

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE
CITY PROPERTY DEPT



RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL

OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
WITH
REPORTS AND ORDINANCES,

JAN., 1879, TO JAN., 1880.



PROVIDENCE:
PROVIDENCE PRESS COMPANY, PRINTERS TO THE CITY.
1880.

INDEX.

- Abbott's lane, name changed, 321.
Abbott street, water pipes ordered in, 170.
Accounts allowed, (see board of aldermen).
Accounts at the close of the fiscal year, (see fiscal year).
Acoustic properties of the Common Council chamber, improving of, 101.
A. Crawford Greene & Son, (see Greene, A. Crawford & Son).
Addeman, Hon. Joshua M., Clerk of Common Council, resolution of
 thanks to, 376.
Address of the Mayor, (see Mayor).
Admiral street, Aldermen requested, 138.
Admiral street, water pipes ordered in, 228.
Advertising, contract for, 13.
 report of committee relative to contract for, 69.
African M. E. Church, 215.
Atmospheric changes, instruments to measure, etc., 268.
Alarm box, (see Fire alarm signal).
Albro street, water pipes ordered in, 211.
Alderman Fenner, appointed a member of police committee, 244.
 appointed a member of committee on Locust Grove
 Cemetery, 274.
Alderman Spicer, (see Spicer, George T.)
Aldermen, Board of, 3.
Aldrich, Anson W., 294.
Allen, William P. and John R., 237.
Allen, Sarah A., and Frank G., 333.
Alma street, water pipes ordered in, 351.
Almira street, water pipes ordered in, 269.
Ambulance for Police Department, 214.
American Rapid Telegraph Company, 231, 237.
American Screw Co., permission to build bridge across Hewes street, 351.
 permission to build barn, 321.
American Union Telegraph Co., 240.
America street, sewer ordered in, 123.
Amherst street, water pipes ordered in, 133, 211.
Angell, Horatio N., et al., 215, 216.
Anthony street, water pipes ordered in, 228.

- Appraisal of damages, (see Board of Aldermen).
- Appropriation for bath houses, 171, 285.
- bridges, 349.
 - Brook street district, 92.
 - Charity Building, 60, 114.
 - City Hall, 51, 119, 152, 182, 256, 287, 290.
 - Decoration day, 154.
 - Fourth of July, 184.
 - health department, 287.
 - highways, for tools, implements, carts, etc., 270.
 - Point street bridge, 164.
 - preparing a foundation for a monument in Roger Williams square, 268.
 - purchasing of granite blocks, 207.
 - purchasing of horses, wagons, etc., for Police Department, 194.
 - rebuilding Park street bridge, 348.
 - repairing paved streets, 245.
 - Roger Williams Park, 257, 287.
 - salaries, 287.
 - School Districts Nos. 6 and 7 in North Providence, 143.
 - school houses and lots in ninth and tenth wards, 281.
 - sewer maintenance, 287.
 - sewers, 256, 329.
 - sidewalks and curbing, 245.
 - stone crusher, 289.
 - support of City Government, ordinance making, 275.
 - Thayer street Grammar School estate, 110.
 - water supply, 227, 287.
 - water works, 183.
- Appropriation ordinance, report of committee upon a bill for, 275.
- Appropriations, additional, 287.
- Armington, Arthur H., 107.
- Armington avenue. grade of, 262.
- received, 103.
- Armories, rent of, 358, 378.
- Armstrong, Charles T., 121, 139.
- Arnold street, 174.
- Arnold street school estate, repairs to be made on, 210.
- Ashburton street, opening of, 355.
- report of committee to lay out, rejected, 336.
 - water pipes ordered in, 110, 334.
- Ashton street, 299.
- Asia street, Aldermen requested, 340.
- water pipes ordered in, 329.
- Assessments abated and refunded, Mary Sexton, 73.
- Margaret Creegan, 109.

- Assessor of Taxes elected, 175.
(see Tax Department).
- Assessors' Office, Ordinance fixing salary of civil engineer in, 374.
- Assistants in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, (see Recorder of Deeds).
- Asylum, walls and buildings, estimates of, 102.
(see Dexter).
- Auctioneers appointed, 31, 34, 41, 84, 145, 203, 298.
- Auditor, (see City Auditor).
- Andrey street, Aldermen requested, 343.
- Auty, James, 216.
- Awnings for City Hall, (see City Hall).
- Ayer, William H., message of the Mayor relative to the decease of, 161.
Mrs. William H., pay of, 185.
- Aylsworth, Hiram B., 95.
- Bagatelle tables, license granted, 102, 236.
- Baker, C. W., 215.
- Baker street, water pipes ordered in, 133.
- Bamford, John, 283.
- Baptist Society, Central, (see Central Baptist Society).
- Barclay street, sewer to be constructed in, 99.
- Barker, Henry R., President of Common Council, resolution of thanks to, 376.
- Barnaby, Abner J., elected Alderman, 242
appointed a member of Committee on Brook street,
Fire Department, and Railroads, 244, 259.
- Barney, David W., 114.
- Barns, (see Board of Aldermen).
- Barrows, Frank P., 293
- Barr, Thomas N., to connect with old drain in Bacon street, 331.
- Barstow Stove Co., 284.
- Bath houses, 350.
appropriation for, 171, 285.
resolution to put in order, 171.
- Baxter, John, 88.
Patrick W. 88
- Bean's Electric Lighting System, (see Electric Lighting System).
- Benefit street, grade of, 84, 231.
- Benevolent street, Aldermen requested, 105.
- Bennett, John A., 61.
- Bennis, John, 168.
- Billiard table licenses, price of, 85.
- Billiard tables, licenses granted, 34, 42, 85, 86, 117, 155.
- Bill in Equity, (Providence Land Co.), City Solicitor to urge immediate trial of, 305.
- Binding and Indexing of City Documents, 15.
Resolutions, 15.

- Bird Law, constable elected under, 121.
- Bishop, Nancy K., et al., 203.
- Blanding, Edward J., conveyance of land to, 357.
- Blanding, Wheeler M., conveyance of land to, 77, 100, 285.
 message of the Mayor relative to conveyance of
 land to, 40, 95.
- Board of Aldermen, finished business in, 30, 33, 40, 49, 55, 76, 84, 86, 94,
 102, 116, 121, 122, 127, 135, 136, 145, 147, 155,
 160, 165, 172, 187, 202, 204, 213, 231, 233, 235,
 240, 241, 261, 270, 273, 282, 293, 298, 314, 318,
 319, 321, 331, 332, 334, 336, 338, 343, 352, 353,
 358, 377, 378.
 accounts allowed in, 33, 40, 49, 76, 84, 86, 94, 102,
 116, 122, 128, 135, 136, 147, 155, 160, 165, 172,
 187, 203, 204, 213, 231, 235, 240, 242, 261, 270,
 273, 282, 293, 298, 318, 319, 334, 336, 338, 343,
 352, 353, 358, 377.
 appraisal of damages by, 103, 215, 237.
 barns, permission to build, 77, 84, 94, 117, 122,
 128, 135, 145, 155, 160, 166, 173, 214, 234, 236,
 243, 244, 262, 274, 293, 299, 318, 320, 321, 332,
 334, 339, 344, 353, 358, 378.
 indefinitely postponed, 40, 50, 216, 321, 333.
 licenses granted, 34, 42, 77, 94, 352, 358.
 members of, 3.
 non-concurred business in, 40, 205, 332, 359.
 officers elected, 30, 31, 121, 155.
 petitioners have leave to withdraw, 42, 50, 84, 95,
 103, 122, 135, 148, 168, 203, 215, 231, 244, 283,
 284, 293, 299, 319, 321, 322, 333, 344, 354, 378.
 resolution of thanks to Hon. Thomas A. Doyle,
 Mayor, 378.
 resolution of thanks to William S. Hayward, Esq.,
 President of, 378.
 resolution of thanks to Henry V. A. Joslin, Esq.,
 City Clerk, 378.
 unfinished business in, referred to next Board, 378.
- Board of Aldermen, requested to lay out and receive:
- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Admiral street, 138. | Dexter street, 360. |
| Asia street, 340. | Diamond street, 360. |
| Audrey street, 343. | Fountain street, 359. |
| Benevolent street, 105. | George street, 360. |
| Brown street, 105. | Greene street, 359. |
| Burnside street, 207. | Greenland street, 340. |
| Capwell street, 323. | Hendrick street, 340. |
| Carpenter street, 340. | Hope street, 207. |

- John street, 207.
- Mathewson street, 361.
- Middle street, 361.
- Pacific street, 138.
- Page street, 126.
- Board of Water Commissioners, (see Water Commissioners).
- Boilers, (see Steam Boilers).
- Bonds, approved, 32, 49, 86, 103, 187, 293, 326.
 registered, report of issue of, 69, 90, 120, 169, 200, 201, 226, 249,
 250, 274, 295, 326, 349.
 issue and sale of, report of committee relative to, 188.
 City Hall and Sewer Loan, ordinance relating to, 189.
 ordinance relative to the issue of, for public improvements, 193.
- Bongartz, Susan J. H., claim of, 342.
- Boss, Henry M., appointed clerk of the Eighth ward, 34.
- Bowdoin street, water pipes ordered in, 269.
- Bowen street, Water Commissioners directed to connect stone drain
 in, 217.
- Bowling alleys, licenses granted, 94, 135, 352.
- Boyle, John, 354.
- Brayton street, railroad crossing at, 355.
- Bridge across Hewes street, (see American Screw Co.)
- Bridge at Park street, (see Park street Bridge).
- Bridge Department, estimates of, 95.
- Bridge on Delaine street, (see Delaine street bridge.)
- Bridge on Gaspee street, (see Gaspee street bridge.)
- Bridge on Washington row, (see Washington row.)
- Bridges, appropriation for, 349.
- Bridges, matters in relation to payment of bills contracted by the advis-
 ing committee on, 136.
- Bridgham street, received, 103.
- Broad street, committee appointed to settle matters in dispute, 123.
- Brook street District, Alderman Barnaby appointed on committee of, 259.
 Alderman Spicer appointed on committee of, 148
 Appropriation for, 92.
 Benjamin W. Persons, resigned, 148.
 continuing special committee on, 16.
 conveyance of land in, to Wheeler M. Blanding, 77,
 100, 285
 conveyance of land in, to Thomas and Mary Lyons, 93.
 conveyance of land in, to heirs of Thomas Ryan, 182.
 conveyance of land in, to Edward McGovern, 201.
 conveyance of land in, to Patrick and Rosanna
 Grimes, 209.
 conveyance of land in, to heirs of Hiram Hill, 234.
- Powdermill street, 323.
- Public street, 361.
- Sheldon street, 142.
- Washington street, 163.
- Westminster street, 341.

- Brook street District, conveyance of land in, to William P. and John R. Allen, 237.
- conveyance of land in, to Patrick Kalon, 238.
- conveyance of land in, to John J. and Michael H. Maguire, 239.
- conveyance of land in, to Mary Tarpey, 265.
- conveyance of land in, to Francis M. and Charles M. Smith, 286.
- conveyance of land in, to Patrick May, 306.
- conveyance of land in, to Francis McLaughlin, 307.
- conveyance of land in, to Providence Gas Co., 308.
- conveyance of land in, to Mary A. Gerald, 315.
- conveyance of land in, to Edward J. Blanding, 357.
- conveyance of land in, to Ann A. Ives, and Hope B. Russell, 361.
- conveyance of land in, to Home for aged women, 367.
- message of the Mayor, objecting to the conveyance of land in, 186.
- report of committee on, 17, 23, 125, 221, 297.
- resolution authorizing the use of certain appropriations for concreting in, 222.
- resolution relative to conveyance of land in, 173.
- resolution relative to land owned by the city, to be platted into lots, 174.
- resolution relative to removal of office of committee of, 74.
- resolution to remit sum charged to John W. Garey, for removing building in, 54.
- safe to be placed in office of, 119.
- Brown, Allen, 215.
- Brown, Elisha M., 354.
- Brown, Leonard, 148.
- Brown street, Aldermen requested, 105.
lines of, 354.
- Bryant street, water pipes ordered in, 150.
- Bugbee & Hall, resolution to pay bill of, 87.
- Buildings, report of Inspector of, 25.
- Buildings to be raised :
- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anthony, Alfred & Co., 260. | Foy, Michael, 131. |
| Atwood, Caroline F., 163. | Furlong, Thomas, 195, 222. |
| Bennis, John, 336. | Gaule, John, 271. |
| Bentley, Robinson, 260. | Gorman, Michael, 115. |
| Bradford, Mrs. Clarence L., 186. | Harrington, Charles C., 271. |
| Chapman, C. H., 360. | Leach, James, 281. |
| Chase, B. G. & Co., 261. | Luther Brothers, 281. |
| Cross, Richard & Son, 195. | McGair, Margareth, 186. |

- McLellan, Anna P., 115.
 Moiles, John, 116.
 Moulton, H. C., 323.
 Noble, George H., 171.
 Olney, Benjamin S., 196.
 Quinn, Christopher H. and wife,
 282.
 Rogers, Michael and Charles, 150.
 Burges, Walter S., claim of, 59.
 Burges, W. S. et al., 223.
 Burgess, D. J. & Son, 294.
 Burgess, J. Oscar, 338.
 Burke, Bridget, 50.
 Burke, Eliza A., 88.
 Burnside street, Aldermen requested to lay out, 207.
 Burrill, Edgar D., 355.
 Burroughs, Martha H., 88.
 Burroughs, Joseph, 42.
 Bushnell, Henry C., refunding of sewer tax to, 311.
 Butler avenue, water pipes ordered in, 150.
 Butterworth, Mary A., 103.
 Campbell, David B., 148.
 Campbell, Hugh, 215.
 Campbell, James, payment of rent moneys, 367.
 Canal street, grade of, 137.
 Canvass meetings ordered, 85.
 Capron, Nathan B., 378.
 Capwell, Roger F. et al., 206.
 Capwell street, Aldermen requested, 323.
 Care of City Hall, (see City Hall).
 Carlin, Michael, 299.
 Carpenter, C. H. & F. F., 134, 136.
 Carpenter street, Aldermen requested, 340.
 Carr, Albert T., 344.
 Carroll, Hugh, 114.
 Cedar street, lines of, 355.
 Central Baptist Society, 98, 342.
 Central Police Station, ventilation of, 169.
 (see Police Stations).
 Cess pools, to be disinfected, 237.
 Chafee, Zachariah, payment to, for curbstones from Oneco Ledge, 74.
 Chambers, Andrew, 262.
 Channel at Field's Point, (see Field's Point).
 Chapin avenue, obstructions to be removed, 155.
 received, 103.
 Charity Building, appropriation for, 60, 114.

- Charles Field street, received, 103.
- Chase, D., bill of, 108.
- Chase, H. M., 114.
- Chatwin, John, 203.
- Chevers, Aurion V., appointed Deputy City Clerk, 34.
- Chief Engineer of Fire Department, (see Fire Department).
- Chief of Police, death of, 161.
 elected, 5, 168.
 message of the Mayor, relating to the death of William
 H. Ayer, 161.
 report of, 53.
 referring report of, 53.
 (see Police).
- Child, W. D., elected Inspector of Kerosene, 345.
- Childs, Henry, 145, 354.
- Church street, Water Commissioners to connect the stone drains with
 sewer in North Main street, 217.
- City Auditor, report of, 17, 24, 68, 90, 120, 147, 156, 200, 225, 249, 315,
 325, 349.
- City Bonds, (see bonds).
- City Building, 160, 165, 168, 174.
 message of the Mayor objecting to a resolution author-
 izing the Joint Standing Committee on City Property
 to lease, 279, 314.
 granting use of, to Post Office Department, 347.
 Committee on City Property authorized to lease, 314.
- City Charter, relative to amendment of, 70.
- City Clerk, authorized to compile and print the proceedings relating to
 the Dexter Donation, 244.
 elected, 5.
 City Hall Commissioners to transfer books, etc. to, 200.
 directed to print ballots, for, and against granting of intoxi-
 cating liquors, 334.
 directed to examine the records of the Clerk of the Justice
 Court, 162.
 report of, 40, 94, 202, 261, 352.
 report of, relative to the receipt of books, etc., from City Hall
 Commissioners, 330.
 to notify railroad companies of the unsafe condition of the
 Orms street bridge, 333.
 to register the names of voters, 318.
- City Debt, resolution relative to floating, 43.
 report of committee on, 140.
 committee on, to fund, 141.
- City Documents, number of, 14.
 indexing and binding of, 15.

