. Resolution referring message relating to Jackson avenue and School house.

[ Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor September 24, 1877 in relation to Jackson avenue be referred to Messrs. Shattuck, Sweet and Smith, of the common council, with Alderman Wilcox, to examine and report thereon.

No. 549. Report of the Joint Committee on Education upon the completion of the School House on Candace street.

[ Presented September 24, 1877. ]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on education, who by a resolution approved August 5, 1875, were authorized and directed to cause a grammar school building of brick, to be erected upon the lot owned by the city corner of Orms and Candace streets, the cost of the same when completed and ready for occupancy, not to exceed the sum of forty-five thousand dollars respectfully report the completion and occupancy of said building, and they herewith submit a detailed statement of the cost thereof.

For building, including architect's fees, coal and care of furnace while the building was in process of erection, - - - - -	\$33,640 39
For furniture including carpeting, - - - - -	3,096 27
“ furnaces and hot air pipes, - - - - -	1,106 80
“ bells, and hanging, including annunciator and door bells, - - - - -	357 74
“ black-boards, - - - - -	105 52
“ gas pipe and fixtures, - - - - -	168 05
“ fencing, including iron front fence, - - - - -	1,384 54
“ grading, sodding, and concreting, - - - - -	1,392 15
Total cost of the building &c., - - - - -	\$41,251 46

Of the above amount, the sum of seventy-eight dollars and seventy-five cents was paid from the appropriation for public buildings, for articles of furniture furnished by that department; leaving an unexpended balance of thirty-eight hundred twenty-seven dollars and twenty-nine cents remaining from the appropriation for the building,

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

HENRY R. BARKER, Chairman.

No. 550. Report of the Joint Committee on Education upon the completion of the School House on Oxford street.

[ Presented September 24, 1877. ]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on education, who by a resolution approved July 12th. 1875, were authorized and directed to cause a grammar school building to be erected on the lot owned by the city on Oxford street, the cost of the same when completed and ready for occupancy not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, respectfully report the completion of said building and its dedication to the purposes for which it was designed, and they herewith present a detailed statement of the cost of the same.

For building including architect's fees, coal, and care of furnaces while the building was in process of erection, - - -	\$39,302 21
“ furniture, including carpeting, - - -	3,815 45
“ furnaces and hot air pipes, - - -	1,929 85
“ bells & hanging, including electric call bells, - - -	389 62
“ black-boards. - - -	145 95
“ gas pipes & fixtures, - - -	321 47
“ fences & out-buildings, - - -	2,144 78
“ grading, sodding, and concreting, - - -	578 14
Total cost of the building, - - -	<u>\$48,627 47</u>

Of the above amount the sum of ninety-seven dollars and fifty-two cents was paid from the appropriation for public buildings, for articles of furniture kept in stock by that department, leaving an unexpended balance of fourteen hundred seventy dollars and five cents, remaining from the appropriation for this building,

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

HENRY R. BARKER, Chairman.

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No. 551. Resolution adding \$50,000. to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

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No. 552. Resolution transferring \$224.75 to the appropriation for opening streets.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred and twenty-four dollars and seventy-five cents is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies to the appropriation for opening streets.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

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

- No. 553. Neil McCann, rear of Branch avenue.
- 554. Bernard McCulla, No. 61 West River street.
- 555. Winifred Moran, Dorrance street.
- 556. James O'Sullivan, corner Gano and Amy streets.
- 557. Theron D. Whitford, No. 37 Bridgham street.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

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. 558. Joseph Gauvreau.  
 559. Thomas McMann.  
 560. Jacob Ruoff.  
 561. Theron D. Whitford.

No. 562. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Patrick Mahoney, 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 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.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

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. 563. Martin Murphy.  
 564. Susan M. Wade.

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

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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

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. 565. Albert Bowen.

566. Alexander Burgess.

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

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No. 568. Joint Special Committee on the Brook street District.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, September 27, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Aldrich be hereby appointed a member of the joint special committee on the Brook street district, and that said appointment be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

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No. 569. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Oxford street.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Oxford street, from Plane street to Prairie avenue.

No. 570. Resolution for curbing Polk street.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Polk street, from Pettis street to Hedley street.

No. 571. Resolution for curbing Bower street.

[Approved September 27, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby instructed to cause the gutters to be paved and curbing set on the north side of Bower street, from Gano street to Governor street.

No. 572. Resolution accepting gift of Aaron S. Haven, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[ Approved September 27, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Aaron S. Haven, of the sum of two hundred dollars, to the commissioners of the north burying ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied, under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lots, standing in the names of Aaron S. Haven and Julius P. Bullock in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, and that the same be called the Haven and Bullock fund.

IN CONVENTION.

SEPTEMBER, 27, 1877.

The following officers are elected :—

Pound Keeper at the Dexter Asylum,	John M. Knowles.
Undertaker,	John M. Knowles.

No. 573. Resolution reducing assessment on Providence Opera House Association, for Eddy street.

[Approved October 1, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor cause the assessment to the Providence Opera House Association in the matter of the opening of Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad street, to be changed to eight hundred and seventy dollars.

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No. 576.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, A. D. 1878.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows :*

SECTION 1. That to defray the expenditures of the city of Providence for the financial year commencing with the first day of October, 1877, and ending with the last day of September, 1878, the following sums of money or so much thereof as are authorized by law, be and they are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes as explained in the estimates of the city auditor, and in the applications of the various committees and heads of departments.

For salaries, such as are not herein otherwise specified, sixty thousand dollars.

For the support of public schools, one hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars, and in addition thereto, all moneys received for registry taxes, dog licences, and all moneys received from the state for public education.

For the city's proportion of the state tax, two hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents.

For interest on city bonds payable in 1885, thirty six thousand dollars.

For interest on city bonds payable in 1893, fifteen thousand dollars.

For interest and premium on city hall and sewer loan, seventy-eight thousand dollars.

For the sinking fund to redeem city hall and sewer bonds, due in 1895, thirty-eight thousand two hundred dollars.

For the sinking fund to redeem city bonds due in 1885, ten thousand dollars.

For the sinking fund to redeem city bonds due in 1893, five thousand dollars.

For payment of a note due August 1, 1878, for high school building, issued in accordance with an ordinance approved May 24, 1877, ten thousand dollars.

For the fire department, including the salaries of the chief engineer and the assistant engineers, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

For highways, including the salaries of highway commissioners and clerk, one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

For sidewalks and curbing, twenty thousand dollars.