-
- City Engineer, communication of, relative to lines of South Water street, 333.
to procure instruments to measure heat, weight and water of the air, 268.
report of, 60, 87.
- City Government, ordinance making appropriations for support of, 275.
- City Hall, appropriation for, 51, 119, 152, 182, 256.
care of, 287, 290.
awnings for, 174.
claim of Potter, Dennison & Co., for a desk, referred to committee, 99
committee to print proceedings at dedication of, 292.
continuing committee to procure furniture for, 48.
message of the Mayor relative to awnings for, 105.
message of the Mayor relative to expenditures for the care of, 289.
message of the Mayor relative to police cells in, 181.
messenger to procure articles for, 151.
messenger to procure awnings for, 106, 228.
ordinance relating to issue and sale of bonds, 189.
proceedings at dedication of, 205.
report of commissioners of, 35, 135, 199.
report of committee to procure furniture for, 47, 181.
report of committee relative to room in, for school committee, 157.
report of committee on purchase of fuel for, 47.
resolution of thanks to commissioners of, 200.
resolution relative to sprinkling the streets around, 124.
resolution to construct suitable partitions in the police cells, 201.
- City Hall Commissioners, to transfer books, etc., to City Clerk, 200.
resolution of thanks to, 200.
- City Manual, printing of, 13.
- City Messenger, report of, 16, 69, 90, 132, 153, 185, 220, 250, 251, 295, 326, 350, 373.
to procure articles for, 151.
to procure awnings for the City Hall, 106, 228.
- City officers, elected, 5.
- City ordinances, (see ordinances).
- City of Providence vs. Providence Land Co., 305.
- City Registrar, elected, 30.
report of, (school census), 77.
to collate from school census, 77.
resolution relating to annual report of, 208.
- City Solicitor, communication of, relative to payment of bills contracted by the advising committee on bridges, 136.

- City Solicitor, elected, 155, 156.
 directed to apply to General Assembly for amendments to city charter, 70.
 directed to apply to General Assembly, relative to grades for streets that have not been received, 168.
 directed to apply to Supreme Court for relief from assessment of tax in town of Cranston, 52.
 opinion of, relative to filling vacancy caused by the decease of Alderman elect from the fourth ward, 32.
 opinion of, relative to the establishing of grades upon unreceived streets, 213.
 report of, 144, 324.
 report of committee relative to salary for, 132.
 report of, relative to elevators, 213.
 to give notice of intention to vacate rooms in Rhodes building, 75.
 to urge the immediate trial of the bill in equity, Providence Land Co. vs. City of Providence, 305.
- City Treasurer, report of, 17, 24, 68, 90, 120, 156, 169, 200, 226, 249, 263, 325, 341, 349.
- Civil Engineer, report of committee relating to, in tax department, 106.
 ordinance relating to, in tax department, 108, 374.
 (see Assessors' office).
- Claims of Bongartz, Susan J. H., 342.
 Burges, Walter S., 59.
 Carpenter, C. H. & F. F., 134, 136.
 Central Baptist Society, 98, 342.
 Chase, D., 108.
 Greene, A. Crawford & Son, 71.
 McElligott, Patrick, 170.
 McPherson, W. J., 145, 149.
 message relative to, 139.
 McVicker, John & James, 104.
 Morton & Chesley, message relative to, 35, 50.
 North Providence, 142, 143.
 North Providence, message relative to, 142.
 G. & S. Owen, 104.
 Photographic Co., (F. Hacker), 109, 164.
 Potter, Dennison & Co., 99, 165.
 Shanley, Patrick, 343.
 Thayer, S. J. F., 46.
- Clarke, Jane L., 299.
- Clark, Henry C., 168, 236, 339, 353.
 findings of the Aldermen upon the charges against the Police Department, 353.
- Clark, John, 344.
- Cleaning of streets, appropriation transferred, 270.

- Clerk of Eighth ward, appointed, 34.
 Clerk of Justice Court, (see Justice Court).
 Clerk of the Market, elected, 175.
 Clowes, Jennie, 244.
 Coal holes under sidewalks, 215.
 Cole, George A., decease of, 345.
 Colfax street, report of committee to lay out, rejected, 43.
 Collins, James D., pay of, 328.
 Commissioners of Sinking Funds, elected, 9.
 (see Sinking Funds).
 Commissioners, City Hall, (see City Hall).
 Commissioners on Harbor, (see Harbor).
 Commissioners on Highways, (see Highways).
 Commissioners on Liquor License, (see License Commissioners).
 Commissioners on North Burial Ground, (see North Burial Ground).
 Commissioners on Water, (see Water).
 Committee appointed to confer with a committee of the General Assembly, in relation to the Providence Reform School, 66.
 to consider the advisability of establishing Police Commissioners, 234.
 to examine the report of the committee on pauperism, 83.
 to examine and report upon message relative to Locust Grove Cemetery, 83.
 to examine and report upon communication of the New York and New England R. R. Co., 305.
 to investigate charges against Superintendent of Lights, 16.
 to purchase a site for a primary and intermediate school house in the seventh school district near Olneyville, 376.
 to settle matters in dispute, growing out of the lay out of Broad street, 123.
 to settle pending suits, 60.
 Committee, Joint Special, on Brook Street District, Alderman Barnaby appointed on, 259.
 on Providence Reform School, continued, 119.
 Joint Standing, on City Property, authorized to lease City Building, 314.
 on Fire Department, Alderman Barnaby appointed on, 259.
 on Railroads, Alderman Barnaby appointed on, 259.
 on Accounts, 10.
 on Brook Street District, continued, 16.

- Committee, on erection of a high school building, continued, 49.
 on Ordinances, to report relative to pensioning police officers
 and firemen, 241.
 (see Ordinances).
 on Parks, 215.
 on Streets, discharged from further consideration of certain
 subjects, 333.
 to procure furniture for the City Hall, continued, 48.
- Committees appointed, 16, 31, 32, 50, 60, 66, 83, 87, 123, 205, 234, 244, 259,
 274, 305, 376.
 to lay out streets, to attend meetings of Board of
 Aldermen, 262.
 to print proceedings at dedication of the City
 Hall, 292.
- Committees, Joint Special, discharged, 83.
 Joint Standing, 10.
- Common Council, members of, 4.
 acoustic properties in chamber of, 101.
 finished business in, 33, 39, 55, 61, 82, 88, 101, 114, 131,
 145, 156, 164, 174, 188, 206, 223, 241, 258, 280, 294,
 314, 320, 338, 356, 376.
 indefinitely postponed, 40, 55, 56, 101, 114, 131, 156, 164,
 174, 188, 206, 223, 241, 280, 294, 356.
 leave to withdraw, 39, 61, 88, 114, 145, 156, 165, 188,
 206, 258, 294, 314, 320, 338, 357.
 non-concurrence, 40, 145, 165, 174, 241, 294.
 officers elected, 33.
 resolution of thanks to Henry R. Barker, President
 of, 376.
 resolution of thanks to the Hon. Joshua M. Addeman,
 Clerk of, 376.
 rules, additional, adopted, 62.
 rule No. 8, amended, 61.
 rules of 1878, adopted, 33.
 unfinished business, referred to the next Common
 Council, 376.
- Concreting of sidewalks on—
 Chapin avenue, 332. Meeting street, 332.
 Chestnut street, 215. Parade street, 332.
 Dexter street, 299. Pearl street, 173.
 Dyer street, 215. Sherburne street, 173.
 Elbow street, 215. Thayer street, 262, 294.
 Greenwich street, 244. Wickenden street, 215.
- Conkling, E. S., 280.
 Connolly, Patrick, 215.
 Constable under the bird law, elected, 121.

- Constables under the dog law, elected, 118.
Constables, elected, 283.
 resignation of, 262.
 (see police constables).
Contractors' sureties, ordinance relative to, 81.
Convention, 3, 55, 121, 131, 168, 175, 206, 331, 345.
Conway, Thomas, 333.
Coroner, pay of, 94, 153, 321.
Cotton, weighers of, (see convention).
Cove lands, message of the Mayor relative to, 89.
 referring message of the Mayor relative to, 89.
 (see New York and New England Railroad, also Providence
 and Springfield Railroad).
Covell, Mary A., pay of 268.
Cove Promenade, construction of bell tower on, 179.
Craddock, Thomas, 165.
Cranston, town of, message of the Mayor relative to tax in, 51.
 resolution directing city solicitor to apply to the supreme court
 for relief from assessment, in the city's ratable estate in, 52.
Creegan, Margaret, 109.
Cross, Francis M., 378.
Crowell, William B., 333.
Crusher building, (see stone crusher building).
Culvert under Reservoir avenue, (see Reservoir avenue).
Curbing of—
 Dover street, 330.
 Gallup street, 335.
 Lockwood street, 159.
 Pacific street, 359.
 Printery street, 335.
 Trenton street, 240.
 Wickenden street, 237.
Curb stones, resolution to pay for from Oneco Ledge, 74.
Curry, Aaron B., 283.
Cypress street, resolution to make passable, 320.
 water pipes ordered in, 133.
Dale street, gate at, 354, 355.
D'Arcy, Thomas, et al., 203.
Darling, A. R. & Co., 320.
Dean, Eugene A., 231.
Delaine street bridge, repairs, 354.
Debt, (see city debt).
Decoration day, appropriation for, 154.
 special committee appointed, 154.
Dedication of City Hall, (see City Hall).
 Grammar school houses, (see Schools).
Deputy city clerk, 34.
Deputy gaugers, 39.

- Deputy surveyors of lumber, (see Surveyor of Lumber).
- Dexter Asylum, dinners at, 283.
 resolution relative to manure for, 372.
 weekly reports of, 33, 40, 55, 76, 84, 86, 102, 116, 122, 127,
 145, 155, 160, 165, 172, 187, 213, 231,
 235, 242, 261, 270, 282, 293, 314, 319,
 331, 334, 338, 353, 358, 377.
- Dexter Donation, city clerk to compile and print matters in relation to, 244.
- Dexter, Joseph K., to connect with old drain in Doyle avenue, 332.
- Dexter street, aldermen requested, 360.
- Diamond street, aldermen requested, 360.
- Dike street, water pipes ordered in, 229.
- Documents, (see City Documents).
- Dog officers, (see Constables).
- Dogs, 87, 118.
- Doherty, J., et al., 333.
- Dorr, Henry C., 61.
- Dorr, Sullivan, 61.
- Dorrance street dock, 236.
 dock and sewer, 357.
 repairing of, near corner of Weybosset street, 334.
 sewer, (see sewer in Dorrance street).
- Dorsey, Peter, 88.
- Douglas avenue, water pipes ordered in, 364.
- Dover street, curbing of, 330.
 grade of, 300.
- Downs, Rachel B., 156.
- Doyle avenue grammar school house, furnaces to be placed in, 210.
- Doyle, Hon. Thomas A., Mayor, resolution of thanks to, 378.
 inaugural address of, 5.
 printing address of, 13.
 (see Mayor).
- Drains in Church, Bowen and Thomas streets, to be connected with the
 sewer in North Main street, 217.
- Dredging of the harbor, (see harbor).
- Duffy, William, pay of, for inquest on bodies, 153.
- Dwight, G. L., 61.
- Dyer street, sidewalk on, 333.
- Earle's lane, 174.
- Eating houses, (see victualling houses).
- Eddy street, sewer ordered in, 123.
 resolution relative to surface water on, 274.
- Eighth ward Clerk appointed, 34.
- Election, (new), ordered in First ward, 117.
 (special), ordered in Fourth ward, 240.
- Election returns, 117, 135, 242, 339.

- Electric lighting system, message relative to Bean's, 365.
 discontinuance of, 355.
 resolution relative to, 359.
- Elevators, report of city solicitor relative to, 213.
- Elm street district, relative to overflow of sewers in, 202.
 water commissioners to relieve the overflowing of
 sewers in, 216.
- Elmwood hall, hiring of for school purposes, 313.
- Engineer's department, (see city engineer).
- Engine station at Harrison street, (see Harrison street Engine station).
- Evening schools, (see schools).
- Fence viewer, report of, 30.
- Fenner, alderman. appointed a member of police committee, 244.
 appointed a member of committee on Locust grove
 cemetery, 274.
- Fenner, Alpheus, 319.
- Ferry at James street, (see James street ferry).
- Field's Point, message of the Mayor relative to widening channel at, 67.
 quarantine station at, 283.
 referring message relative to channel at, 68.
 resolution approving proposed harbor line at, 76.
 well to be sunk near hospital at, 236.
- Finance committee directed to report a salary ordinance, 91.
 report relative to the issue of registered bonds, (see
 Bonds).
 * (see report of).
- Fire alarm, bell to be placed on fire station No. 6, 348.
 bell tower, relative to construction of on Cove promenade, 179.
 signal at the Vitriol works of T. P. Shepard & Co., 75.
- Fire department, board of engineers, report of, 25.
 Central Baptist society, 98, 342.
 pay of members of, 39, 75, 93, 115, 159, 183, 184, 222,
 228, 257, 261, 312, 329, 346, 347.
 pensioning of firemen, 241.
 report of chief engineer of, 30, 69, 91, 120, 156, 182, 220,
 245, 251, 295, 326, 346.
- Fire station No. 6, fire alarm bell for, 348.
 on Harrison street, repairing barn at, 81.
- Fire stations Nos. 10 and 15, proposals for alteration in stables of, 179.
 committee to open bids for, 211.
 resolution indefinitely postponed, 321.
- Fiscal year, message of the Mayor relative to the accounts at close of, 245.
 ordinance in relation to accounts at close of, 246.
- Fitzpatrick, John B., 280.
- Flag staff on prospect terrace, (see Prospect terrace).
- Flaherty, John, 215.

- Floating debt, (see city debt).
Foster, C. A. C., 353.
Fountain street, aldermen requested, 359.
 obstructions to be removed, 215.
Fountain street school house, relative to alterations in, 333.
Fourth of July, appropriation for celebrating of, 184.
 committee of arrangements, 184.
 report of committee, 263.
Fourth ward, (see Ward four).
Freight cars, message of the Mayor relative to laying rails for transportation of, 143.
 referring message of the Mayor relative to, 144.
Fremont street received, 103.
French, William F., 135.
Fruit hill, school house at, (see school houses).
Fruit street, water pipes ordered in, 269,
Fuel, report of committee on purchase of for City Hall, 47.
Fuller, Frederick, 243.
Funds, (see city debt).
Furman, Francis W., 293.
Furniture for the City Hall, (see City Hall).
Gainer, John, 355.
Gallup street, curbing of, 335.
Gangway between Custom House street and Post Office court, to be paved, 321.
Gano street, chutes on, 321.
Gardner, Henry W., et al., 258.
Gardner, J. B., 215.
Garey, John W., sum charged for removing a building, remitted, 54.
Gasoline lamps, contract for, 172.
Gaspee street bridge, 128.
 gate at, 354.
Gates, Alfred H., police officer, pay of, 348.
Gates, (see Railroad Crossings).
Gauger, report of, 29.
 Deputies appointed, 39.
George street, Aldermen requested, 360.
 water pipes ordered in, 335.
Gerald, Mary A., conveyance of land to, 315.
German school, 356.
Gesler street, water pipes ordered in, 329.
Goddard, Moses B. I., trustee, 237.
Goodwin, Charles, 103.
Gorman, Patrick, 215.
Government of the City of Providence, (see City Government).

Grade of—

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Armington avenue, 262. | Post Office Court, 274. |
| Benefit street, 84, 231. | Reservoir avenue, 336. |
| Canal street, 137. | Sheldon street, 203, 215. |
| Dover street, 300. | South Water street, 318. |
| Greenwich street, 42, 336. | Sovereign street, 318. |
| John street, 354. | Thayer street, 354. |
| Middle street, 300. | Traverse street, 203. |
| North Main street, 354. | Trenton street, 300. |
| Pacific street, 333. | |
- Grade of streets, City Solicitor to apply to General Assembly relative to, 168.
 opinion of City Solicitor relative to establishing of, upon unreceived streets, 213.
- Grammar school, lot in Ninth ward, Western district, 357.
 (see Schools).
- Granite blocks, appropriation for, 207.
 message of the mayor relative to, 224.
- Grant, Willie, 117.
- Greene, A. Crawford & Son, pay of, 71.
- Greene, Anthony & Co., 95.
- Greene, Benjamin, 258.
- Greene, James, 42.
- Greene street, Aldermen requested, 359.
- Greenland street, Aldermen requested, 340.
- Greenwich street, drainage of, 356.
 grade of, 42.
- Grimes, Patrick and Rosanna, conveyance of land to, 209.
- Gutters, disinfecting of, 237.
- Hacker, F., 109, 164.
- Hackett, Catharine, 258.
- Haggerty, James and wife, 319.
- Hacks, Superintendent of, report of, 86, 202, 242.
- Haley, Peter, 280.
- Hall, George W., 333.
- Hall, William H., 61.
- Handy street, water pipes ordered in, 312.
- Hanley, Francis, 215.
- Harbor Commissioners, communication relative to widening channel at Field's Point, 67.
- Harbor, line at Field's Point, resolution approving the same, 76.
 message of the Mayor relative to dredging of, 248.
 referring message relative to dredging of, 249.
 report of committee relative to dredging in, 341.
 report of Harbor Master, on dredging of, 183, 252, 296.
 resolution to contract for dredging of, 285.

- Harrison street, engine station, No. 8, relative to repairs in barn at, 81.
Harris, Orrin, inquest on body of, 94.
Hausenstein, Charles, 293.
Harvey, Abby W., 39.
Hayward, William S., Esq., President of Board of Aldermen, resolution of thanks to, 378.
Health department, estimates of, 102.
 officer at quarantine, elected, 30.
 rules and regulations relating to, 358.
 Superintendent of, bill allowed, 258.
Hedley, Samuel, 155.
Hendrick street, Aldermen requested, 340.
Hennessy, John B., pay of, 328.
Henry, George, 148.
Hertha, William F., 169.
High School, authorizing additional assistance at, 256.
 building committee on erection of, continued, 49
 light to be placed over Pond street entrance to, 267.
 report of committee on, 48, 263.
Highway Commissioners, elected, 15.
 report of, 157, 330.
 to repair Dorrance street, near corner of Weybosset street, 334.
 to repair with asphalt blocks the gangway between Post Office court and Custom House street, 321.
 to cause Park street bridge to be closed to travel, 332.
 to purchase a stone crusher and engine, 207.
 to remove wooden posts placed in streets to protect hydrants, 332.
Highways, for tools, (see appropriation for).
Hill, Hiram, conveyance of land to heirs of, 234.
Hill, Olin, 294.
Hirons, Ebenezer, pay of, for rent of lot on Oxford street, 127, 364.
Home for Aged Women, conveyance of land to, 367.
Hope street, aldermen requested, 207.
Hopkins, Horace, 294.
Hospital at Field's Point, well to be sunk near, 236.
Hotels, (see Taverns).
Hovey, Agnes P., 88, 92, 357.
Howland, Zebedee, 280.
Hunt, Benjamin, et al., 244.
Hunt, Charles H., elected chief of police, 168.
 elected clerk of the market, 175.
Hyat street, water pipes ordered in, 269.

- Hydrants, wooden posts for the protection of, to be removed, 332.
- Inaugural address of the Mayor, 5. (City Document, No. 1).
printing of, 13.
- Indefinitely postponed, (see Board of Aldermen and Common Council).
- Indexing and binding of City Documents, 15.
resolutions, 15.
- Inquest on body of Orrin Harris, 94.
- Inspector of buildings, report of, 25.
- Inspector of Kerosene, report of, 29.
message of the Mayor relative to election of, 345.
election of, 345.
- Inspector of milk, (see Milk).
- Institutions at the State farm, (see State Farm).
- Instruments to measure heat, weight and water of the air, 268.
- Intoxicating liquors, (see Liquors).
- Issue of registerd bonds, (see Bonds).
- Issue and sale of city bonds, (see Bonds).
- Ives, Ann A., conveyance of land to, 361.
- Ives Post, No. 10, G. A. R., 358.
No. 13, G. A. R., invitation of, 77.
- James street ferry, 103.
- Jenckes, Charles W., 215.
- Jenkins, Moses B., 237.
- Johnson, Joseph G., 293.
- John street, aldermen requested to lay out, 208.
grade of, 354.
- Joint special committees, (see Committees).
- Joint standing committees, (see Committees).
- Jones, John, 215.
- Joslin, Henry V. A., Esq., city clerk, resolution of thanks to, 378.
- Julian street school house, (see School house on Julian street).
- July Fourth, (see Fourth of July).
- Junk licenses, 50, 55, 85, 94, 102, 128, 160, 187, 205, 214, 231, 236, 243, 262,
273, 283, 293, 314, 318, 321, 344, 352.
- Jurors drawn, 55, 160, 237, 263, 319, 322.
- Jury list made, 147.
- Justice Court, Clerk of, 162.
- Justices of the Police Court, (see Police Court).
- Kalon, Patrick, conveyance of land to, 238.
- Kane, Mary A., abatement of charge for curbing, 365.
- Kelly, John, 103.
- Kenney, Patrick, 357.
- Kerosene, (see Inspector of).
- Kilburn, Frank P., 203.
- Killian, Michael, 344.
- Kimball, Alvin, 205.

- King, John B. F., 294.
- Knowles, Edward P., 324.
- Knowles, John C., 354.
- Knowles, William, pay for inquest on body, 94.
- Kossuth street, water pipes ordered in, 269.
- Lamp department, 117, 121.
- resolution relative to appointment and removal of lamp lighters, 126.
 - resolution transferring books, etc., to the newly elected Superintendent, 127.
 - report of committee transferring books, etc., to the newly elected Superintendent, 146, 209.
 - report of committee, a plan for reducing expenses of, 128, 166.
 - rules relating to Superintendent of, 352, 356.
(see Superintendent of Lights).
- Lamp lighters, ordinance relating to, 186.
- Lamps, committee appointed to contract for cleaning and lighting of, 56.
- compensation for cleaning and lighting, 167.
 - gasoline, contract for, 172.
 - report of committee relative to a plan for reducing expenses, 128.
 - report of committee relative to contract for cleaning, etc. of, 99.
 - report of Superintendent upon communication of Henry C. Clark, relative to cleaning and lighting of, 213.
 - special committee discharged from further consideration of the communication of Henry C. Clark, relative to cleaning and lighting, 168.
- Lamps to be set up, 215, 244, 283, 299, 320, 344.
- Lane, John B., 280.
- Leave to withdraw, (see Board of Aldermen and Common Council).
- Lee, Mrs. G. W., 293.
- Leith, Harvey I., 231.
- Lenz, Otto C., 299.
- Leonard, Henry J., 280.
- Lewis, Thomas, 294.
- Lewis, Thomas and Margaret, 314.
- License Commissioners, resolution relative to removal of office of, 74.
- Licenses granted, (see Board of Aldermen).
- Lippitt street, resolution to throttle inlets to the sewer in, 202.
- Liquor law, violators of, 223.
- Liquors, ballots to be printed for, and against the granting of licenses, 334.
- Livsey, John B., 223.
- Lloyd street, 241.
- Lockwood street, portion of, declared useless, 122.
- highway commissioners directed to reset curbstones on, 159.

- Locomotive on South Water street, (see message of the Mayor relative to).
report of committee upon message
relative to, 91.
- Locust Grove Cemetery, referring message of the Mayor relative to, 83.
Alderman Fenner appointed a member of com-
mittee on, 274.
- Long pond, street along shore of, 223.
- Lyman, Daniel W., trustee, 215.
- Lynch, James and wife, 103.
- Maguire, James, 88.
- Maguire, John J. and Michael, conveyance of land to, 239.
- Maguire, Thomas, et al., 216.
- Manchester, Mrs. Jacob, 215.
- Manure for the Dexter asylum, resolution relative to, 272.
- Maple street, water pipes ordered in, 170.
- Mason, Ella, 122.
- Mason, John H., 258.
- Mathewson, A. W., 114.
- Mathewson, Henry C., payment of rent moneys, 367.
- Mathewson street, aldermen requested, 361.
- May, Patrick, conveyance of land to, 306.
- Mayor authorized to pay rent of armories, 358, 378.
Inaugural address of, 5. (City Document No. 1).
ordinance fixing salary of, 322.
printing address of, 13.
report of, relative to rent of armories, 40.
to communicate to the Governor resolution relating to the Provi-
dence Reform School, 119.
- Mayor's clerk, message relative to appointment of, 34.
- McCulla, Bernard, 61, 293.
- McDonough street, water pipes ordered in, 211.
- McElligott, Patrick, claim of, 170.
- McElroy, James F., 280.
- McElroy, Mary, 165.
- McElroy, William, 354.
- McGeough, Lawrence, 215.
- McGovern, Edward, conveyance of land to, 201.
- McLoughlin, conveyance of land to, 307.
- McNanley, Mary, 216.
- McPherson, W. J., message relative to bill of, 139.
referring message relative to bill of, 145.
resolution to pay claim of, 149.
- McVicker, John and James, claim of, 104.
- Medbury, Charles, 168.
- Message of the Mayor relative to :
appointment of Mayor's clerk, 34.

- Message of the Mayor relative to :
- claim of Morton and Chesley, 35, 50.
 - tax in town of Cranston, 51.
 - Providence Reform School, 62, 95.
 - widening of channel at Field's point, 67.
 - supplying water to Watchemoket fire district, 78.
 - locomotive on South Water street, 80.
 - cove lands, 89.
 - conveyance of land to Wheeler M. Blanding, 95.
 - St. Patrick's day, 96.
 - awnings for city hall, 105.
 - powers of the Board of Aldermen to compel the payment of bills as advising committee on bridges, 136.
 - bill of W. J. McPherson, 139.
 - repairs in tax department and office of the clerk of the municipal court, 140.
 - claims of North Providence, (school districts Nos. 6 and 7), 142.
 - laying of rails for freight cars through the city, 143.
 - vacancy in office of Chief of Police, (Wm. H. Ayer, deceased), 161.
 - invitation to visit the school of design, 180.
 - police cells in city hall, 181.
 - telegraph wires through and across the streets, 198.
 - unsafe condition of east wall of the Providence Reform School building, 223.
 - transfer of an appropriation for the purchase of granite blocks, 224.
 - election in Fourth ward, to fill vacancy in the board of aldermen, caused by the death of alderman George T. Spicer, 240.
 - accounts at the close of the fiscal year, 245.
 - dredging of the harbor by the general government, 248.
 - police department, 259.
 - assorting and filing of old papers and reports, 259 and 260.
 - transfer of the appropriation for the purchase of a stone crusher, 288.
 - expenditures for care of city hall, 289.
 - rescinding resolution relative to interest on money hired for water works and sewers, 290.
 - an ordinance dividing Tenth ward into two voting districts, 316.
 - purchasing land for North Burial Ground, 324.
 - election of wardens and ward clerks in Tenth ward, 330.
 - election of an Inspector of Kerosene in place of George A. Cole deceased, 345.
 - Bean's Pneumatic Electric Lighting System, 365.
 - supplying State Farm with Pawtuxet water, 371.
 - charges of Henry C. Clark against police department, 334.
 - objecting to a resolution authorizing committee on city property to lease city building, 279.
 - returning a resolution relative to the conveyance of land in Brook street district to different parties, 186.

- Message of the Mayor relative to :
subjects in, referred, 14, 68, 79, 80, 83, 89, 144, 145, 180, 181, 199, 224,
225, 249, 260, 269, 325, 373.
- Messenger, (see City Messenger).
- Messenger boys, ordinance authorizing the employment of, 271.
- Messer, Mary W., 103.
- Middle street, aldermen requested, 361.
grade of, 300.
- Miles, A. O., communication of, 79.
- Milk, Inspector of, elected, 30.
office hours of inspector of, 168.
report of inspector of, 116, 293, 377.
rule relating to Inspector of, 168.
- Milk street, water pipes ordered in, 343.
- Molten, J. C., 262.
- Morgan, Richard H. and wife, 168.
- Morton & Chesley, message relative to claim of, 35, 50.
resolution to pay bill of, 49.
- Mullineaux, Catharine, pay for inquest on body of, 153.
- Municipal Court, message relating to repairs in office of, 140.
resolution to make repairs in, 150.
- Munsey, Edwin, tax remitted, 335.
- Murphy, Jane, 354.
- Names of streets, (see Street Names).
- Narragansett Hotel Co., 215.
- Newell, Timothy, 215.
- New York and New England Railroad Co., communication of, 300.
resolution relating to, 305.
credit to account of, 311.
- Nightingale, George C., 61.
- Ninth ward, (see Ward Ninth).
- Noel, Fanny, 294.
- Noon, Margaret, 354.
- Noot, Myer, 84.
- North Burial Ground, report of commissioners of, 43.
payment to Mrs. Sarah Sweet for land in, 73.
water pipes and hydrants ordered in, 170.
refunding of money to Mary A. Covell, 268.
message of the Mayor relative to land for, 324.
referring message relative to land for, 325.
setting apart a lot in, for Providence Police Association, 370.
- North Burial Ground Trust Fund, gift of Edward S. Thurber to, 109.
report of commissioners of, 209.
gift of Elizabeth Higginson Weeden to, 375.
gift of Harriet M. Remington to, 375.

- North Main street, grade of, 354.
- North Providence, message of the Mayor relative to school districts Nos. 6 and 7, 142.
 appropriation to settle claim of, 143.
 claims of, 142, 143.
- Norton, John, 378.
- O'Brien, William, 88.
- O'Connor, John, pay of, (bath house), 350.
- O'Donnell, Bernard, invitation of, to review the procession on St. Patrick's day, 96.
 accepting invitation of, 97.
- O'Donnell, John, 378.
- O'Donnell, Thomas, 344.
- Offal, (see Swill).
- Officers elected, (see Convention).
- Oils, Inflammable, committee appointed to consider the law relative to, 87.
 (see Inspector of Kerosene).
- Old papers and reports, (see Message of the Mayor).
- Oneco Ledge, resolution to pay for curbstones from, 74.
- Ordinance, finance committee to report salary, 91.
 ordinance committee to report, relative to purchases for city, 134.
 relative to contractor's sureties, 81.
 relative to employment of Civil Engineer in tax department, 108.
 permitting Union Railroad Co. to lay rails in Aborn street, 284.
 to lay rails in Broad street, 149.
 to lay rails in Greenwich street, 149.
 in relation to public urinals, 153.
 relating to lamp lighters, 186.
 in relation to the issue and sale of City Hall and Sewer Loan bonds, 189.
 in relation to the issue of the bonds for public improvements, 193.
 providing for the assessment and collection of the annual taxes, 197.
 in amendment to Chapter xxxix, "Police," 219.
 fixing compensation of Lieutenants and Sergeants of Police, 229.
 in relation to accounts at the close of the fiscal year, 246.
 in amendment of Chapter cxvii, entitled an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools in the city of Providence, 264.
 authorizing the employment of messenger boys, 271.
 relating to public pounds, 272

- Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City Government, 275.
 dividing the Tenth ward into two voting districts, 317.
 fixing the salary of the Mayor, 322.
 fixing the salary of certain City Officers, 337.
 fixing the salary of a Civil Engineer in Assessors' office, 374.
- Ordinances, committee on, to report, providing for the election of a Water Commissioner, who shall be secretary of the Commission, 184.
 committee on, to report relative to pensioning Police officers and Firemen, 241.
 resolution to amend, relative to employees of Water department, 337.
- Orms street bridge, railroad companies notified of the unsafe condition of, 333.
- Orms street, Water Commissioners not to construct sewer in, 195.
- Osborn, Joseph, 103.
- O'Sullivan, James, 214, 216.
- Overseer of the Poor, report of, 25, 76, 86, 116, 155, 187, 213, 235, 261, 282, 338, 352.
- Owen, G. & S., claim of, 104.
- Oyster house licenses, 160, 204, 262.
- Oxford street, rent of lot on, (see Hirons, Ebenezer).
- Oxford street School House, (see School House on).
- Pacific street, Aldermen requested, 138.
 curbing of, 359.
 grade of, 333.
 obstructions to be removed, 263.
 lay out of, 263.
- Page street, Aldermen requested, 126.
- Paine, Walter, 103.
- Palmer, William H., bill of, 205.
- Papers and Reports, (see Message of the Mayor relative to filing of).
- Parade street, received, 103.
- Park street bridge, appropriation for, 348.
 ordered to be closed, 332.
- Parsons, Henry L., elected a water Commissioner, 206.
- Pauperism, report of committee on, 56.
 referring report of committee on, 59, 83.
- Paved streets, appropriation for, 245.
 disinfecting of, 237.
- Pawnbrokers' licenses, 160, 213, 293.
- Pawtucket avenue, 333.
- Pawtucket Water, for institutions at State Farm, 288, 373.
 message relative to supplying State Farm with, 371.
- Pearce, Edward, 236, 357.