For the improvement of public parks, five thousand dollars.

For the support of the poor, removal of paupers, and the salary of the overseer of the poor, thirty-one thousand dollars.

For the police department, including the salary of the chief of police, two hundred thousand dollars.

For the repairs of the asylum walls and buildings, five thousand dollars.

For the lamp department, including the salary of the superintendent of lights, one hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars.

For the salary of the superintendent of health, and assistance in his office, collecting and recording births, marriages, and deaths, all hospital and quarantine expenses, medicines,

vaccinations, coroners' inquests, burial of bodies, removal of offal from the city, and all other expenses pertaining to the health of the city, fifteen thousand dollars.

For the reform school, in addition to the amount to be received for labor, ten thousand dollars.

For printing, advertising and stationery for public offices, fifteen thousand dollars.

For repairs of public buildings, including the salary of the superintendent, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For maintenance of public bridges, twenty thousand dollars.

For expenses attendant upon elections, including the pay of wardens and ward clerks, three thousand dollars.

For all rents paid by the city, including water rents, ten thousand dollars.

For the city engineer's department, including the salary of the city engineer, thirty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars.

For dredging and improving the harbor, fifteen thousand dollars, provided the harbor master shall report monthly to the city council the amount expended, and the place where the dredging has been done in the preceding month.

For school houses and lots, forty thousand dollars.

For care and maintenance of sewers, fifteen thousand dollars.

For interest on the city debt, one hundred thousand dollars.

For payment of the city debt, fifty thousand dollars.

For the reserved fund, seven thousand and thirty-five dollars and twenty-four cents.

For appropriations made by the city council, including the fourth of July celebration, and for such other objects and claims as are not specified in this ordinance, fifty thousand dollars.

For care and maintenance of the water works, seventy-five thousand dollars.

No. 577. Message from the Mayor relating to the Fire  
on Aborn gangway and Custom House street.

[Presented October 1, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, October 1, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On Thursday evening last, 27th ultimo, at about half-past six o'clock, a fire broke out in the Aldrich block on Pine street, a brick building, four stories in height, and a Mansard roof. The stair cases were of wood, the partitions all of wood or lath and plaster, and an elevator way enclosed in wood, extending from the lower to the upper floor. Above the first story, which contained a large stock of groceries, the building was used as a paper box manufactory. Before the alarm was struck from box 121, which is one hundred and twelve feet from the building, the flames were bursting from the windows of the third and fourth stories, and in thirty minutes from that time the walls had fallen, and the ruins were a mass of flame. On the south side of the block was a private way, twelve feet wide, and on this a brick building, three stories high, with a wooden roof, which, with its contents, was badly damaged. On the north side, separated therefrom by a public street twelve feet wide, were the brick blocks of M. S. Daniels and Eddy & Rose, each five stories in height. The wind, soon after the fire broke out, changed to the south, and drove the heat and flame directly against the unprotected windows of these two blocks, the former of which was soon thoroughly on fire. The block extended through to Custom House street, without any brick partitions or divisions therein, and on the latter street had an iron front. This building and contents were destroyed. A private way twenty feet in width, separated this block from three brick buildings, four, four and a half, and six stories in height, which were injured by the falling walls of Daniels' block, and but slightly by fire. The block of Rose & Eddy was badly injured in the rear, and in the upper stories by fire,

the heavy walls however, stopped the progress of the fire in that direction.

On the north side of Custom House street, which is thirty-four feet wide, directly opposite the Daniels' block, was the Vaughan block, of brick, five stories high, with a wooden roof and cornice. This building was used in the upper stories for the storage of wool, which was packed directly in front of unprotected windows, the sash and frames of which were also of wood. As soon as it could be accomplished, lines of hose were carried to the top of an adjoining building, from which water was thrown upon the roof of the Vaughan block; but despite the efforts of the fire department, although aided by three powerful steamers from Pawtucket, and one from the Sprague Print Works, the upper stories of the building were burned out.

Immediately after the first alarm was given, a second was struck, and then the general alarm, and in order to guard against a broken wire, a fourth alarm was given from another circuit.

Realizing fully the task he had before him, the chief engineer telegraphed soon after the last alarm was sounded, to Pawtucket, for aid, which was answered at once by an alarm in that town, and three steamers, with a large quantity of hose, and a strong force of men were sent to this city, where they remained on duty until the fire was under control.

After consultation with the chief, I dispatched a messenger to the Cranston print works, for the steamer of the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company, which was quickly forwarded, with a reel of hose and twenty men, and this force also continued on duty until the fire was controlled.

Offers of aid came from the chief engineers of the fire departments of Worcester, Fall River and Taunton, the two latter of which were accepted, and assistance was asked from Boston and Newport, which was also cheerfully and promptly granted.

A special train was requested from A. A. Folsom, Esq., superintendent of the Boston and Providence railroad, which was being loaded with apparatus, when notice was given that

the progress of the fire was stayed. A train on the Fall River railroad was loaded with steamers and hose, and a steamer and reel of hose were on the cars at Taunton, when the telegrams from this office stopped their departure. From Newport, two steamers with necessary hose, their chief engineer and assistants, with a full force of firemen, came on the steamer Bay Queen to this city, but did not land, as the fire was under control when they arrived.

Finding that a large amount of property was exposed to depredations from thieves, and fearing that another fire might occur from the great quantity of sparks floating over the city, in which case the police detail would be weakened at the fire in progress, the First Light Infantry Regiment was called upon to furnish a patrol. The call was promptly responded to, and the men performed efficient service throughout the night.

The Wolf-Tone Guards tendered their services, and remained under arms awaiting orders, which in case of a second fire would have been gladly accepted.

The use of the steamer of the American Steamboat Company to transport the firemen and apparatus to and from Newport, was freely given without charge therefor.

I have been compelled to contract bills for the following purposes: first, for feeding the firemen and police during Thursday night, and on the following day; second, for teams to assist the highway department in removing the rubbish and materials from the public streets; third, for laborers to pull down walls adjoining public highways, to assist in clearing the streets, and in preserving property after the firemen had left the ruins, in order that the latter might be ready for service in other directions if required, and fourth, in clearing the cellars of the burned and damaged buildings from water, that the property therein might be secured.

The work of clearing the cellars from water, has been done by the men and apparatus of the sewer department.

The extra laborers and teams have finished their work to-day and have been discharged. I recommend that authority be given to the committee on accounts to audit these bills, and to charge the amount thereof to contingencies.