- Pearl street, 173.
- Pending suits, (see Suits).
- People's Savings Bank, payment of rent moneys, 367.
- Perry, Amos, et al., 356.
- Persons, Benjamin W., resignation of, 148.
- Petitioners have leave to withdraw, (see Board of Aldermen, and Common Council).
- Phillips, Charles A., 344.
- Photographic Co., (F. Hacker,) bill of, 109, 164.
- Pictures, bill of D. Chase for repairing and cleaning of, 108.
- Pierce, Robinson, pay for damages to estate of, 134.
- Plymouth Church, 244.
- Pneumatic Electric Lighting System, (see Electric Lighting System).
- Point street bridge, superintendent of, 31.
rules for the government of superintendent of, 232.
appropriation for, 164.
rules relating to the management of, 232.
compensation of employees at, 233.
- Point street Iron Works, payment of rent moneys, 367.
- Point street school house, repairs to be made on, 211.
- Police, report of Chief of, 53.
referring report of Chief of, 53.
ordinance relative to the appointment of officers of, 219.
ordinance fixing compensation of Lieutenants and Sergeants of, 229.
appointed, 233, 244, 273, 334, 353.
Association, (see Providence Police Association).
committee to report, relative to the transportation of the Police over the street railroads, 194.
supplementary rule, 173, 356.
death of Chief of, 161.
Chief of, elected, 168.
committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing Police Commissioners, 234.
Alderman Fenner appointed a member of committee on, 244.
- Police ambulance, 214, 274.
- Police Association, (see Providence Police Association).
- Police cells in City Hall, message relative to, 181.
referring message relative to, 181.
resolution relating to, 201.
- Police Committee, (see Committee on Police).
- Police Constables, (with power), elected, 41, 283.
(without power), elected, 41, 49, 76, 84, 94, 102, 121, 160, 173, 203, 204, 243, 339, 344.
rule relating to, 173.
- Police Constable under the bird law, elected, 121.

- Police Court, Justices selected, 9.
- Police Department, appropriation for the purchase of horses and wagons for, 194.
message of the Mayor relative to, 259.
referring message relative to, 269.
message of the Mayor relative to charges of Henry C. Clark against, 334.
findings of the Aldermen upon the charges of Henry C. Clark against, 353.
charges of Henry C. Clark against, to be placed on file in City Clerk's office, 353.
ambulance for, 214, 274.
horses for, 215.
resolution relative to reduction of expenses of, 280.
resolution relative to reducing number of members of, 280.
report of Chief of, 33, 213, 281, 293.
- Police furloughs, 356.
- Police Justices, report of, 26, 27.
- Policemen, Mayor's report upon subject of disabled, 101.
retirement of, on half pay, 101.
relative to length of furlough, 344.
- Police officer, Alfred H. Gates, pay of, 348.
- Police station on Martin street, proposals for, 280.
- Police station, resolution to enlarge stable at Central, 228.
resolution to erect stable at Sixth, 267.
- Pool tables, licenses granted, 34, 42, 85, 86, 155.
- Poor Department, estimates of, 95.
- Post Office court, ordered to be brought to grade, 274.
- Post Office Department, granting use of City Building to, 347.
- Potter, Dennison & Co., claim of, 99, 165.
- Potter, John W., et al., 216.
- Potter, William Y., 188, 284.
- Pound keeper in Tenth ward, elected, 331.
- Pounds, (see Public Pounds).
- Powdermill street, Aldermen requested, 323.
- Primary schools, (see Schools).
- Printery street, curbing of, 335.
- Printing, contract for, 13.
of certain reports, 14.
number of City Documents, 14.
report of committee relative to contract for, 69.
- Privy vaults, to be disinfected, 237.
- Prospect terrace, flag staff on, 236.
- Providence Association for the benefit of colored children, 95.
- Providence Builders' Association, Water Commissioners to purchase material of, 103.

- Providence Gas Co., conveyance of land to, 309.
- Providence Land Co. vs. City of Providence, 305.
- Providence Police Association, lot in North Burial Ground for, 370.
- Providence Reform School, 117.
- annual report of trustees of, 53.
 - referring subjects in annual report of, 53.
 - message relative to, 62, 95.
 - committee appointed to confer with committee of the General Assembly, relative to, 66.
 - report of trustees relative to board of inmates, 97.
 - referring report of trustees of, 98.
 - report of committee as to the future management of, 118.
 - trustees to make no further drafts for support of, 118.
 - City Auditor directed to transfer balance of appropriation to reserved fund, 118.
 - Mayor to communicate to the Governor resolutions relative to, 119.
 - Joint Special Committee, continued, 119.
 - trustees to present their bills to the State of Rhode Island, 121.
 - report of committee relative to the annual report of, 146.
 - resolution to allow the State of Rhode Island the use of the buildings of, 152.
 - report of trustees relative to the closing of accounts, 218.
 - message of the Mayor relative to the unsafe condition of the east wall in building of, 223.
 - referring message relative to unsafe condition of wall, 224.
- Providence Seamen's Friend Society, 61.
- Providence & Springfield Railroad Co., permission granted to occupy certain lands for freight station and tracks, 175.
- acceptance of certain lands granted to, 265.
 - plat to be placed on file in City Clerk's office, 345.
 - freight accommodations on Cove Lands, 346.
 - extension of track from Gaspee street, 357.

- Providence Water Works, (see Water Works).
Public Buildings, (see Superintendent of, and Inspector of Buildings).
Public Gasoline Lamps, (see Lamps).
Public Improvements, ordinance relating to the issue of bonds for, 193.
Public Lamps, (see Lamps).
Public Pounds, ordinance relating to, 272.
Public Schools, (see Schools).
Public street, Aldermen requested, 361.
 water pipes ordered in, 170.
Public urinals, (see Urinals).
Purchases for the city, committee to report an ordinance relative to, 134.
Purinton, Robert H., 61.
Quarantine station at Field's point, 283.
Railroad crossings, gates at Dale and Gaspee streets, 354.
 at Brayton street and Dale street, 355.
Railroad street, name changed, 321.
Rails, message of the Mayor, relative to laying of, 143.
 referring message relative to laying of, 144.
Raising of buildings, (see Buildings to be raised).
Randall, Peleg, 148.
Ray, Robert, et al., 216.
Reed & Harvey, 216.
Recorder of Deeds, resolution relative to assistants in office of, 54.
Reform School, (see Providence Reform School).
Registered bonds, (see Bonds).
Registry of voters, 318.
Reid, J. A. & R. A., pay of for printing, 365.
Remington, Harriet M., gift of, 375.
Repairs on paved streets, (see Paved streets).
Report of City Clerk, 40, 94, 202, 230, 261, 330, 352.
 City Messenger, 16, 69, 90, 132, 153, 185, 220, 250, 251, 295, 326,
 350, 373.
 City Auditor, 17, 24, 68, 90, 120, 147, 156, 200, 225, 249, 315,
 325, 349.
 City Treasurer, 17, 24, 68, 90, 120, 156, 169, 200, 201, 226, 249,
 263, 325, 341, 349.
 Brook street district committee, 17, 23, 125, 221, 297.
 Overseer of the Poor, 25, 76, 86, 116, 155, 187, 213, 235, 261,
 282, 338, 352.
 fire department, Board of Engineers of, 25.
 Inspector of Buildings, 25.
 Police Justices, 26, 27.
 Gauger, 29.
 Inspector of Kerosene, 29.
 Fence Viewer, 30.
 Chief Engineer of fire department, 30, 69, 91, 120, 156, 182, 220,
 240, 251, 295, 326, 346.

- Report of City Hall Commissioners, 35, 137, 199.
Commissioners of Sinking Funds, 36, 124, 217, 291.
Commissioners of North Burial Ground, 43.
committee to settle claim of S. J. F. Thayer, 46.
committee upon purchase of fuel for the use of the city, 47.
committee to procure furniture for the City Hall, 47, 181.
committee on high school, 48.
Chief of Police, 53.
trustees of Providence Reform School, 53, 97, 218.
committee on pauperism, 56.
committee on claim of Walter S. Burges, 59.
City Engineer, 60, 87.
Surveyor of Lumber, 60.
issue of registered bonds, 69, 90, 120, 169, 200, 201, 226, 249,
273, 295, 326, 349.
committee relative to contracts for printing, stationery, etc., 69.
committee on refunding sewer tax of Mary Sexton, 71.
Water Commissioners, 88.
Superintendent of Public Buildings, 89.
committee relative to locomotive on South Water street, 91.
committee relative to cleaning and lighting the public lamps, 99.
committee upon employment of civil engineer in tax department, 106.
committee to investigate charges against Superintendent of
Lights, 111.
committee as to the future management of the Providence Reform School, 118.
committee relative to the salary of the City Solicitor, 132.
committee on city debt, 140.
City Solicitor, 144, 324.
committee relative to the annual report of the Providence Reform School, 146.
committee to transfer books, papers, property, etc., of the
Lamp Department, 146, 209.
Highway Commissioners, 157, 330.
committee relative to room in City Hall for School Committee,
and concreting sidewalks in front of Oxford street school
house, 157.
committee relative to ward room for Second ward, 158.
committee on public lamps, relative to lighting lamps by
cheaper material, 166.
Harbor Master on dredging of the harbor, 183, 252, 296.
committee on city debt, relative to issue and sale of city
bonds, 188.
committee relative to ordinance for the assessment and collection of taxes, 196.

- Report of School Committee, 200.
 City Registrar, 208.
 Commissioners of the North Burial Ground Trust Fund, 209.
 committee relative to the grading of a portion of Williams street, 226.
 City Clerk, relative to books, etc., received from City Hall Commissioners, 230.
 Committee on Finance, upon message of the Mayor relative to transferring appropriation for sidewalks and curbing, 252.
 committee relative to the Julian street school house, 253.
 committee relative to the division of ward Ten, 254.
 committee to build a new high school, 263.
 committee on the Fourth of July celebration, 263.
 committee upon a bill for an appropriation ordinance, 275.
 Finance Committee on the issue of registered bonds, (see Bonds).
 City Treasurer on the issue of registered bonds, (see Bonds).
 committee upon the division of the Tenth ward into two voting districts, 312.
 committee on public lamps, a plan for reducing expenses, 128.
 committee relative to dredging in the harbor, 341.
- Reports, to print certain, 14.
 filing of old, (see message of the Mayor relative to).
- Reservoir avenue, relating to culvert under, 208.
 grade of, 336.
- Resolutions, indexing and binding of, 15.
- Rexford, William J., 114.
 Rexford, William J. and wife, 188.
- Reynolds & Co., 378.
 Reynolds, George H., 50.
- Rhode Island, use of buildings of the Providence Reform School, to State of, 152.
- Rhodes building, vacating rooms in, 75.
- Richardson, Lucy M., 156.
 Richmond, F. H., 280.
 Ripley, Henry B., 378.
- Roadway, (see Gangway).
- Robinson, William H.
- Rogers, H. T., 88.
 Rogers, Horatio, trustee, 244.
- Roger Williams Park, appropriation for, 257.
- Roger Williams square, appropriation for preparing a foundation for a monument in, 268.
- Rules and Regulations relating to Health Department, 358.
 Inspector of Milk, 168.
 Lamp Department, 352, 356.
 Point street bridge, 232.

- Rules and regulations relating to Police, 356.
 police constables, 173.
 sprinkling streets, 215.
 steam boilers, 85, 352.
- Russell, Hope B., conveyance of land to, 361.
- Ryan, Thomas, conveyance of land to heirs of, 182.
- Safe to be placed in office of Brook street district, 119.
- Salary ordinance, finance committee to report, 91.
 officers and teachers of public schools, 264.
- Salary, ordinance fixing Mayor's, 322.
 ordinance fixing certain city officers, 337.
 ordinance fixing civil engineer in Assessors' office, 374.
 report of committee relative to the City Solicitor's, 132.
 (see Ordinance).
- Salem street, water pipes ordered in, 269.
- Sayles, A. L., 39.
- Sayles, William F., 216.
- School Census, (see City Registrar).
- School of Design, message of the Mayor, relative to invitation to visit, 180.
 referring message relative to invitation of, 180.
- School district, No. 7, 356.
- School districts, Nos. 6 and 7, (see North Providence).
- School estate on Arnold street, to be repaired, 210.
- School estate on Thayer street, appropriation for, 110.
- School, German, (see German School).
- School, Grammar, lot in Ninth ward, western district, 357.
- School, High, (see High School).
- School house at Fruit Hill, relative to, 206.
- School house on Fountain street, (see Fountain Street School House).
 Doyle avenue, furnaces to be put in, 210.
 Julian street, committee to report plans for addition to, 212.
 Julian street, report of committee relative to, 253.
 Oxford street, (Square street), pay for rent of lot 127.
 Oxford street, report of committee relative to concret-
 ing in front of, 157.
 Point street, repairs to be made on, 211.
- School house and lots, appropriation for in Ninth and Tenth wards, 281.
- School house, (Primary and Intermediate), in seventh school district,
 near Olneyville, 267, 376.
- Schools, evening, establishing of, 255, 286.
 on Orms street, 256.
- Schools, resolution to pay bills for ink stands for, 87.
 resolution to pay bills incurred at dedication of grammar school
 house, 87.
 committee authorized to employ additional teachers in Primary,
 163, 213.

- Schools, annual report of the committee, 200.
Scott, Willard B., 103.
Second ward, (see Ward Two).
Seventh district, (see School House in).
Seventh School district, (see School District No. 7).
Sewer assessment refunded to Mary Sexton, 73.
 Margaret Creegan, 109.
Sewer in Dorrance street, relative to outlet for, 339.
Sewer in Lippitt street, throttling of inlets to, 202.
Sewer loan, ordinance relating to issue and sale of bonds, 189.
Sewer ordered in America street, 123.
 Barclay street, 99.
 Eddy street, 123.
Sewers in Elm street district, overflowing of, 202, 216.
Sewers, appropriation for, 256, 329.
 message of the Mayor relative to money hired for water works
 and, 290.
Sewers and water works, interest on money hired for, 291.
Sewer taxes, relative to, 131.
Sexton, Mary, report of committee relative to refunding sewer tax, 71.
 refunding sewer assessment, 73.
Shanley, Patrick, claim of, 343.
Shaw, John, pay for inquest on body of, 153.
Sheldon street, aldermen requested, 142.
 grade of, 203, 215.
 lay out of, 263.
 obstructions to be removed, 215.
Sherburne street, 173.
Sidewalks and curbing, message of the Mayor relative to, 224.
 message referred, 225.
 report of committee relative to transferring ap-
 propriation for, 252.
 appropriation for, 245.
Simmons, Lloyd B., 338.
Sinking funds, commissioner of, elected, 9.
 report of commissioners of, 36, 124, 217, 291.
Small Pox Hospital, well to be sunk near, 236.
Smith, Amos D., 203.
Smith, Eliza J., 174.
Smith, Francis M., and Charles M., conveyance of land to, 286.
Smith, George W. B., 244.
Smith, Stephen, 344.
Smith, Stephen G., et al., 294, 299.
Smith, Thomas, et al., 203.
Smith, William T., 122.
Snow, Edwin M., 82.

- Snow, Edwin M., petition of, referred to City Solicitor, 328.
- Soldiers' monument, lamps to be painted and regilded, 166.
- Solicitor, (see City Solicitor).
- South Main street, relative to the report to lay out, 333.
- South Main street, received, 336.
- South Water street, message of the Mayor relative to locomotive on, 80.
 referring message relative to locomotive on, 80.
 report of committee relative to locomotive on, 91.
 grade of, 318.
 relative to lines of, 333.
- Sovereign street, grade of, 318.
 paving of, 322.
- Special Committees, (see Committees).
- Special Election, (see Election).
- Spicer, George T., 41, 148.
 decease of, 240.
 minute relating to, 241.
- Sprague, Rufus, 294.
- Sprague, S. S. & Co., erection of elevator on Duncan wharf, 60.
- Sprinkling of streets around City Hall, 124.
 rule relating to, 215.
 (see Streets).
- Square street school house, (see School house on Oxford street).
- Stafford, Anne F., 148.
- Stampers street, water pipes ordered in, 170.
- Standing Committees, (see Committees).
- Staples, Henry, 355.
- State Farm, message of the Mayor relative to supplying Pawtuxet water for, 371.
 Pawtuxet water for institutions at, 288, 373.
- State of Rhode Island, (see Rhode Island).
- State street, Water Commissioners not to construct sewer in, 195.
- State Tax, resolution relating to, 82.
- Stationery, contract for, 13.
 report of committee relative to contract for, 69.
- Steam Boilers, amending order of the Board relative to, 352.
 committee appointed to prepare rules relating to, 50.
 Inspector of, elected, 31.
 permission to operate, 50, 77, 84, 94, 102, 187, 205, 231,
 243, 244, 274, 314, 318, 320, 336, 352, 354.
 report of inspector of, 55, 86, 116, 160, 187, 213, 242, 293,
 319, 352.
 rule relating to, 85, 352.
- Stiness, P. B., 258.
- Stiness, P. B., et al., 355.
- Stollard, George F., 215.

- Stone crusher building, 323.
- Stone crusher and engine, purchase of, 207.
message of the Mayor relative to transfer of
appropriation for, 288.
appropriation for, 289.
- Stone drains, (see drains).
- St. Patrick's Day, message of the Mayor, relative to reviewing procession
on, 96.
accepting invitation, 97.
- Street Committee, (see Committee on Streets).
- Street grades, (see Grade of).
- Street names changed, 321.
- Streets around the City Hall, to be sprinkled, 124.
- Streets, cleaning of, (see Cleaning of streets).
- Street sprinkling, (see Sprinkling of streets).
- Suits, resolution relative to settlement of pending, 60.
- Sullivan, Daniel, 148.
- Sullivan, James O., et al., 299.
- Sullivan, Thomas, 215.
- Superintendent of Hacks, (see Hacks).
- Superintendent of Health, (see Health department).
- Superintendent of Lights, 117.
report of, 122, 202, 204, 242.
rules and regulations of, 352, 356.
committee appointed to investigate charges
against, 16.
report of committee to investigate charges
against, 111.
elected, 131.
report of committee to transfer books, etc.,
to, 127, 146.
to discontinue Electric Lighting System, 355.
(see Lamp Department).
- Superintendent of Public Buildings, report of, 89.
to advertise for proposals for altera-
tions in stables of fire stations
Nos. 10 and 15, 179.
- Supplementary Police Rules, (see Police).
- Surface water on Eddy street, and Thurber avenue, 274.
- Surveyor of Lumber, elected, 55.
report of, 60.
deputies appointed, 100, 164.
- Susan street, received, 103.
- Swan, Samuel B., elected Superintendent of Lights, 131.
- Sweet, Mrs. Sarah, payment of, for lot of land in North Burial Ground, 73.
- Swill and offal, to be removed, 214, 231, 236, 243, 262, 273, 274, 299, 353, 358.

- Tarpey, Mary, conveyance of land to, 265.
- Tavern licenses, 128, 145, 148, 155, 160, 173, 213, 270, 319.
- Tax, message of the Mayor relative to, in town of Cranston, 51.
 City Solicitor to apply to Supreme Court for relief from assessment of, in Cranston, 52.
 refunded to Mary Sexton, 73.
 resolution relating to State Tax, 82.
 refunded to Henry C. Bushnell, 311.
 remitted to Edwin Munsey, 335.
- Tax Department, report of committee upon employment of Civil Engineer in, 106.
 ordinance relative to employment of Civil Engineer in, 108, 374.
 message of the Mayor relative to repairs in, 140.
 repairs in, 150.
- Taxes, Assessor of, elected, 175.
 annual report of committee relative to assessment and collection of, 196.
 ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of, 197.
 uncollectable, abated, 374.
- Teachers, (see Schools).
- Tefft street, lines of, 355.
- Telegraph Co., American Union, 240.
 Rapid, 237.
- Telegraph Wires, message of the Mayor relative to placing of, 198.
 referring message relative to placing of, 199.
 committee to report an ordinance relative to placing of, 212.
- Tenth ward, (see Ward Ten).
- Thayer, Samuel J. F., report of committee relative to claim of, 46.
- Thayer street, 262, 294.
 Grammar School estate, yards at, 110.
 Highway Commissioners to suspend the proceedings relative to concreting the sidewalks on, 294.
 grade of, 354.
- Thomas street, Water Commissioners to connect stone drain in, with sewer in North Main street, 217.
- Thurber's avenue, surface water on, 274.
- Thurber, Charles H., elected constable under dog law, 283.
- Thurber, Edward S., gift of, 109.
- Tierney, Rose, permission to raise building, 105.
- Tourtellott, Charles S., 84.
- Trenton street, grade of, 300.
- Tracy, Lewis, 122.
- Trainor, Hugh, 333.
- Transit street, received, 42.

- Traverse street, grade of, 203.
Treasurer, (see City Treasurer).
Trenton street, curbing of, 240.
Trustees of Providence Reform School, (see Providence Reform School).
Tyler, Samuel W., 95.
Undertakers, (see Convention).
Union Railroad Co., ordinance permitting the laying of rails, 149, 284.
United States Street Lighting Co., communication of, 130.
Urinals, ordinance relating to, 153.
Vanderwater street, water pipes ordered in, 170.
Valley street, water pipes ordered in, 211.
Van Slyck, Nicholas, elected City Solicitor, 155, 156.
Vaults under sidewalks, 215.
Victualling House licenses, 94, 117, 122, 128, 145, 148, 160, 165, 187, 203, 204, 213, 236, 244, 262, 270, 273, 283, 293, 299, 321, 332, 352.
Vose, George L., 258.
Voting districts in Tenth ward, (see Ward Ten).
Waite, Daniel B., resolution to refund to, 154.
Walker, Kenrick, 378.
Walker, Kenrick, et al., 320.
Walls, (see Asylum walls).
Walton, William, 215.
Ward clerks to serve in Tenth ward, elected, 331.
Wardens and Ward Clerks in Tenth ward, 330, 331.
Ward Eight, Clerk appointed, 34.
Ward Four, election, 240, 242.
Ward Nine, appropriation for school houses and lots in, 281.
Ward Two, ward room for, 110.
 report of committee relative to ward room for, 158.
Ward Ten, appropriation for school houses and lots in, 281.
 ward room for, 114.
 report of committee relative to division of, 254.
 resolution relative to the division of, 255.
 message of the Mayor relative to an ordinance dividing the ward into two voting districts, 316.
 ordinance dividing Tenth ward into two voting districts, 317.
 message of the Mayor relative to the election of wardens and ward clerks in, 330,
 wardens and ward clerks in, 330, 331.
 ward meeting, places designated in, 331.
Ward meetings, places designated, 95, 320.
 in Ward Ten, 331.
Washington bridge, resignation of George Green, as keeper of, 102.
 appointment of James M. Chase, keeper of, 102.
Washington Row, bridge on, 137.
Washington street, Aldermen requested, 163.
 report rejected, 160.

- Watchemoket Fire District, 258.
 message of the Mayor relative to supplying water to, 78.
 referring message relative to water for, 79.
 communication of A. O. Miles, relative to water for, 79.
 of East Providence, relative to supplying water for, 206.
- Water Commissioner, elected, 206.
- Water Commissioners, report of, 88.
 authorized to purchase material of Providence Builders Association, 103.
 authorized to purchase water pipes, etc., 133.
 committee to report on ordinance, providing for the election of, 184.
 not to construct sewer in Orms and State streets, 195.
 relative to election of secretary of board of, 206.
- Water Department, relative to safe for, 188.
 relative to the method of transaction of business in, 205.
 relative to investigation of, 206.
 compensation of employees of, 327.
 resolution to amend ordinances relative to employees of, 337.
- Water pipes, water commissioners authorized to purchase, 133.
- Water pipes ordered in :—
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abbott street, 170. | George street, 335. |
| Admiral street, 228. | Gesler street, 329. |
| Albro street, 211. | Handy street, 312. |
| Alma street, 351. | Hyat street, 269. |
| Almira street, 269. | Kossuth street, 269. |
| Amherst street, 133, 211. | Maple street, 170. |
| Anthony street, 228. | McDonough street, 211. |
| Ashburton street, 110, 334. | Milk street, 343. |
| Asia street, 329. | North Burial Ground, 170. |
| Baker avenue, 133. | Public street, 170. |
| Bowdoin street, 269. | Salem street, 269. |
| Bryant street, 150. | Stampers street, 170. |
| Butler avenue, 150. | Valley street, 211. |
| Cypress street, 133. | Vanderwater street, 170. |
| Dike street, 229. | Webster street, 110. |
| Douglas avenue, 364. | Whipple street, 228, 257. |
| Fruit street, 269. | |
- Water supply, City Auditor asking for an appropriation for, 227.
 appropriation for, 227.

- Water Works, appropriation for, 183.
 message of the Mayor, relative to interest on moneys hired
 for, 290.
 rescinding resolution relative to interest on moneys hired
 for, 291.
- Watson street, declared useless, 352.
- Webb, Henry A., elected assessor of taxes, 175.
- Webster street, water pipes ordered in, 110.
- Weeden, Elizabeth Higginson, gift of, 375, 375.
- Weeden, George E., 293.
- Weighers of Cotton. (See Convention).
- Westcott, Amasa S., et al, 354.
- Westminster street, lay out of, 263.
 front of Beckwith estate, 333.
 aldermen requested, 341.
- Wheeler, Rev. Charles H., prayer by, 5.
- Whelden street, 203.
- Whipple street, water pipes ordered in, 228, 257.
- Whitaker, William, alderman elect, decease of, 32.
- Whittier, Mary, 203.
- Whitford, Thomas W., et al., 203.
- Wickenden street, 237, 263, 299.
 curbing of, 237.
- Wilcox, Sally B., 88.
- Williams, Caroline D., 103.
- Williams street, report of committee relative to grading of, 226.
- Wires, (see telegraph wires).
- Wood, Adele S., 156.
- Wooden posts, protecting the hydrants, to be removed, 332.
- Woodrow, S. G., 356.
- Woodward, William, 284.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

WITH

REPORTS AND FINISHED BUSINESS

IN THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

AND

COMMON COUNCIL.

1879.

IN CONVENTION.

JANUARY 6, 1879.

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, assemble in the reception room of the City Hall, and, preceded by the city sergeant and chief of police, they enter the Common Council chamber, and are organized at 12 o'clock, noon.

The certificate of the election of THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1879, is read by the City Clerk, and the oath of office is administered to him by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

The roll of the Board of Aldermen is called, and all the members except William Whitaker are present, and present their certificates of election.

The oath of office is administered to the Aldermen elect by the Mayor — Alderman George T. Spicer holding over on account of the recent decease of Mr. Whitaker — as follows:—

FIRST WARD,	-	-	-	ELISHA C. MOWRY.
SECOND WARD,	-	-	-	GEORGE I. CHACE.
THIRD WARD,	-	-	-	JOHN F. TOBEY.
FOURTH WARD,	-	-	-	GEORGE T. SPICER.
FIFTH WARD,	-	-	-	WILLIAM SPENCER.
SIXTH WARD,	-	-	-	WILLIAM S. HAYWARD.
SEVENTH WARD,	-	-	-	ROBERT E. SMITH.
EIGHTH WARD,	-	-	-	NICHOLAS A. FENNER.
NINTH WARD,	-	-	-	DUTEE WILCOX.
TENTH WARD,	-	-	-	CHARLES E. GORMAN.

The roll of the Common Council is called and all the members except William Cyrus Barker are present, and present their certificates of election.

The oath of office is administered to the Councilmen by the Mayor, as follows: —

FIRST WARD :

JOSEPH WHELDEN,	JOSIAH W. CROOKER,
CHARLES H. BARTLETT,	CHARLES F. HULL.

SECOND WARD :

JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE,	JEREMIAH S. PARISH,
J. CARTER B. WOODS,	GEORGE E. MARTIN.

THIRD WARD :

THOMAS A. MILLETT,	JAMES C. GOFF,
ARNOLD GREEN,	THOMAS E. STUDLEY.

FOURTH WARD :

CHARLES F. SAMPSON,	JAMES McNALLY,
HENRY B. FRANKLIN,	FREDERICK E. ANTHONY.

FIFTH WARD :

JOHN W. BRIGGS,	* WILLIAM CYRUS BARKER,
CHARLES E. CARPENTER,	JAMES H. TOWER.

SIXTH WARD :

DANIEL E. DAY,	THOMAS M. ROUNDS,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,	FRED. I. MARCY.

SEVENTH WARD :

ANDREW WINSOR,	JOHN W. TILLINGHAST,
FREDERICK M. BALLOU,	GILBERT F. ROBBINS.

EIGHTH WARD :

RAYMOND G. PLACE,	EDMUND S. HOPKINS,
SILAS A. SWEET,	LEONARD F. JOSLIN.

NINTH WARD :

HENRY R. BARKER,	ERVIN T. CASE,
WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,	WILLIAM J. CROSSLEY.

TENTH WARD :

JOSEPH F. BROWN,	HUGH HAMILL,
JOHN MORRIS,	JOHN CASSIDY.

* William Cyrus Barker being present after the inaugural address is read, the oath of office is administered to him by the Mayor.

Henry V. A. Joslin is elected City Clerk, and the oath of office is administered to him by the Mayor.

Prayer is offered by Rev. Charles H. Wheeler.

Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor, delivered his inaugural address.

The following municipal officers are elected for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1879, viz:—

Chief of Police,	William H. Ayer.
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,	Samuel M. Gray.
Supt. of Public Buildings,	Obadiah Slade.
Superintendent of Lights,	(Passed.)

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department:

Oliver E. Greene.

Assistant Engineers:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Ira Winsor, | 3. William A. Sabin, |
| 2. James M. Baker, | 4. Sylvanus C. Shurtleff. |

Presidents of the Fire Department:

Sturgis P. Carpenter,	Oliver E. Greene,
	Matthew W. Ingraham.

City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes.
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	William H. Ayer.

Trustees of the Providence Reform School:

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

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground:

Oren Westcott,	Gorham Thurber,
	John W. Briggs.

Pound Keeper at the Asylum,	John M. Knowles.
“ “ in Ninth Ward,	William W. Austin.
“ “ in Tenth Ward,	Daniel K. Angell.
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	Franklin Olds.
Advising Committee on Bridges,	Board of Aldermen.
Overseers of the Hospital,	Mayor and Aldermen.
Overseer of the City Pumps,	Oliver E. Greene.
Viewer of Fences,	George H. Paddock.

Port Wardens :

Philander Crosby,	Jeptha Nickerson,
	William Franceville.

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon,	Charles H. Smith.
---------------------	-------------------

Coroners :

Lorin M. Cook,	Charles H. Leonard,
William Duffy,	William H. Palmer,
Elias M. Jenckes,	Charles H. Thurber,
William Knowles,	George W. Wightman.

Undertakers :

Thomas E. Barron,	Timothy McCarthy,
James Boyce,	Thomas McMurrrough,
William O. Briggs,	Everett R. Osgood,
John L. Clarke,	Walter C. Pierce,
James D. Collins,	Patrick Quinn,
Henry S. Emerson,	William Quinn,
Hugh Gorman,	Daniel W. Steere,
George W. Hopkins,	Benjamin P. Swarts,
Horace B. Knowles,	James Tully,
John M. Knowles,	William Wallace,
Thomas R. Mathews,	Joseph N. Whelden.

Public Administrator :

Daniel Burrows.

Packers of Fish :

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

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Saleratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Kerosene,	George A. Cole.
Inspector of Chain Cables,	Thomas Wyatt.
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,	Theodore V. Matteson,
Thomas S. Battey,	Darwin R. Mowry,
Samuel B. Bullock,	John Medley,
Charles D. Cobb,	Jabez C. Olney,
Elam H. Gates,	Esek H. Pierce,
Stephen P. Henry,	Lucian W. Palmer,
James S. Hudson,	Theodore W. Read,
Christopher L. Holden,	Edwin L. Spink,
Samuel W. Hartshorn,	Franklin A. Steere,
Robert Manchester,	George L. Wood.

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

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

Henry A. Grimwood,	Niles B. Schubarth,
Isaac N. Hallett,	Charles F. Wilcox,
	Charles E. Paine.

Measurers of Grain, Salt and Sea Coal :

Shubael B. Crowell,	Frank P. Manchester,
	George W. S. Potter.

Weigher for the Platform Scale at the Haymarket :

Charles D. Cobb.

Weighers of Cotton :

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

Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law.

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

Gauger,	Edward G. Farmer
---------	------------------

No. 1. Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

[Elected January 6, 1879.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 6, 1879.

RESOLVED, That Jesse Metcalf is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1879.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 6, 1879.

RESOLVED, That Jesse Metcalf be and he is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1879.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 2. Justices of the Police Court.

[Elected January 6, 1879.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 6, 1879.

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.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 6, 1879.

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 6, 1879.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 6, 1879.

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Smith and Hayward, 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.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 6, 1879.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Millett, Brown, Ballou, Tower and Joslin, 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 6, 1879.]

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 6, 1879.

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, same day.

Read and the following named aldermen added.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

City Debt:

Mr. Arnold Green.

City Engineer's Department :

Mr. George H. Burnham.

City Property :

Messrs. George H. Burnham, James McNally,
 Leonard F. Joslin, James H. Tower,
 Alderman John F. Tobey.

Claims :

Messrs. Arnold Green, William Cyrus Barker,
 Frederick M. Ballou, Frederick E. Anthony,
 Alderman Elisha C. Mowry.

Education :

Messrs. James Lewis Peirce, John Morris,
 Andrew Winsor, William H. Shattuck,
 Alderman George I. Chace.