I also recommend, that the thanks of the city be returned to the various municipalities and corporations, for the generous and prompt aid rendered to the city as above specified.

This fire shows the necessity of some law that will regulate the manner in which our large warehouses shall be constructed, so that they may not in a few moments, become a mass of burning ruins. It also shows that all large and lofty buildings should be provided with one or more stand pipes, extending above the roof and connected with the water supply, with openings for hose in each story and on the roof. Such stand pipes will afford ample and immediate protection to the buildings in the vicinity of a burning structure, and save the contents from fire.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 578. Resolution of thanks for Assistance at the  
late Fire.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city of Providence hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the municipalities of Boston, Worcester, Newport, Fall River, Taunton and Pawtucket, and to the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company, the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, and the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company, and the American Steamboat Company, for the kindness and efficient promptitude with which assistance was offered and given by them to the authorities of Providence, during the fire of September 27, 1877: and that the city of Providence gratefully recognizes the value of the services rendered at that time.

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby requested to communicate this resolution to the above named municipalities and other corporations.

No. 579. Resolution to pay certain Expenses caused  
by the late Fire.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on accounts be hereby authorized to audit the bills for refreshments for the fire and police departments, during and after the fire on Thursday last, and also, for teamers and laborers employed in consequence of said fire; and said bills when so audited, shall be paid from the city treasury and charged to contingencies.

No. 580. Resolution accepting gift of John P.  
Knowles, Executor, to the North Burial Ground  
Fund.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of John P. Knowles, executor of the last will of Fanny Mason, of the city of Providence, deceased, of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to the commissioners of the north burial ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367, of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot conveyed to Obadiah Mason, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, and that the same be called the Obadiah Mason fund.

No. 581. Resolution granting permission to raise a  
building.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to J. R. Potter to raise a certain building located at No. 48 Carroll street, pursuant to his petition.

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No. 582. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

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

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

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No. 583. Resolution to lay water pipes in Gallup street and Nichols street.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to lay water pipes in Gallup street, for about four hundred feet easterly from Prairie avenue, and in Nichols street, from Walling street to Nash lane.

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No. 584. Resolution to lay water pipes in part of the Brook street District.

[Approved October 2, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to lay water pipes in the streets of the Brook street district, west of Ives street.

No. 585. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Harvard avenue.

[Approved October 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Harvard avenue, from Broad street to Taylor street.

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No. 586. Resolution for catch basins at the junction of Thurber avenue and Prairie avenue.

[Approved October 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under advice of the city engineer, are hereby directed to construct two new catch basins at the junction of Thurber avenue and Prairie avenue.

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No. 587. Resolution for curbing Warren street.

[Approved October 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Warren street, from Fuller street to Harrison street.

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No. 591. Resolution to pay the salaries of the City Officers etc., for October, 1877.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the several city officers and their assistants, and also the license commissioners, for services rendered during the month of October, 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year, for the same month.

No. 592. Resolution to pay Hattie A. Rea, for services as teacher.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Hattie A. Rea, the sum of ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents, being balance of salary due her for services as teacher in the public schools in the school year of 1872 and 1873, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 593. CHAPTER CII.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XCIX, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FOR THE YEAR ENSUING THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1877.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Paragraph thirteen of section 1, of chapter XCIX, which provides for the salaries of the "assistants in the junior class, first and second divisions," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: to the assistants in the girls department of the high school each six hundred dollars.

No. 594. Resolution to lay a sewer in Bridgham street.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

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

No. 595. Resolution to lay a sewer in Thayer street.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Thayer street from Barnes street to about two hundred feet northerly.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

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

No. 596. Fred. G. Hagan. administrator, No. 20 Somerset street.

597. Laroy S. Grant, Walker street.

598. Robert Pettis, No. 66 Vernon street.

No. 599. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Frank G. Allen, to move a certain building, pursuant to his petition.

No. 600. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 11, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Cronin, 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 day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

No. 601. Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented October 11, 1877.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board June 30, 1877, was,

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$457,627	78
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	172,422	78
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	39,084	18
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	95,774	25
Of the north burial ground,	-	-	-	2,564	70
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$767,473	69

The amount on hand September 30, 1877, was.

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$479,237	50
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	176,552	38
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	78,264	19
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	98,045	27
Of the north burial ground,	-	-	-	3,369	60
Of the Brook street district,	-	-	-	6,784	65
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$842,253	59

The increase in the several funds has been,

In the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$21,609	72
In the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	4,129	60
In the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	39,180	01
In the water loan,	-	-	-	2,271	02

In the north burial ground, - - -	804 90
In the Brook street district, - - -	6,784 65
Whole increase, - - -	\$74,779 90

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

### No. 602. Quarterly Report of the Special Committee on the Brook street District.

[Presented October 11, 1877.]

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

GENTLEMEN :—The joint special committee on the Brook street district presents this their third quarterly report of receipts and expenditures.

Amount received for rents for quarter ending September 30, 1877, - - -	\$4,907 11
Amount received for sale of buildings for the same quarter, - - -	1,462 00
Amount received for sale of ballast for same quarter, - - -	2 50
	<u>\$6,371 61</u>

Amount of approved bills and drafts on the city treasurer is as follows :—

For salaries, - - -	\$425 00
“ repairs, carpenters, masons and plumbers, - - -	153 12
“ repairs, hardware and lumber, - - -	20 64
“ “ papering, painting &c., - - -	21 46
“ land and buildings, - - -	28,850 00
“ grading land, - - -	26,672 81
“ re-locating buildings, - - -	2,081 72
“ auctioneers' services and pasting, - - -	35 32

For stationery, advertising &c., -	-	16 21
“ pile driving, Seekonk river, -	-	460 00
“ appraisal of buildings, -	-	45 00
		\$58,781 28

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 603. Message from the Mayor with Invitation to review the Fire Department.

[Presented October 11, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, October 11, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The annual inspection and review of the fire department will take place on Wednesday, 24th inst., at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the line will be formed on the Crawford street bridge. The city council are invited to assemble at the city building at 3 o'clock, to proceed to the inspection.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 604. Resolution accepting the above Invitation.

[Approved October 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation from the mayor to the city council to review the fire department on Wednesday afternoon, October 24th, at 3.30 o'clock, be and the same is hereby accepted.

No. 605. Message from the Mayor relating to South Main street and the estate of Jacob Ruoff.

[Presented October 11, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, October 11, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It is claimed that an error was made in the lay out of the westerly line of South Main street, north of Transit street, by which a portion of the estate now owned by Jacob Ruoff and wife, will project beyond the lines of the highway as defined in the lay out of 1826. Mr. Ruoff is about to erect a building on his estate, and claims the right to build beyond the line as given by the city engineer for the westerly line of South Main street.

I therefore suggest that a committee be authorized to examine the matter, with power to purchase that portion of the land lying within the lines of the highway as originally established.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 606. Resolution to pave a portion of Knight street.

[Approved October 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause Knight street to be paved with cobble stones, from Atwell's avenue to a point about four hundred and fifty feet southerly.

No. 607. Resolution to lay a sewer in Lloyd street.

[Approved October 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be

constructed in Lloyd street, from about one hundred feet east of Hope street, to connect with sewer in Thayer street.

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No. 608. Resolution abating \$71.05 from tax of  
Thomas Clinton.

[Approved October 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to abate, or if already paid to refund to Thomas Clinton, the sum of seventy-one dollars and five cents, being amount of tax assessed against him on personal property in the year 1876: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies

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No. 609. Resolution to lay a sewer in Manton avenue.

[Approved October 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a sewer to be laid in Manton avenue, from near Malden street to the Woonasquatucket river, according to the plans of the city engineer.

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No. 610. Resolution appropriating \$20,000. for  
opening streets.

[Approved October 15, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for opening streets, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 612. Quarterly Report of the City Hall  
Commissioners.

[Presented October 15, 1877.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 12, 1877.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The twelfth quarterly report of the commissioners for building a new city hall, is herewith respectfully presented. The following are the disbursements since the report of the twelfth of July last :—

A. R. Whitney,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,230 00
Davidson & Man,	-	-	-	-	-	3,600 00
Boynton Brothers,	-	-	-	-	-	33,140 05
S. P. Brown,	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
P. & J. Tierney,	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
Portland Cement Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	1,990 71
A. R. Whitney,	-	-	-	-	-	5,040 00
“	-	-	-	-	-	3,000 00
John Mack,	-	-	-	-	-	2,400 00
J. G. Haley,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
100 tons coal,	-	-	-	-	-	374 00
Spicers, Peckham & Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	375 57
John Mack,	-	-	-	-	-	3,040 00
S. J. F. Thayer,	-	-	-	-	-	1,750 00
Cape Ann Granite Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	6,894 72
Hopkins & Pomroy,	-	-	-	-	-	619 07
Office rent and expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	143 00
Sundry expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	280 48
Clerk's salary,	-	-	-	-	-	125 01
Labor, pay rolls &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	2,174 94
Total amount of expenditures last quarter,	-	-	-	-	-	\$70,177 55

The total amount of expenditure,	\$663,022 60½
Amount of appropriation,	710,000 00
The unexpended balance,	46,977 39½

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. R. MOWRY,  
HENRY G. RUSSELL,  
Wm. M. BAILEY,

} City Hall  
Commissioners.

No. 614. Message from the Mayor relating to the flow of water upon land of the Stonington Railroad Company

[Presented October 15, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, October 15, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Stonington and Providence railroad company complain, that the water from the streets in the vicinity of their workshops and engine house, flows into their buildings, to the great damage of their property, and they allege that this results from acts done by the city. I suggest that the matter receive the prompt attention of the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 615. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated October 15, 1877, relative to complaints by the Stonington and Providence railroad company, concerning overflow of water upon their property from the adjoining streets, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 616. Resolution to lay water pipes in Creighton, Brown, Thayer and Eutaw streets.

[Approved October 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to lay water pipes in Creighton street, for a distance of three hundred and thirty feet west from Brown street, and in Thayer street for a distance of seventy-five feet

northerly from Barnes street, and in Eutaw street, from Atwell's avenue to Spruce street.

No. 617. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor relating to South Main street and land of Jacob Ruoff.

[Approved October 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the line of South Main street, be referred to the joint committee on highways, with instructions to examine and report upon the claim of Jacob Ruoff to one hundred and nine square feet of his estate on South Main street, if the same be found to be within the line of the highway.

No. 618. CHAPTER CIII.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 1878.

[Approved October 18, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:—*

SECTION 1. The salaries to be paid to the several city officers for the year ending the first Monday in January, 1878, shall be at the following rates per annum, payable monthly, unless herein otherwise ordered.

To the mayor thirty-eight hundred dollars,

To the clerk in the mayor's office, twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

To each alderman, two hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly.

To each common councilman, one hundred dollars, payable quarterly.

To the city clerk, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To the city treasurer, thirty-five hundred dollars.

To the deputy city treasurer, twenty-five hundred dollars.

For three assistants in the office of the city treasurer, to be employed under the direction of the joint committee on finance, not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars.

To the city auditor, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To the city solicitor, including the salary of his assistant, six thousand dollars.

To the superintendent of health, two thousand dollars.

To the judge of the municipal court, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars.

To the clerk of the municipal court, two thousand dollars.

The following named officers are hereby authorized to employ assistants, to be nominated by the officer and confirmed by the mayor as follows: the city clerk, one assistant, at a cost of not over seven hundred dollars: the clerk of the municipal court, one assistant, at a cost of not over eight hundred dollars: the city auditor, one assistant, at a cost of not over eight hundred dollars: the recorder of deeds, four female assistants, at a salary of five hundred dollars each.

To each justice of the police court, one thousand dollars.

To the recorder of deeds, fifteen hundred dollars.

To each commissioner of highways, sixteen hundred dollars.

To the clerk of the highway department, twelve hundred dollars.

To the chief engineer of the fire department, two thousand dollars.

To each assistant engineer, three hundred dollars.

To the chief of police, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars.

To the overseer of the poor, eighteen hundred dollars.

To the superintendent of public buildings, eighteen hundred dollars.

To the city engineer, five thousand dollars.

To the harbor master, eighteen hundred dollars, including the duties of superintending the dredging.

To the register of transfers, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the clerk in the assessors' office, one thousand dollars.

To each assessor of taxes, eighteen hundred dollars.

To the city messenger, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the superintendent of lights, fifteen hundred dollars.

To the keeper of Washington bridge, five hundred dollars, and the occupancy of the toll house.

To the keeper of central bridge, five hundred dollars, and the occupancy of the toll house.

To the inspector of steam boilers, fees.

To the clerk of the common council, five hundred dollars.

To the sealer of weights and measures, fees.

To the city sergeant, fees.