Finance :

Messrs. Joseph F. Brown, Josiah W. Crooker,
 Charles F. Sampson, George E. Martin,
 Alderman Dutee Wilcox.

Fire Department :

Messrs. Jeremiah S. Parish, Raymond G. Place,
 Thomas M. Rounds, John W. Tillinghast,
 Alderman George T. Spicer.

Harbor :

Messrs. Daniel E. Day, Charles E. Carpenter,
 James C. Goff, Ald. Robert E. Smith.

Highways :

Messrs. Charles F. Sampson, William J. Crossley,
 Joseph Whelden, Gilbert F. Robbins,
 Alderman Charles E. Gorman.

Lamps :

Messrs Thomas M. Rounds,	Irvin T. Case,
Charles F. Hull,	Ald. Nicholas A. Fenner.

North Burial Ground :

Messrs. Andrew Winsor,	Thomas A. Millett,
Joseph Whelden,	Ald. William Spencer.

Ordinances :

Messrs. J. Carter B. Woods,	Arnold Green,
Irvin T. Case,	Edmund S. Hopkins,
Alderman John F. Tobey.	

Parks :

Messrs. William H. Shattuck,	Thomas E. Studley,
Joseph F. Brown,	Fred. I. Marcy,
Alderman William S. Hayward.	

Police :

Messrs. Edmund S. Hopkins,	Henry B. Franklin,
William Cyrus Barker,	J. Carter B. Woods,
Alderman Nicholas A. Fenner.	

Printing :

Messrs. James C. Goff,	James McNally,
John W. Briggs,	John Cassidy,
Alderman William S. Hayward.	

Railroads :

Messrs. Frederick M. Ballou,	James Lewis Peirce,
Silas A. Sweet,	Ald. George T. Spicer.

Sewers :

Messrs. John W. Briggs,	Hugh Hamill,
Thomas A. Millett,	Ald. Elisha C. Mowry.

Water :

Messrs. Charles E. Carpenter,	Charles H. Bartlett,
Daniel E. Day,	Ald. George I. Chace,
Jeremiah S. Parish,	Ald. Dutee Wilcox.

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

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

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

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

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Goff, Briggs, McNally, and Cassidy, of the common council, with Alderman Hayward, 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 order of the common council, a list of the standing committees of the city council, a list of the city officers, and such portions of the record of the organization of the city government as they may deem expedient, to be printed for the use of the city council, under the general title of the "City Manual."

No. 7. Resolution to print certain Reports.

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee who were appointed to cause the mayor's address to be printed be and they are hereby authorized to cause the following reports to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the city council, viz. : —

The annual report of the gauger.

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

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

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

The annual report of the overseer of the poor.

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

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the number of city documents to be printed for the use of the city during the present municipal year shall not, except when otherwise specially ordered, exceed in each case seven hundred and fifty copies.

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

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

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. 10. Resolutions to Index and Bind the Resolutions and City Documents for 1878.

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

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 1878, 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 two hundred copies of the documents of 1878, with a proper list of contents, to be bound for the use of the city.

No. 11. Highway Commissioner.

[Elected January 6, 1879.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 6, 1879.

RESOLVED, That George E. Thompson be and he is hereby elected highway commissioner for the term ending January, A. D. 1882.

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 6, 1879.

RESOLVED, That George E. Thompson be and he is hereby elected highway commissioner for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1879.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 12. Resolution Continuing the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby continued.

No. 13. Resolution Appointing a Special Committee to Investigate Charges against the Superintendent of Lights.

[Approved January 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Pierce, Hopkins and Tower of the common council, and Aldermen Mowry, Spencer and Wilcox, be and they are hereby appointed a joint special committee authorized and directed to investigate the charges against Charles M. Smith, Superintendent of Lights, made by James Behan and others, in a memorial presented to the board of aldermen in December, 1878, and said committee are further requested to investigate any and all other charges made by any citizen tax payer, against the said Superintendent of Lights, and to report as early as practicable; said committee shall have authority to send for persons and papers, to summon witnesses, and to administer oaths.

No. 14. Monthly Report of the City Messenger.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter XXXVI of the ordinances, the city messenger reports that during the month

of December last there has been no additional expense incurred for labor or repairs for the city hall.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 15. Monthly Report of City Auditor for December, 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

City Council file, January 6, 1879.

No. 16. Monthly Report of City Treasurer for December, 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

City Council file, January 6, 1879.

No. 17. Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

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

GENTLEMEN: The joint special committee on the Brook street district would respectfully submit herewith to your honorable body their eighth quarterly report; also, their report of their entire doings to the end of the present municipal year, as required by ordinance.

The committee were appointed to take the care and

management of the Brook street district under resolution of the city council approved December 30, 1876, and assumed their duties early in the month of January, 1877, the commissioners under whose charge the district had been from the time of its condemnation, in May, 1873, retiring.

At the time of your committee's taking charge thereof, the district remained in nearly the same condition that it was in at the time of the condemnation.

As first appointed, your committee consisted of Thomas A. Millett, John W. Briggs, and Henry L. Parsons, of the common council, and Benjamin N. Lapham and William S. Hayward of the board of aldermen, but Alderman Lapham soon resigned, and Benjamin W. Parsons was appointed in his place, and after about six months' service Henry L. Parsons also resigned, and Elisha S. Aldrich was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The work of grading was commenced about the last of March, 1877, and was continued until December of that year, and after being suspended during the winter season, was resumed in the spring of 1878, and continued until the same has been nearly completed, there being but some three to five thousand yards of material to be removed.

About 315,000 yards of material have been removed from the district, a large quantity of which for a distance of more than half a mile.

About 30,000 yards of material have been placed upon the land of private parties adjoining Charles Field, Brook, George, Power, Trenton, and Gano streets, for which there has been received by the city treasurer about \$2,350.

About 145,000 yards of material have been placed on Gano street, from Bower to Preston street, and about 30,000 yards have been placed upon the streets approaching Gano street, thereby connecting them therewith, viz. : — Trenton, Transit, Fremont, Williams, Power, and Preston streets, at a cost of about \$60,000. The making of Gano street is an improvement that was very much needed, as an accommodation to

the travel from the lower part of India street to the north part of the city, and the connecting the other streets therewith will save a future expense.

A large number of old and dilapidated buildings on the district, have either been torn down by the employes of the committee, or by the parties to whom they were sold.

A large number of buildings also have been sold to be removed from the district by the purchasers, who have removed and refitted them, and in most instances have greatly improved the same, thereby increasing the value thereof as well as that of the lots to which they have been removed.

A large number of buildings have also been removed to various locations in the district, and have been put in good order, having been thoroughly repaired, repainted, and connected with the sewers, furnished with Pawtuxet water, and in many instances with gas-pipes and fixtures.

The streets in the district, amounting to two and one-fourth miles in length, have been made, gutters paved and curbed, with the exception of Grosvenor street, from Front to India street, and Front street from Gano street to the river.

The sewers have been constructed in nearly the entire length of these streets. Water pipes have also been laid, and the Providence Gas Company have placed their pipes, thereby avoiding the necessity of tearing up the streets for these purposes in the future.

Since the condemnation of the district many thousand loads of gravel have been taken therefrom by the highway department, for which no credit has been given; and many thousand yards of sand have also been taken therefrom by the sewer and highway departments for which no credit has been given, and there is still reserved for the use of those departments a considerable quantity of sand.

Some land has been transferred to the reform school estate by a vote of the city council for which no credit has been given, and that department has received rents from the buildings thereon, \$3,397.20.

The alterations which were made necessary by the change of grade to the Home for Aged Women has been the cause of a large outlay.

Your committee did not deem it advisable for the city to purchase the same, especially at the valuation placed upon it by the commissioners, neither did the managers of that institution desire to sell, therefore it became necessary that the building should be fixed in some manner so as to conform to the new grade.

Your committee were of the unanimous opinion that the proper way to accomplish this, was to grade the lot around the building down about three feet and finish the basement wall on the outside, and then build a bank wall around the lot, but to this the managers of the institution, at the suggestion of those high in authority, would not consent, and as the only alternative your committee were compelled to grade down the entire lot to the new grade, and to build an entire new basement story underneath the building, and finish the old basement story.

It may possibly be that this was the best plan, but it was also the most expensive, and the cost thereof will not vary much from twenty-two thousand dollars, which is about ten thousand dollars in excess of the estimates given the committee before the commencement of the work thereon.

Your committee have had to pay for work on the Reform School estate, which they were given to understand would be paid for from the appropriation for the support of that institution.

Since your committee took charge of this district there have been purchased by the city land and buildings to the amount of \$172,037 $\frac{40}{100}$, and they desire to say that the valuation placed upon these by the commissioners at the time of the condemnation, has greatly interfered with the obtaining of these at prices that your committee would have considered fair at the present time.

Indeed, one of the greatest, if not the greatest drawback to

this enterprise, is the fact that the condemnation took place at a time when the price of real estate was at its zenith, and has been on a decline ever since.

A portion of the sidewalks in the district have already been covered with concrete, and other portions thereof remain to be covered therewith early the coming spring.

Some of the vacant lots in the district, which belong to the city, have been enclosed with suitable fences, and the remaining ones should be fenced as soon as practicable, as parties drive teams across some of them from one street to another, thereby using such lots as a thoroughfare.

There remains some dredging to be done in the Seekonk river adjoining the district, which will be done by the contractor as soon as your committee shall deem it advisable.

Your committee herewith submit an account of the payments and receipts on account of the district under the commissioners, as appears by the books.

Also, a statement of the payments and receipts on account of the district under the committee.

Also a statement covering the payments and receipts on account of the district from the time of the condemnation to the present date.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend that the care and management of the district be under a joint special committee of the city council for another municipal year, as it is highly important that those lands in the district still unpaid for by the city, and not already conveyed back to the original owners, should either be paid for by the city of Providence or be deeded back to the original owners as soon as practicable, in order that all matters contemplated by the act of condemnation may be fully settled, and all opportunity for litigation be forever removed.

BROOK STREET DISTRICT.

STATEMENT of receipts and expenditures from July 26, 1873, to January 1, 1879 :—

RECEIPTS.

Rents, - - - - -	\$109,089 87
Sales of houses, filling land, &c., - - - - -	14,350 73
Assessments for betterments, - - - - -	1,045 25
Total receipts, - - - - -	\$124,485 85

EXPENDITURES.

Land and buildings, - - - - -	\$848,140 47
Grading land, - - - - -	103,990 83
Relocating and refitting buildings, - - - - -	85,973 44
Making streets, - - - - -	27,502 04
Repairs to buildings, - - - - -	13,716 00
Water for houses, - - - - -	3,350 80
Concreting, - - - - -	621 78
Building bank walls, Front and India streets, - - - - -	830 00
Post hydrants, Ann and Thompson streets, - - - - -	183 39
Salaries, - - - - -	14,464 93
Sundries, including rent of office, care of office, stationery, printing, professional services, &c., - - - - -	4,168 72
Total expenditures, - - - - -	\$1,102,942 40

STATEMENT of receipts and expenditures from July 26, 1873, to January 1, 1877, the period that the district was in charge of the commissioners appointed by the city council :—

RECEIPTS.

Rents, - - - - -	\$75,778 54
Sales of houses, &c., - - - - -	2,595 84
Total, - - - - -	\$78,374 38

EXPENDITURES.

Land and building, - - - - -	\$676,103 07
Repairs to buildings, - - - - -	12,147 95
Water for houses, - - - - -	1,646 66
Building bank walls, Front and India streets, - - - - -	830 00
Post hydrants, Ann and Thompson streets, - - - - -	183 39
Salaries, - - - - -	10,678 64
Sundries, including rent of office, care of office, stationery, printing, &c., - - - - -	1,447 85
Total, - - - - -	\$703,037 56

STATEMENT of receipts and expenditures from January 1, 1877, to January 1, 1879, the period that the district was in charge of the joint special committee appointed by the city council:—

RECEIPTS.	
Rents, - - - - -	\$33,311 33
Sales of houses, filling land, &c., - - - - -	11,754 89
Assessments for betterments, - - - - -	1,045 25
Total, - - - - -	\$46,111 47
EXPENDITURES.	
Land and buildings, - - - - -	\$172,037 40
Grading land, - - - - -	103,990 83
Relocating and refitting buildings, - - - - -	85,973 44
Making streets, - - - - -	27,502 04
Repairs to buildings, - - - - -	1,568 05
Water for houses, - - - - -	1,704 14
Concreting, - - - - -	621 78
Salaries, - - - - -	3,786 29
Sundries, including rent of office, care of office, stationery, printing, professional services, &c., - - - - -	2,720 87
Total, - - - - -	\$399,904 84

There are one hundred and five tenements and three stores owned by the city in the Brook street district, of which ninety tenements and one store are rented, the balance being vacant.

Respectfully submitted for the committee.

THOS. A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 18. Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

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

GENTLEMEN: The joint special committee on the Brook street district herewith present their eighth quarterly report of receipts and expenditures.

Receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1878 :—

Rents, - - - - -	\$2,992 11
Sales of houses, &c., - - - - -	508 00
	<hr/>
Total receipts, - - - - -	\$3,500 11

Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 1878 :—

Land and buildings, - - - - -	\$10,327 87
Grading land, - - - - -	1,934 36
Relocating and refitting buildings, - - - - -	14,126 32
Making streets, - - - - -	405 82
Water for houses, - - - - -	26 98
Concreting, - - - - -	621 78
Salaries, - - - - -	300 00
Advertising, - - - - -	4 35
	<hr/>
Total expenditures, - - - - -	\$27,747 48

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, January 3, 1879.

No. 19. Thirty-second Annual Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

City Document No. 2.

No. 20. Annual Account of the City Treasurer.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

In City Document No. 2.

No. 21. Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor for 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

City Document No. 6.

No. 22. Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

City Document No. 4.

No. 23. Annual Report of the Inspector of Buildings.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with section 6 of chapter 688 of the public laws in relation to buildings in the city of Providence, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the first report of the operations of this department for the eight months ending December 31, 1878.

The board of engineers, when this duty devolved upon them, immediately organized into a board of inspectors of buildings, and have since endeavored faithfully to perform the duties provided in said act, and herewith please find a detailed statement of the transactions of the office :—

FIRST DISTRICT.	SECOND DISTRICT.	OUTER DISTRICT.
Dwellings, wood..... 4	Dwellings, wood.....46	Dwellings, wood.....63
Church, freestone..... 1	Barns, wood..... 4	Church, wood..... 1
Storehouses, brick..... 4	Kindergarten, wood.... 1	Barns, wood..... 3
Stores, wood..... 6	Marble-shop, wood..... 1	Greenhouse, wood..... 1
Carpenter-shop, wood... 1	Dwelling, brick..... 1	Stores, wood..... 4
Hotel, brick..... 1	Boiler-house, brick..... 1	Manufactory, wood.... 1
Machine-shop, brick.... 1	Work-shops, brick..... 2	Ice-house, wood..... 1
Block factory, wood.... 1	Storehouses, wood..... 4	Barber-shop, wood.... 1
Pork factory, wood.... 1	Blacksmith-shop, wood. 1	—
—	Hen-house, wood..... 1	75
—	Planing-mill, wood.... 1	Second District.....64
—	Carriage-factory, brick.. 1	First District..... 20
—	64	Total.....159

Number of complaints discontinued without payment of costs, - - - - -	353
Number of complaints appealed, - - - - -	7
Number of defendants committed to Providence Co. jail,	375
Amount of fines collected, - - - - -	\$2,305 00
Amount of costs collected, - - - - -	2,848 20
<hr/>	
Total, - - - - -	\$5,153 20

The amount of fines and costs received by me, together with the names of all defendants who paid the same, has been rendered to the City Treasurer at the expiration of each month, as by law required. Vouchers for said payments are filed with me.

Respectfully submitted,

LORIN M. COOK,

Justice of the Police Court of the City of Providence.