To each warden, and ward and district clerk, seven dollars for each day of an election, including refreshments.

To the clerk of each board of canvassers, one hundred dollars payable quarterly.

To each license commissioner, eight hundred dollars, payable monthly.

To the secretary of the board of license commissioners, three hundred dollars, payable monthly.

To the water commissioners, each twelve hundred dollars.

## No. 619.

## CHAPTER CIV.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 1878.

[Approved October 18, 1877.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:—*

SECTION 1. The salaries to be paid to the several officers of the fire department of the city of Providence, for the year ending on the first Monday in January, 1878, shall be at the

following rates per annum, to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the following sums:—

## STEAM FIRE ENGINES.

- To each engineman, eleven hundred dollars.
- To each assistant engineman, one thousand dollars.
- To each hostler, eight hundred dollars.
- To each foreman, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.
- To each hoseman, two hundred dollars.

## HOSE COMPANIES.

- To each hydrant man, one thousand dollars.
- To each hostler, seven hundred dollars.
- To each hoseman, two hundred dollars.
- To each foreman, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

## HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY 1.

- To one foreman, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.
- To each ladderman, two hundred dollars,
- To one driver, six hundred dollars.

## HOOK AND LADDER COMPANIES 2 AND 3.

- To each foreman, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.
- To each ladderman, two hundred dollars.
- To each driver, five hundred dollars.
- To one tillerman, six hundred dollars.
- Permanent hosemen each, seven hundred dollars.
- Driver of Protective wagon, seven hundred dollars.

The salaries of each foreman, hoseman and ladderman, shall be paid quarter-yearly, and all others, monthly.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No. 620. Resolutions of thanks to Professor J. Lewis Diman, for his oration, and to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, for services, at the dedication of the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved October 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city council of the city of Providence hereby tender their thanks to Professor J. Lewis Diman of Brown University, for the learned, scholarly and eloquent oration delivered October 16, 1877, upon the occasion of the dedication of the monument in commemoration of the life and services of the venerated founder of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in Roger Williams park ; and that the joint committee on parks be requested to wait upon Professor Diman and ask for a copy of said oration for publication, and to cause the same to be printed for use of the city council.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the council be also tendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, for their services in the masonic ceremonies at the dedication of said monument.

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No. 621. Resolution to convey land in the Brook street District to John Hurley.

[ Approved October 22, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause so much of the estate of John Hurley, situated on the south side of Bower street, as has not been taken for the improvement of said district, to be conveyed to said Hurley.

No. 622. Resolution to convey land in the Brook street District to James H. Wright.

[ Approved October 22, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause the estate of James H. Wright, situated on Gano street, together with a strip of land between the rear of said estate and the new street adjoining, to be conveyed to the said Wright.

No. 623. Message from the Mayor with Invitation to Review the Police.

[ Presented October 22, 1877. ]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence October 22, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The annual inspection and review of the police force, will take place on Tuesday 30th instant, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. The city council are invited to meet at the city building, at 3 o'clock P. M., in order to inspect and review the line.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 624. Resolution accepting the above Invitation.

[ Approved October 25, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the invitation to the city council to inspect and review the police force, on Tuesday 30th. instant at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, be and the same is hereby accepted.

No. 625. Resolution appropriating \$1,500. for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved October 25, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, (\$1500) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support and improvement of Roger Williams park, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks: said sum to be charged to the general appropriation for parks.

No. 626. Resolution to lay water pipes in Updike, Towner, Cargill and Gano streets and Pavilion avenue.

[Approved October 25, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to lay water pipes in the following named streets; Updike street, from Moore to Whitmarsh streets, Pavilion avenue and Towner street, from near Hylstead street to Clarke street, Cargill street, from Carpenter street to Fountain street, Gano street, from Pitman street to Preston street; provided that the parties desiring water on Updike street shall give a written guaranty that an annual income of not less than thirty dollars shall be derived by the city from the pipe laid in said street, as provided by this resolution, exclusive of any receipts for fire hydrants, before said pipe shall be laid.

No. 627. Resolution authorizing the purchase of brick for the construction of Sewers.

[Approved October 25, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the provisions of section five of an ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners, passed October 19, 1876, are hereby declared inoperative so far as to

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allow the board of water commissioners, to purchase seventy-five thousand bricks of the Narragansett Brick Company, for use in the construction of sewers.

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No. 628. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved October 25, 1877.]

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

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No. 629. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 25, 1877.]

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

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

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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings

[Approved October 25, 1877.]

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 : said buildings to be kept moving while on the railroad track.

- No. 630. Murty Cronin.  
631. Dennis Holland.  
632. Andrew J. Kopp.  
633. Patrick Mahoney.  
634. William McLaughlin.  
635. Joseph Quinn.  
636. Michael Rogers.

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

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- No. 637. Resolution to pave High street with granite blocks.

[Passed notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor,  
In Common Council, November 5, in Board of Aldermen, November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause High street, from Knight street to Dexter street, to be paved with granite blocks, outside of the railroad track.

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- No. 638. Resolution to pay the Teachers of Sewing.

[Approved November 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, is hereby authorized to pay the persons employed as teachers of sewing in the public schools for services rendered during the month of September last, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for like service in the corresponding month in 1876.

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- No. 639. Resolution appropriating \$50,000. for the Brook street district.

[Approved November 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

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No. 640. Resolution to pay the Police for duty in  
October.

[Approved November 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the month of October, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid in October, 1876.

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No. 641. Resolution accepting gift of Frederick Miller, executor of the will of Jane Congdon, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved November 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Frederick Miller, executor of the last will of Jane Congdon, of the city of Providence, deceased, of the sum of fifty dollars, to the commissioners of the north burial ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367, of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot conveyed to Frederick Miller, trustee for the heirs of Jane Congdon, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council; and that the same be called the Jane Congdon fund.

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No. 642. Relating to Curbing for street corners.

[Approved November 5, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, be and hereby are instructed, in ordering curbing for street corners, to conform to the plans of the city engineer

No. 647. Resolution appropriating \$4,600. for Bridge at Geneva.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of forty six hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the construction of Geneva bridge on Douglas avenue: the same to be charged to the appropriation for bridges.

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No. 648. Resolution appropriating \$5,000. to the appropriation for Parks.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the reserved fund, to the appropriation for public parks, for the purpose of paying Franklin Simmons the balance due him under his contract for the monument to Roger Williams.

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No. 649. Resolution to pay Franklin Simmons \$250. for work on the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks are hereby authorized to pay to Franklin Simmons, out of the reserved fund, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, said sum being the amount expended by him in extra work upon the Roger Williams monument, and not called for under the contract.

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No. 650. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relating to South Main street and land of Jacob Ruoff.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's message, dated October 11, 1877, relative to claim of Jacob Ruoff to a portion of South

Main street, be, with the accompanying papers, referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Brown, Sweet, Arnold and Bartlett, of the common council, with Alderman Hayward, with authority to settle the said claim.

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No. 651. Committee upon the Locust Grove Cemetery.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, November 5, 1877.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Barker be excused from further service upon the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 541, in relation to the Locust Grove Cemetery, and that Mr. Potter be appointed in his stead.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

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No. 652. Resolution to pay the Teachers of Sewing.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the persons employed as teachers of sewing, in the public schools, for services rendered during the month of October last, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for like services in the corresponding month in 1876.

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No. 653. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon the subject of Jackson Avenue and the School House thereon.

[Presented November 5, 1877.]

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

The joint special committee appointed by resolution approved September 27, 1877, to whom was referred the message of his honor the Mayor, in relation to Jackson avenue and the

school house thereon, presented September 24, 1877, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have given the subject full consideration, and find as stated by his honor, in his message to this body, ample school accommodations ; but owing to the nearly impassable condition of said avenue, a portion of the house closed, while the school rooms on Potter's avenue were over-crowded, owing to the danger of sending small children where they rightfully belong. Your committee also found that portion of territory sorely in need of highway facilities, especially that portion between Potter's avenue, Cranston street, Fenner avenue, and Mashapaug pond, through which territory this avenue, in the judgment of this committee, is the most proper thoroughfare. Of the pressing needs of such facilities, the late fire in that vicinity seems a most potent argument. Your committee also find the tax-payers, in said avenue, protesting against paying for that for which they receive no equivalent ; inasmuch as the city has furnished a good school building, not accessible, and on an avenue not received, and not passable, leaving the property at the mercy of the elements. In view of these facts, your committee requested the city engineer to cause grade stubs to be set on said avenue at a proposed grade ; also calling the attention of the abutting owners to the same, for the purpose of arriving at an amicable arrangement. At a public meeting subsequently held, said owners manifested a desire to coöperate with the city in any way to secure the needed relief, expressing their willingness to sign an agreement releasing the city from all liability for damage growing out of the establishing and working said grade. Your committee therefore, in view of these facts, and believing that the best interests of the city will be subserved by so doing, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK, Chairman.

No. 654. Resolution requesting the Alderman to lay out Jackson avenue.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they hereby are requested, to lay out Jackson avenue, from Beckwith street to Potter's avenue.

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No. 655. Requesting the Aldermen to lay out Lippitt street.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested, to lay out Lippitt street, from Camp street to Dwight street.

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No. 656. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Holden street.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested, to receive Holden street, from Smith street to Promenade street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 657. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Dover street.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested, to receive Dover street, from Academy avenue to Mount Pleasant avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 658. Resolution for curbing Eddy street.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Eddy street, from Thurber avenue to the railroad bridge.

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No. 659. Resolution to erect a Store House in the City Yard.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and he is hereby authorized, to construct within the enclosed portion of the cove lands, a store house for the protection of city property, at a cost not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars : said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

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

No. 660. Michael McCusker, No. 126 Spruce street.

661. Mary McGinley, No. 77 Aborn street.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to

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their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz :

No. 662. George W. Chapin.

663. Nathan Truman.

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No. 664. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael Buckley, 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 three dollars be the amount designated to be paid for each day or part of day said building shall occupy any public street of the city.

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No. 665. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 8, 1877.]

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

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

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No. 667. Resolution for improving Jackson avenue.

[Approved November 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby authorized, in behalf of the city of Providence as a land owner on Jackson avenue, to unite with the other owners on said avenue, in making the same passable, between the railroad bridge and the school house; provided the cost shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

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No. 668. Resolution relating to Grosvenor and Ann streets in the Brook street District.

[Approved November 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, that the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby instructed to lay out and extend Grosvenor street, (formerly Furnace street,) from Front street to India street, and also to continue Ann street southerly to India street.

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No. 669. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, Teacher of French.

[Approved November 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates, the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the months of September and October, 1877: to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 670. Resolution for curbing Linden street.

[Approved November 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, be and they

are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set, and gutters paved on Linden street, from Hayward street to Pine street.

No. 671. Resolution to lay water pipes in Elmwood avenue.

[Approved November 19, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to extend the water pipe in Elmwood avenue, from its present termination in said avenue, to the entrance to Roger Williams park.

No. 672. Message of the Mayor relative to the paving of Weybosset street.

[Presented November 19, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, November 19, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Resolution No. 504, approved September 6, 1877, directs the highway commissioners "to contract with J. S. Aborn & Co., to lay a noiseless pavement in front of the custom house on Weybosset street, said pavement to be laid in accordance with their proposal numbered three, and at a cost not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents per square yard."

The highway commissioners have not as yet certified any contract to be executed on the part of the city, as required by the above resolution. The reason for their non-compliance therewith will appear in their letter to me of the 16th inst., a copy of which is transmitted herewith.

It is very certain that the use of a steam road roller in the day time, on that portion of Weybosset street which will be necessary under the proposed contract, will be attended with

great danger to the public travel in that vicinity, and it is questionable whether such use should be allowed.

If much more delay ensues in the matter of repairing this portion of Weybosset street, it will be impossible to do the work before the winter sets in, and the city can hardly escape damages arising during the winter season, from injuries to horses and vehicles by the neglect to put the street in a safe condition.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, November 19, 1877. }

SIR: We have not contracted with James S. Aborn & Co., as directed by resolution No. 504, for the following reason: The proposition, No. 3, mentioned in the resolution, stipulates that the contractors are to receive, in addition to the contract price of \$1.50 per yard, an annual payment of ten cents per yard for a term of five years, and for a second term of five years an annual payment of twenty-five cents per yard, to keep the same in repair. The city will at the end of ten years, have paid the sum of three dollars and twenty-five cents per yard for the pavement, with the probability that it will be worthless at that time for further use. When this matter was first brought to our attention, we suggested using the asphalt blocks, but were told that they could not be procured in time to lay this season, and for this reason we advised the committee on highways to make the recommendation they did. Subsequently we were informed, that the blocks could probably be had, and we recommended the Messrs. Aborn & Co., to get a change made in the order from the city council, allowing the change of material to be used in the work. In our opinion the change is desirable, as the contractors propose to put down the blocks at three dollars per yard, and keep the same in repair for five years without additional cost.