No. 25. Annual Report of Elias M. Jenckes, Police Justice, for 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

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

In obedience to section 4 of chapter 40 of the ordinances of said city, the undersigned, one of the justices of the police court of said city, respectfully presents the following as his report of the amount and kind of business performed by him as said justice for the year ending December 31, 1878, arranged and classified as follows, viz. : —

Whole number of warrants issued, - - - - -	1,871
Whole number of warrants served, - - - - -	1,846
Whole number of warrants for drunkenness, - - - - -	1,675
Whole number of warrants for revelling, - - - - -	154
Whole number of warrants for keeping shop open after 12.	1

Whole number of warrants for violation of hack ordinance, - - - - -	2
Whole number of warrants for violation of health ordinance, - - - - -	9
Whole number of warrants for obstructing sidewalks,	3
Whole number of warrants for playing ball on public streets, - - - - -	2
Whole number of warrants for throwing stones and other missiles on public streets, - -	11
Whole number of warrants for collecting swill without permit, - - - - -	9
Whole number of warrants for keeping swine within city limits, - - - - -	1
Whole number of warrants for permitting animals to go at large, - - - - -	2
Whole number of warrants for burying dead body without license, - - - - -	2
Whole number of warrants discontinued on payment of costs, - - - - -	72
Whole number of warrants discontinued without costs,	397
Whole number of warrants appealed, - - - - -	7
Whole number of persons committed to jail, -	348
Amount of fines collected, - - - - -	\$2,453 00
Amount of costs collected, - - - - -	2,892 55
	<hr/>
Total, - - - - -	\$5,345 55

The amount of fines and costs received by me, together with the names of all defendants who paid the same, has been rendered to the City Treasurer at the expiration of each month, as by law required. Vouchers for said payments are on file with me.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIAS M. JENCKES,

Justice of the Police Court of the City of Providence.

No. 26. Annual Report of the Gauger for 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

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

The gauger, in conformity with the city ordinance herewith, makes this his annual report : —

From January 1, 1878, to January 1, 1879, the whole number of casks gauged by myself and my deputies was 37,448, of which number 20,516 contained oils of different kinds; 9,239 contained molasses and syrups: 6,513 contained whiskey, rum, gin and other liquors: 1,180 contained turpentine and alcohol. The amount of fees received was \$3,312.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

No. 27. Annual Report of the Inspector of Kerosene for 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN: Agreeable to section 10 of an ordinance in relation to inflammable and explosive articles, herewith please find my report for the year ending December 31, 1878.

I have inspected and branded 11,200 barrels of kerosene oil, the fees received for which amounted to \$1,680, deducting from which \$436.55, amount of expenses for the year, leaves a net income of \$1,243.45.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. COLE.

Providence, January 1, 1879.

No. 28. Annual Report of the Fence Viewer for 1878.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

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

I have the honor most respectfully to submit for the information of your honorable body that I have adjusted three cases of dispute during the past year. Amount of fees received, ten dollars.

I am, most respectfully,

GEORGE H. PETTIS, Fence Viewer.

Providence, December 31, 1878.

No. 29. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department.

[Presented January 6, 1879.]

City Council file, January 6, 1879.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JANUARY 6, 1879.

The following officers are elected, viz.: —

President :

William S. Hayward.

City Registrar of births, marriages, and deaths :

Edwin M. Snow.

Health Officer at Quarantine :

Edwin M. Snow.

Inspector of Milk :

Edwin E. Calder.

Inspector of Steam Boilers :

James H. Munroe.

Auctioneers :

George H Burnham,	N. Bangs Williams,
Edwin Draper,	William F. Macomber,
James F. Davison,	Francis J. Sheldon,
Albert S. Wilbur,	Isaac L. Goff,
George W. Elliott,	Charles L. Ellis,
Henry F. Ferrin,	Horace F. Horton,
John B. Fitzpatrick,	Charles A. Lake,
John G. Moore,	Edward A. Turner,
Charles H. Smith,	Andrew J. Magoon,
Henry Bassett,	Lucius F. Rankins,

Philip B. Stiness, Jr.

Police constables (with power). Passed.

Police constables (without power). Passed.

Superintendent of Point street bridge :

George W. Gooch.

Weighers of coal and other merchandise :

Ralph E. Elmer,	Thomas S. Battey,
Theodore P. Bogart, Jr.	

The following standing committees are appointed : —

Auctioneers :

William Spencer,	Robert E. Smith,
John F. Tobey.	

Armories :

Elisha C. Mowry, Charles E. Gorman.

Bridges :

George I. Chace,	Dutee Wilcox,
Robert E. Smith.	

Lamps :

Robert E. Smith, Nicholas A. Fenner.

Police :

William Spencer, George T. Spicer.

Streets :

Robert E. Smith,	Nicholas A. Fenner,
Charles E. Gorman.	

Aldermen Mowry, Tobey and Gorman are appointed a special committee to report a list of police constables, with and without power to serve civil process.

The bond of the City Treasurer is presented. Read and approved.

Weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the Overseer of the Poor. Severally read and received.

Communication signed by Samuel H. Thomas and eighteen others recommending Capt. T. Carr for appointment as Superintendent of Point street bridge. Read.

On motion of Alderman Spicer,

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to present his opinion in writing as to the duty of the board resulting from the decease of William Whitaker, alderman elect from the fourth ward.

OPINION OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 6, 1879. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

GENTLEMEN : The term of office prescribed for a member of the board of aldermen is " for one year and until another is elected and qualified to fill his place."

It is provided by section 13, clause 10, that " in case of failure to fill said offices (mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen,) at such election, or in case any person elected to either of said offices *shall refuse to accept*, the board of aldermen shall issue warrants for another election to fill the vacancy."

In the case of the fourth ward a gentleman was elected alderman, but was never qualified to act, and he never *refused* to accept the office of alderman—the two contingencies which give the board of aldermen power to order a new election. There having been no person elected and *qualified* to act, and the death of the person elected having supervened,

so that it is impossible either for him to be qualified or refuse to accept, Alderman Spicer is left the alderman of the fourth ward with as good legal title as any other member of the present board. It is competent for the Legislature to so amend the charter as to permit an election, as also for the alderman to resign. Upon either being done the question of the aldermen may be remitted to the people; neither being done the alderman for the fourth ward stands precisely as the alderman for any other ward.

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JANUARY 6, 1879.

The following officers are elected, viz. :—

President :

Henry R. Barker.

Clerk :

Joshua M. Addeman.

The standing rules of 1878 are adopted for the year 1879.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JANUARY 16, 1879.

Weekly report of the Dexter Asylum and quarterly report of the Chief of Police. Severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :—

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Charles H. Leonard, coroner....	\$9 00	Providence Water Works, pub-	
Edward S. Rhodes, streets.....	18 00	lic urinals.....	\$695 00
Samuel W. Brown, streets.....	18 00		

BRIDGE BILLS.

Brown's Lumber Co.....	\$64 36	Wood & Winsor.....	\$30 57
Providence and Worcester Rail- road Co.....	27 16	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	21 01

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Rhode Island Concrete Co.....	\$10 36	Providence Gas Co., November, 1878.....	\$344 17
Wood & Winsor.....	36 80	Providence Gas Co., December, 1878.....	283 30
J. Harry Welch.....	9 87	George W. Millard.....	35 50
C. Wilbur & Co.....	4 00	Labor pay-roll.....	115 50
Providence Gas Co., October, 1878.....	291 17		

The following appointments are severally approved: —

Henry M. Boss to be ward clerk of the Eighth Ward, and Aurion V. Chevers to be deputy city clerk.

The bonds of the Chief of Police, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, City Auditor, City Clerk, Police Justices, Recorder of Deeds, and Superintendent of public buildings, are presented, severally read and approved.

The following auctioneers are elected: —

Herbert E. Dodge,	William H. Herrick,
Christopher A. Hall,	Bernard McGuinness.

Licenses are granted as follows: —

To James Doherty, to keep one pool-table at 121 Oxford street; Thomas Ladd, to keep one billiard and one pool-table at 39 Cranston street, and one pool-table at 307 High street; German Turner Society, to give a masquerade Feb. 24, 1879.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 30. Message from the Mayor relating to Mayor's Clerk.

[Presented January 16, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,	}
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,	
January 15, 1879.	

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have appointed Caleb A. Burbank, of this city, to the office of Mayor's Clerk,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor,

No. 31. Message from the Mayor relative to the Claim of Messrs. Morton & Chesley, with communication of their Attorney.

[Presented January 16, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
January 15, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On the eighth inst. I received the communication from Messrs. Morton & Chesley, of Boston, hereunto annexed, and I recommend that prompt action be taken in regard to the account rendered by them for work done upon the city hall.

It would seem to be an easy matter to decide whether or not their account is in accordance with the contract made with them by the city hall commissioners, and the city should not be subjected to a suit for damages by reason of unnecessary delay in adjusting the claim.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

BOSTON, January 7, 1879.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

We would respectfully call your attention to the fact that nearly thirty days have expired since we gave notice, and made demand for the payment of our claim against the City of Providence. At the expiration of said time we shall take immediate action to collect the same, with damages for delay, and breach of contract.

MORTON & CHESLEY,
By their Attorney, A. P. Wilson.

No. 32. Seventeenth Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented January 16, 1879.]

CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, January 11, 1879. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The seventeenth quarterly report of the city hall commissioners is herewith presented.

The following are the disbursements since last report, that of 12th of October, 1878:—

Various small bills rendered,	-	-	-	\$3,006	64
John Chadwick, tiling,	-	-	-	1,991	49
Morton & Chesley,	-	-	-	24,814	49
Office expenses, rent, etc.,	-	-	-	262	01
Pay rolls, October, November, and December,	-			1,049	32
Thos. Wyatt, vault doors, etc.,	-			1,020	45
Shreve, Crump & Law Manufacturing Company,				2,305	00
P. & J. Tierney,	-	-	-	5,190	38
S. P. Brown, superintendent,	-	-	-	500	00
Walworth Manufacturing Company,	-	-	-	380	20
A. Wentworth Roberts & Co.,	-	-	-	6,218	15
Providence Gas Company,	-	-	-	613	55
				<hr/>	
Total amount expended last quarter,				\$47,351	68
Total amount of expenditure,	-	-	-	895,539	42
Amount of appropriation,	-	-	-	948,498	00
Unexpended balance,	-	-	-	52,958	58

Respectfully submitted,

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

No. 33. Fifth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented January 16, 1879.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their fifth annual report, of the condition of the several sinking funds under their control on the thirty-first day of December, 1878.

Sinking fund to redeem the bonds due in 1885 (general purposes). This fund amounts to \$517,978.39, and is invested as follows:—

City of Providence bonds due in 1885,	-	\$215,000	00
City of Providence bonds due in 1893,	-	123,000	00
City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	-	14,000	00
City of Providence bonds due in 1900,	-	14,000	00
City of Providence note due in 1879,	-	151,900	00
Cash on hand,	-	-	78 39
Total,	-	\$517,978	39

Sinking fund to redeem bonds due in 1893 (war expenses). This fund amounts to \$192,180.47, and is invested as follows:—

City of Providence bonds due in 1885,	-	\$9,000	00
City of Providence bonds due in 1893,	-	137,000	00
City of Providence note due in 1879,	-	46,100	00
Cash on hand,	-	-	80 47
Total,	-	\$192,180	47

Sinking fund to redeem bonds due in 1895 (City Hall and sewers, sterling loan). This fund amounts to \$122,935.63, and is invested as follows:—

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	-	\$36,000	00
City of Providence note due in 1879,	-	86,900	00
Cash on hand,	-	-	35 63
Total,	-	\$122,935	63

Sinking fund to redeem the water loan. This fund amounts to \$103,929.23, and is invested as follows:—

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	-	\$75,000	00
City of Providence note due in 1879,	-	28,900	00
Cash on hand,	-	-	29 23
Total,	-	\$103,929	23

North Burial Ground sinking fund. This fund amounts to \$4,297.53, and is invested as follows:—

City of Providence note due in 1879, -	-	\$4,200	00
Cash on hand, -	-	97	53
Total, -	-	\$4,297	53

Brook-street District sinking fund. This fund amounts to \$35,313.37, and is invested as follows:—

City of Providence bonds due in 1900, -	\$3,000	00
City of Providence note due in 1879, -	28,800	00
Cash on hand, -	3,513	37
Total, -	\$35,313	37

The increase in the several sinking funds since the thirty-first day of December, 1877, has been as follows:—

In the fund of 1885, -	\$38,705	55
In the fund of 1893, -	15,624	58
In the fund of 1895, -	44,670	09
In the Water Loan fund, -	5,882	58
In the North Burial Ground fund, -	927	83
In the Brook-street District fund, -	18,116	74
Total, -	\$123,927	37

Whole amount of the several sinking funds December 31, 1878, \$976,634.62.

The commissioners severally made a personal examination of all the securities.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

BENJAMIN TRIPP, City Treasurer.

JAMES M. CROSS, City Auditor.

JOSEPH F. BROWN,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

DANIEL E. DAY.

OLIVER A. WASHBURN, Jr.

Providence, January 16, 1879.

No. 34. Resolution Confirming Appointment of Deputy Gaugers.

[Approved January 20, 1879.]

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

I hereby nominate for deputy gaugers, for the ensuing year, Zachariah C. Farmer, Robert Sherman, and wish to have them confirmed.

Most respectfully,

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

January 9, 1879.

Read, whereupon it is resolved that the same be confirmed.

No. 35. Resolution to Pay the Firemen.

[Approved January 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of January, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JANUARY 20, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. : —

Abby W. Harvey, for remission of sewer tax.

A. L. Sayles, and others for the city council to request the board of aldermen to receive Joslin street.

A resolution directing the board of assessors to allow S. E. Buchanan to have access to and take copies of plats is lost.

Message from the mayor returning resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook street district to Wheeler M. Blanding, with his objections thereto, and

Resolution in relation to the appointment of a joint standing committee on the assessors' department, are severally taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

The resolution directing all special committees of the city council, or either branch thereof, to report on or before January 31, 1879, is read and non-concurred.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JANUARY 30, 1879.

Weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, and final report of Samuel W. Brown, late city clerk severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed:—

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, Inspector of Milk	\$50 00	Hiram D. Maxfield.....	\$4 00
Pay roll, Lamp Department...	76 00	Thomas W. Hart, Streets.....	117 00
Labor pay roll, Bridge Department.....	54 56	Lemuel S. Harris, Streets.....	117 00
		George W. Wightman, Charity Building and Wood Yard.	1,055 87

POLICE BILLS.

D. F. Kottshofski.....	\$10 50	Earle Carpenter & Sons.....	\$42 01
Cairns & Williams.....	5 30	John Eddy.....	54 55
C. Earle Whitaker.....	14 87	Mason, Chapin & Co.....	33 74
Providence County Jail.....	75 00	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	21 95
Edward Burr.....	5 27	L. Wright.....	12 00
William C. Hammond.....	7 34	Charles H. Hunt.....	20 00
Louis W. Clarke.....	7 60	John E. Martin.....	36 00
William H. Ayer.....	52 65	Pay roll of Janitors.....	286 50
C. W. Harris.....	10 93	Providence Gas Co.....	846 84

The mayor reports having received from the State of Rhode Island \$1,300, and paid the same for rent of armories as allowed for 1878.

The bond of the Clerk of the Municipal Court is presented. Read and approved.

Alderman Spicer presents a communication, stating that he has withdrawn from the hands of the mayor his resignation of the office of alderman of the Fourth ward. Read and received.

Walter A. Lake is elected auctioneer.

The resignation of John B. Fitzpatrick, of the office of auctioneer is accepted.

The following Police Constables with power to serve civil process are elected :

Byron H. Arnold,	George Lawless,
Frank Olney Ballou,	Walter C. Smith,
Thomas R. Belcher,	Charles H. Thurber,
John H. Cokely,	William E. Whiting,
Michael Craddock,	William P. Winslow.

The following Police Constables without power to serve civil process, are appointed :

Reuben A. Arnold,	William Chapman,
James E. Babcock,	Moses A. Claffin,
Augustus E. Baker,	John O. Creighton,
John M. Battey,	Samuel Crossman,
William H. Barker,	James L. Crowell,
Walter S. Baxter,	Edwin H. Cummings,
Almon G. Bennett,	Nathaniel A. Fisher,
Lorenzo D. Bennett,	George W. Gooch,
George A. Billings,	Amasa J. Gross,
John B. Benson,	John Hackett,
Daniel G. Briggs,	Thomas W. Hart,
Alden M. Brown,	James B. Hathaway,
John J. Butler,	Stephen P. Henry,
Charles P. Butts,	Daniel Hill,
George H. Bucklin,	David E. Howard,
Rufus B. Carr,	Benjamin A. Johnson,
Charles E. Chaffee,	Daniel Joslin,

John M. Knowles,	J. Crawford Potter,
George S. Knutton,	Daniel L. Porter,
Barnabas Lewis,	Edmund F. Prentiss,
William B. Love,	William Pullen,
John G. Mathews,	William T. Robinson,
John T. Merrill,	Stephen S. Salisbury,
Alexis C. Miller,	Sidney A. Sears,
Frank F. Morrow,	Z. Allen Swan,
John G. McKay,	Jacob Swarts,
Timothy McCarthy,	John T. G. Sweet,
Henry J. McElroy,	John A. Thurston,
John Nickerson,	Nicholas Underwood,
Samuel W. Norton,	Thomas W. Walcott,
Charles B. Oakes,	Joseph N. Whelden,
John R. Oakes,	Benjamin A. Winsor,
Allen F. Poole,	Samuel Whitney,
Henry A. L. Potter,	John L. Worden.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Peleg Randall, to keep one pool table at 411 High street, on payment of \$25; Daniel Sullivan, to keep two pool tables at 209 Cranston street, on payment of \$50; Ives Post, No. 13, G. A. R., to give a masquerade ball; Oscar Burgess, to give a masquerade ball, at 28 North Main street, February 17, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz:—

Joseph Burrows, for abatement of sewer tax.