In the first proposition the city, was to furnish the broken stone and the use of the steam roller without charge to the contractor. This would increase the price of the pavement ordered by the resolution to the value of the crushed stone used, and the expense incurred in the use of the steam roller. The contractors also informed us that it will be necessary to keep the steam roller on the street all the time the work is being done, as it is necessary that the material be rolled as fast as it is laid. We are of the opinion that the action of the common council in non-concurring in the resolution passed by the board of aldermen, was in consequence of a misapprehension of the change contemplated, and if the matter was properly explained to them, they would readily concur therein.

We have deemed it advisable to make this statement to you, so that if you thought it worth while, you might bring the matter to the attention of the common council at an early meeting.

Yours respectfully,

L. S. HARRIS, Secretary.

Hon. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 673. Resolution to pave Weybosset street and Post Office court with Asphalt Blocks.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to contract with James S. Aborn & Co., for an imperishable asphalt block pavement, the same to be laid upon a foundation of properly coated concrete gravel, well rolled and rammed, of not less than four inches in thickness, and the contractors to furnish bonds satisfactory to the highway commissioners, to keep the same in repair for a term of five years, without cost to the city: said pavement to be laid on Weybosset street, in front of the custom house, and on Post Office court, north side of said custom house; provided the same can be furnished and laid at a cost not to exceed three dollars per square yard.

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No. 675. Resolution adding \$20,000. to the appropriation for the New High School.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

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No. 676. Resolution establishing Evening Schools.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the evening schools, as now located and conducted by the school committee, be established as the evening schools of this city for the current season.

No. 677. Resolution to pay Joseph Dow \$150. for damages caused by flooding.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, be and he hereby is directed to pay to Joseph Dow, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, for damages to his estate by overflow of water, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 678. Resolution for the drainage of Public street.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be hereby directed to put in forthwith, such temporary drains as may be advised by the city engineer, for the purpose of taking off the surface drainage from the low point on the south side of Public street, to some point below Adelaide avenue.

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No. 679. Resolution to lay water pipes in Oxford street.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to lay water pipes in Oxford street, from Prairie avenue to Harriet street.

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No. 680. Resolution to lay water pipes in Colfax, Trenton and Sayles streets.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to lay water pipes in Colfax street, from Broad street,

to a point three hundred and thirty feet easterly from said Broad street, and in Trenton street, from Governor street to Ives street, and in Taylor street, from Harvard avenue to Wesleyan avenue, whenever the parties desiring water shall have paid to the commissioners fifty dollars towards the cost of said pipe in Taylor street.

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No. 681. Resolution to lay water pipes in Valley and Harold streets

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to lay water pipes in Valley street, from Atwell's avenue to near Bradley street, and in Harold street, from Valley street to Allston street, whenever the Richmond Manufacturing Company shall give a written guarantee, to pay the sum of one hundred dollars per annum, or such part thereof as may be required to make up said sum, more than the amount now applied for on said Valley and Harold streets, as above, for water.

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No. 682. Resolution to lay water pipes in Charles street.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to lay water pipes in Charles street, from the railroad crossing to a point opposite the premises of the Silver Spring Bleachery, and in Admiral street, from Charles street to Whipple street, whenever the parties desiring water from the pipes as herein provided for, shall execute a written agreement to guarantee an annual income from water rates from said pipes of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars.

No. 684. Resolution abating \$12.60. from the sewer assessment against Charles H. Pierce and wife.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to abate, or if already paid, to refund to Charles H. Pierce and wife, the sum of twelve dollars and sixty cents, the amount of sewer tax assessed against them on gangway adjoining their lot, whenever they shall quit claim to the city all their right, title and interest in and to said gangway; the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 685. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William Jones, 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 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.

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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

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. 686. James Fitzgerald.

687. Hugh Welsh.

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

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No. 688. Resolution to pay the Teachers of Sewing.

[Approved November 22, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the persons employed to teach sewing in the public schools, for services in the month of November, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid for the same month in the year 1876.

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No. 689. Requesting the Aldermen to lay out Ashburton street.

[Approved November 26, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Ashburton street, from Martin street to Borva street.

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No. 690. Resolution to lay water pipes in Clemence street.

[Approved November 28, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to lay water pipes in Clemence street, from Broad street to Westminster street.

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No. 691. Resolution to pay the Police for duty in November.

[Approved November 28, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department for their services in the

month of November, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid in November, 1876.

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No. 692. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved November 28, 1877.]

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

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

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No. 693. Committee on Furniture for City Hall.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, December 7, 1877.

Alderman William S. Hayward, having been appointed a member of the joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall, in place of Alderman Fisher, resigned, it is

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

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No. 694. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, Teacher of French.

[Approved December 10, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates, the sum of eighty one dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the

high school, during the month of November, 1877: to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 695. Message from the Mayor upon the taxation of water pipes in the Town of Johnston.

[ Presented December 10, 1877. ]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence December 10, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The board of water commissioners have extended the water pipes into the town of Johnston, for the purpose of furnishing the citizens of that town with water, and for protecting the property therein from destruction by fire.

The assessors of the town have levied a tax upon these pipes, and the bill has been presented for payment.

It would seem as if the town derived sufficient advantage from the supply of water to exempt the pipes from taxation, and I recommend that the city council direct the supply of water to be cut off after the first of January next, unless the tax already assessed be assumed by the town of Johnston, and the water pipes and hydrants therein be hereafter exempted from assessments.

It would be well for the board of water commissioners to require as a condition for the extension of water-pipes into an adjoining town that they shall be absolutely exempt from all assessments.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 696. Resolution referring the above Message.

[ Approved December 13, 1877. ]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated December 10, 1877, relative to taxation of the water pipes in the town of

Johnston, be referred to the joint standing committee on water, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 700. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon the claim of Benjamin O. Anness.

[Presented December 10, 1877].

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :—

Your committee to whom was referred by resolution No. 543, the message of his honor the mayor, proposing a settlement of the claim of Benjamin O. Anness, against the city, would respectfully report, that they have held a conference with Mr. Anness, and proposed terms of settlement with him, which he has rejected, wherefore your committee ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the matter.

For the committee,

E. S. ALDRICH, Chairman.

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No. 701. Resolution transferring \$1500. to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved December 13, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for parks, to the appropriation for Roger Williams park.

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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved December 13, 1877.]

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. 702. Alfred Hough.

703. Harriet N. Johnson.

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

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No. 704. Resolution to pay the Teachers of Sewing.

[Approved December 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the persons employed as teachers of sewing, in the public schools, for services rendered during the month of December, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for like services in the corresponding month in 1876.

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No. 705. Resolution to lay water pipes in Greenwich street.

[Approved December 17, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to extend the water pipes in Greenwich street, from Adelaide avenue to the railroad bridge.

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No. 706. Resolution to pay Charles Macdonald \$250. for plans of bridges on Valley street.

[Approved December 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay to Charles Macdonald, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in full settlement of his claim for designs and

specifications furnished for Valley street bridges, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : the same to be charged to the appropriation for bridges.

No. 707. Resolution to pay the Police.

[Approved December 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the members of the police department, for their services in the month of December, 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid in December, 1876.

No. 708. Resolution to grade the Reform School Estate in the Brook street District.

[Approved December 18, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby directed to cause the reform school estate to be graded, in accordance with plan submitted by the city engineer.

No. 710. Message from the Mayor relating to the Aldridge Farm.

[Presented December 24, 1877.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, December 24, 1877. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The Aldridge farm, so called, situated almost entirely in Cranston, and containing nearly one hundred acres of land, was taken by the water commissioners for a location for the pumping station, and other purposes connected with the water

works. The price which the city paid for this property was determined by a jury, but the city only obtained the right to use the same, while the fee remained in the former owners, who recently expressed their willingness to sell their entire interest in the farm.

As it is extremely desirable that the city should have the unrestrained control of this land, the chairman of the board of water commissioners, acting under the advice of the board, together with the city solicitor and mayor, decided to purchase the fee, if the same could be obtained at a reasonable price. This he accomplished, and the property has been duly transferred to him, and he is ready to re-convey the same to the city for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, the price which he paid therefor.

I recommend that this sum be appropriated for the purchase of the estate, and that the city treasurer be authorized to take a deed thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 711. Resolution to purchase the fee of the Aldridge Farm for the Water Works.

[Approved December 31, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to purchase of Lodowick Brayton, one of the water commissioners, all his interest in the land in the towns of Cranston, and Warwick, occupied by the water works, and known as the Aldridge farm, provided that the deed be satisfactory to the city solicitor, and that the expense shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars: to be paid from the appropriation for the water works.

No. 712. Report of the Joint Committee on Water,  
upon the Taxation of Water Pipes in the Town of  
Cranston.

[Presented December 31, 1877.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

GENTLEMEN :—The joint committee on water, return here-  
with the message of his honor the mayor, of the tenth inst.,  
relating to the matter of the taxation of the water pipes of the  
city which have been laid in Johnston.

Upon a careful consideration of the whole subject, it appears  
that the assessors of taxes in the town have but carried out  
their sworn duty under the laws as they have been construed  
by the supreme court. It is however very evident, that water  
should not be served to the citizens of Johnston, or other ad-  
joining towns, at the same rates as it is sold to the citizens of  
Providence, if the construction required for the service is to  
be taxed by such towns.

The responsibility for the water debt, and for the present  
annual deficiency of receipts to meet the annual interest ac-  
count, lies exclusively upon the taxpayers of Providence,  
and if other towns are to receive the great benefits of a supply  
of water at the same rates as are charged in Providence, the  
city should at least be relieved from the imposition of any  
greater burthens than are borne in Providence.

Your committee do not advise the cutting off the supply of  
water to Johnston on January first next, as they are of the  
opinion that the proper representations made to the town coun-  
cil of Johnston by the agents of the city duly authorized to  
act in the premises, will result in an arrangement of the mat-  
ter to the mutual advantage of both parties.

Your committee therefore recommend, that the matter be  
referred to the water commissioners, with authority to act as  
they may decide shall be for the best interests of the city.

For the committee.

WILLIAM Y. POTTER, Chairman.

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No. 713. Resolution to lay water pipes in Aborn gangway.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to lay water pipes in Aborn gangway, from Weybosset street to Pine street.

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No. 714. Resolution to pay the rent of the rooms of the City Engineer, from the appropriation for rents.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the rent of the rooms on North Main street, occupied by the city engineer, be charged to the appropriation for rents, from March 1st, 1877.

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No. 715. Resolution for paving Canal avenue.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and the roadway paved with cobble stones, on Canal avenue, from North Main street to Canal street.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

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

No. 716. Wellington P. Dolloff.

717. William A. Sweet.

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 Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

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

No. 718. Mrs. Edwin Baker.

719. Herbert Taylor.

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 No. 720. Resolution to convey land in the Brook street District to John F. Dailey.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to John F. Dailey, the lot on the corner of Thompson and India streets, formerly belonging to his father James Dailey ; upon said James Dailey conveying the same to the city of Providence, and the said John F. Dailey, signing an agreement to pay for betterments and for any excess of land that may be conveyed to him if any.

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 No. 721. CHAPTER CV.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XXXVIII OF THE ORDINANCES, AND RELATING TO PLACES OF TRADE.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

*It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows :—*

SECTION 1. The first section of chapter thirty-eight of the ordinances of said city is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The following is substituted as the first section of said chapter thirty-eight.

No shop, store or other place of trade or entertainment in this city excepting licensed taverns, shall be kept open between twelve o'clock midnight, and four o'clock in the morning.

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No. 722. Resolution to lay water pipes in Gardiner street.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby ordered, to cause water pipes to be laid on Gardiner street, in accordance with joint resolution of the city council number five hundred and six, as previously passed : provided that the charge of twenty-four dollars (\$24) for extra trenching, as recommended by the water commissioners, be omitted, and that no charge be made for extra trenching on said street.

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No. 723. Resolution for printing an Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED. That the city registrar, acting under the advice of the joint committee on printing, is hereby directed to cause an index of the records of births, marriages and deaths, to be prepared ; and the said committee are hereby authorized to have said index printed.

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No. 724. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, teacher of French.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates, the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full com-

pensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of December, 1877 : to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 725. Resolution relating to the contract with the Union Railroad Co., for their building in Roger Williams Park.

[Approved January 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the words "furnishings" and "appurtenances" as used in the contract or agreement between the city and the Union Railroad Co., relative to the erection of a building in Roger Williams park, shall wherever used, be understood and construed to mean the permanent fixtures attached to said building.