James Greene, for appointment of committee to assess damages caused by overflow of water upon his estate, corner of Worcester and Eddy streets.

A resolution is passed directing the highway commissioners to change the grade of Greenwich street, from Bridgham street to Burnett street.

The report of the committee to lay out Transit street from

Governor street, to the harbor line on Seekonk river, is approved, received and recorded.

The report of the committee to lay out Colfax street from Broad street to Prairie avenue, is rejected.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 36. Resolution relative to the Floating Debt.

[Approved February 1st, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on the city debt, is hereby directed to report in writing, and as soon as possible to the city council, whether or not it is expedient in its opinion, to fund the whole floating debt of the city.

Whether there are not portions of the floating debt of the city which should be at once funded.

If such funding is expedient at what rate of interest and on what terms of payment, and for what time should the bonds of the city be issued.

Whether or not it is expedient to issue and sell bonds for small amounts, and thus make a popular loan.

No. 37. Annual report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

[Presented January 20, 1879.]

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

The Commissioners of the North Burial Ground make this their annual report.

The present Board of Commissioners was organized on the ninth day of April, 1878, by the election of John W. Briggs as chairman, and Oren Westcott, secretary and treasurer.

The income from the sale of lots during the past year was about two thousand dollars in excess of that for the year previous.

A large part of the income has been expended in keeping the ground in proper condition, so that no very important improvements have been made.

In the south-west portion of the ground, however, work has been commenced, which, when finished the commissioners believe will prove to be of decided value.

The superintendent has effected an exchange of lots with all the owners in the section it is proposed to improve, and as circumstances permit, the land will be graded and thus furnish some very eligible and valuable lots for sale.

The earth removed will be used in filling a portion of the low lands.

The gutters in several of the main avenues have been paved during the past year, which it is believed will prevent a great deal of washing and the consequent repairs.

A few of the paths where the declivity is considerable, have been concreted, and it is proposed to improve others in a similar manner during the coming season.

There are many other improvements the commissioners would like to make, but from want of funds have been unable to undertake.

Two or three perhaps may be suggested.

First. A full supply of water for the more elevated portion of the ground is very much needed. The soil being light, it is utterly impossible to keep many of the lots in anything like a fair condition.

Second. The trees on the ridge imperatively need attention. There are many beautiful trees on this ridge, some of which begin to show signs of decay, which the commissioners believe may be arrested by supplying them with proper nourishment, and thus prevent a most serious loss.

Third. A compact row of evergreen trees along the west line

of the ground seems to be very desirable in order to render the ground more secluded, and also to protect the ground in part from the clouds of dust which arise from the adjoining avenue.

The following exhibit shows the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31st, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1st, 1878,	-	-	\$965 05
From sales of 60 lots containing 15,106½ square feet,	-	-	5,145 30
“ rent of buildings,	-	-	1,422 00
“ improvements of lots,	-	-	872 23
“ tomb rent,	-	-	674 50
“ interments,	-	-	1,623 50
“ bricking graves,	-	-	611 00
“ certificates,	-	-	56 00
“ sale of one yoke of oxen,	-	-	175 00
			<u>\$11,544 58</u>

EXPENDITURES.

LABOR.

Graveling and cleaning avenues,	-	-	\$2,498 60
Grading lots and avenues,	-	-	1,510 96
On interments,	-	-	904 61
			<u>\$4,914 17</u>

SUNDRIES.

For cement, stone, and brick,	-	-	\$248 97
“ head stones, bound stones and labor on curbing,	-	-	286 25
“ water,	-	-	146 99
“ hardware, tools, and drain pipe,	-	-	130 85
“ concrete, paints, fertilizers and seed,	-	-	88 22
“ one horse cart, and harness,	-	-	305 00
“ horse feed,	-	-	276 41
“ loam, manure, boxes, etc.,	-	-	176 58
“ blacksmithing,	-	-	94 97
“ repairs on buildings and fences,	-	-	201 19
“ new hose, repairs, water pipe, lawn mowers and wagons,	-	-	168 51
“ stationery and coal,	-	-	26 62
“ salaries of superintendent and treasurer,	-	-	1,800 00
			<u>\$3,950 56</u>
Total,	-	-	<u>\$8,864 73</u>

Paid commissioners of sinking funds, five cents a foot, on 15,106½ square feet of land sold, - - -	\$755 33	
Balance in city treasury subject to commissioners' order, - - -	1,924 52	<u>\$2,679 85</u>
		\$11,544 58
Inventory of property on hand, - - -		\$1,517 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BRIGGS, OREN WESTCOTT, GORHAM THURBER,	}	Commissioners.
--	---	----------------

No. 38. Report of the Joint Special Committee to
settle the claim of S. J. F. Thayer.

[Presented January 20, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN: The joint special committee on city hall furniture to whom was referred by joint resolution No. 374, series of 1878, the matter of the claim of S. J. F. Thayer, for extra compensation for services as architect of the city hall, respectfully report :

That they have taken in full, the testimony of Mr. Thayer and of Mr. George H. Corliss and Mr. W. G. R. Mowry, city hall commissioners, and after a very careful consideration of the whole case in all its bearings, they have settled the claim by paying to Mr. Thayer the sum of ten thousand dollars in full for all demands of every nature on account of his services up to and including the entire completion of the building.

For and by direction of the committee,

CHARLES E. CARPENTER, Chairman pro tem.

Providence, January 20, 1879.

No. 39. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon the purchase of Fuel for the use of the city.

[Presented January 20, 1879.]

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

The joint special committee to which was referred the matter of the purchase of fuel for the use of the city, respectfully report: That the matter is now being considered by the committee, which will at the earliest possible moment report an ordinance covering the matter referred.

For the committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, January 20, 1879.

No 40. Joint Special Committee appointed to prepare an Ordinance providing for the purchase of Fuel for the use of the City.

[Approved February 1, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property, and the joint standing committee on ordinances, are hereby constituted a joint special committee to prepare an ordinance, providing for the purchase of all the fuel required for the use of the city, under the direction of some joint standing committee of the city council.

No. 41. Annual Report of Committee to procure Furniture for the City Hall.

[Presented January 20, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with section 4, of chapter 13,

of the ordinances, as amended by Ordinance, No. 96, in series of resolutions of 1878, the joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall respectfully report, that they have nearly completed their duties and shall within a short time be able to make a complete detailed report of their work to the city council. They would respectfully ask for the passage of the accompanying resolution continuing the committee.

For and by direction of the committee.

CHARLES E. CARPENTER, Chairman pro tem.

Providence, January 20, 1879.

No. 42. Resolution Continuing the Joint Special Committee on City Hall Furniture.

[Approved February 1, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall are hereby continued.

No. 43. Report of Joint Special Committee on High School.

[Presented February 1, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee appointed under resolution No. 633, series of 1876, to cause to be erected and furnished a new high school building, respectfully report :

That they have nearly completed their work and will soon make a final report. They ask the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

HENRY R. BARKER, Chairman.

Providence, January 20, 1879.

No. 44. Resolution Continuing the Joint Special Committee on Erection of a High School Building.

[Approved February 1, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 633, series of 1876, to cause to be erected a high school building, be and they are hereby continued.

No. 45. Resolution to Pay the Bill of Morton & Chesley.

[Approved February 1, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is directed to audit for ten thousand two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents, the bill of Morton & Chesley, bearing date November 26, 1878, and referred to December 30, 1878, to the committee on claims.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 1, 1879.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Pay roll, Point street bridge, \$297.60 | Pay roll, police.....\$14,719.25

Bonds of the following named constables are severally presented, read and approved :

Byron H. Arnold,	George Lawless,
Frank Olney Ballou,	Walter C. Smith,
John H. Cokely,	William E. Whiting,
Michael Craddock,	William P. Winslow.

The following police constables, without power to serve civil process, are appointed, viz. :

Horace L. Brown,	James T. Oatley,
Samuel C. Merry,	William C. Potter.

Mary A. Kelly is granted license to keep a junk shop at No. 16 Martin street, and Fr derick P. Pearce & Co. permission to operate a steam boiler at No. 308 Wickenden street.

Ordered, That the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Bridget Burke, for refunding sewer tax ; George H. Reynolds and others, for reduction in tax upon billiard tables.

The report of the committee on ordinances upon a draft of an ordinance on hacks, is indefinitely postponed.

Aldermen Mowry, Tobey and Gorman are appointed a committee to prepare and report rules and regulations in relation to the reference of applications for permission to operate steam boilers.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 46. Message of the Mayor relative to the claim of Messrs. Morton and Chesley, with communication of their Attorney.

[Presented February 4, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
February 4, 1879. }
}

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have convened you at this time that means may be provided to pay the claim of Morton and Chesley for work done upon the City Hall.

A resolution directing payment thereof has passed the city council and been approved by the mayor ; but the appropriation for the City Hall is exhausted, and therefore the resolution cannot be carried into effect.

I received yesterday a letter from the attorney of the firm, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, threatening a suit unless

the bill was paid to-day, and as it seems hardly necessary that, after waiting for more than six weeks for the payment of a valid claim of upwards of ten thousand dollars, they should be put to further inconvenience, I therefore recommend that the appropriation be made at once.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

BOSTON, January 31, 1879.

HON. THOS. A. DOYLE, Mayor, Providence, R. I.

MY DEAR SIR:—Messrs. Morton and Chesley have advised with me concerning their claim vs. the City of Providence, and, as I understand, there has been *no appropriation* made to meet the same. They would, if possible, avoid legal proceedings, but in order so to do, it is *absolutely necessary* that the same should be paid *Tuesday next*; as they need the money and must take some action to secure the same.

Trusting this will meet your kind attention,

I remain yours etc.,

A. P. WILSON, Attorney.

No. 47. Resolution adding to the Appropriation for the City Hall.

[Approved February 4, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building the City Hall, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 48. Message of the Mayor Relative to the Tax in the Town of Cranston.

[Presented January 20, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
January 20, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The town of Cranston has taxed, from year to year, the

property of this city situate in said town and used in connection with the water works, which tax has been levied upon a valuation altogether disproportionate to that of other property in the town.

Prior to the assessment of the tax for the year 1877, a return was made to the assessors of the valuation of the property, as made up by the authorities of this city, but not having been attested by the oath of the city officials, the city solicitor did not deem it best to recommend a suit for the recovery of the excess of tax.

On the day fixed for returns to be made to the assessors in 1878, the mayor and city treasurer appeared before the board, and presented a return of all the property belonging to the city of Providence situate in the town of Cranston, made out as required by statute, "at its full and fair cash value," the total amount of which was \$534,050, and to this return they severally made oath before the chairman of the board, while it was in open session. Notwithstanding this return, the assessors imposed a valuation of \$800,000 upon the property, and assessed the tax thereon.

It is time that this city ascertained, whether its property in the town of Cranston is to be subject to such arbitrary and unequal valuation, as the assessors of that town may see fit to affix thereto, and I therefore recommend that the city solicitor be directed to test the matter by a petition to the supreme court for relief.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 49. Resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the Supreme Court, for Relief from Assessment, in the city's ratable estate in the town of Cranston.

[Approved February 4, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed, on behalf of the city of Providence, to petition the

supreme court for relief from the assessment made upon its ratable estate in the town of Cranston, lately made by the assessors of said town, so far as the same exceeds the account brought in and submitted in writing to said assessors, in behalf of said city, by Thomas A. Doyle, mayor, and Benjamin Tripp, city treasurer, and by them duly sworn to, in behalf of said city, as by statute in such case made and provided, and to take all legal measures necessary to secure such relief.

No. 50. Annual Report of Chief of Police.

[Presented January 20, 1879.]

City Document, No. 8.

No. 51. Resolution referring Annual Report of the Chief of Police.

[Approved February 4, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the chief of police, this day received, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint standing committee on police, to examine and report upon the subjects contained therein.

No. 52. Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

[Presented February 1, 1879.]

City Document, No. 5.

No. 53. Resolution referring subjects in Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

[Approved February 4, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the annual report of the trustees of the Reform School as relates to the rebuilding of the

easterly wall of the main building of said school, and the enlargement suggested in said report be referred to the committee on city property to examine and report thereon.

No. 54. Resolution relative to the employment and pay of assistants in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, February 1, 1879, and in Common Council February 4, 1879.]

WHEREAS, The ordinance, chapter CXXV., of the ordinances of the city, entitled "An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Providence from and after the first Monday in January, 1879," passed by the board of aldermen December 19th, 1878, and passed in concurrence by the common council on the 23d of December, 1878, and passed over the mayor's veto by both branches of the city government, January 2d, 1879, fixed the salaries of the female assistants in the office of the recorder of deeds at a sum not greater than five hundred dollars each per annum; and

WHEREAS, Through a clerical error the salary of said assistants was entered on the records of the city council at five dollars, (\$5) each per annum; therefore

RESOLVED, That the recorder of deeds, subject to the approval of the mayor, is empowered for the year 1879 to employ such female assistants in his office as he may require, provided that the number of assistants so employed shall not exceed four at any one time and that no assistant shall receive pay at a greater rate than five hundred dollars per annum.

No. 55. Resolution directing the City Treasurer to remit the sum charged to John W. Garey, for removing a building in Brook Street District.

[Approved February 4, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to

remit to John W. Garey, the sum of twenty dollars, the amount charged to him for the removing a certain house through the streets, or if the same has been paid to refund the same to him, and charge the same to the appropriation for the Bróok Street District.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 4, 1879.

The following are elected, viz. :

Surveyor of Lumber—Nathaniel C. Bushee.

Undertaker—Thomas F. Monaghan.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 4, 1879.

Weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the inspector of boilers, severally read and received.

William A. Scofield is granted license to keep a junk shop at No. 12 Crary street.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the March term of the Supreme Court, and Court of Common Pleas respectively.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

FEBRUARY 4, 1879.

A message of the mayor relative to the compensation of the clerk in the office of the City Auditor, with report thereon by the committee on finance, and

Communication from the school committee transmitting certain bills for expenses at the dedication of the Oxford street and Candance street school houses, are indefinitely postponed.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 56. Joint Special Committee appointed to report a plan for letting by contract the Cleaning and Lighting of Public Lamps.

(Approved February 10, 1879.)

RESOLVED, That the lamp committee of the board of aldermen, and the joint standing committee on lamps, be and they are hereby appointed a joint special committee to report a plan for letting by contract the cleaning and lighting of the public lamps, with a form of contract and specifications therefor, together with rules and regulations for the government of the lighters and the performance of their duties.

No. 57. Report of the Joint Special Committee on Pauperism.

(Presented January 30, 1879.)

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

The joint special committee on pauperism beg leave to present a brief statement of the expenditures for out-door relief of the poor during the past year, together with the operations of the Charity building and the wood-yard connected therewith. These latter, although authorized early in the year, were not ready for occupancy, till the first of May last.

The entire sum expended by the overseer of the poor in 1877, was \$36,345.81.

The entire sum expended in 1878, including repairs and furniture of Charity building, construction of wood-yard and wood-sheds, together with more than three thousand dollars worth of wood now on hand, mostly cut, and all paid for, has been but \$30,884.75.

It thus appears that there has been a net saving of cost, as compared with the previous year, from this improved mode of administering the city's charities, amounting to \$5,461.06.

If we include the assets above referred to, all available for the coming year, the actual saving will amount to more than ten thousand dollars, and this, it should be remembered, in the first year of the experiment, covering in reality but a period of eight months.

The committee see no reason to doubt that the saving will be still greater the coming year, if orders for fuel at the Charity wood-yard shall be sufficiently numerous, to give employment to all who may seek it. There are at present more than one hundred men at work sawing and splitting wood, at fifty cents per day. The committee would suggest that an arrangement be made, whereby orders for fuel may be left at any of the police stations throughout the city, and that the public, either through advertisements in the papers, or by posters properly distributed, be kept informed of the fact.

But the economy of the wood-yard is only one of its advantages. It has furnished employment to a very large number of men, who otherwise could not have found it, and must have sunk, along with their families, into a condition of dependence upon public charity from which many of them would, in all probability, never have risen. It has further nearly rid the city of the genus tramp, a gain realized by every citizen.

This new mode of administering a considerable portion of the city's charities having proved so successful under the judicious and efficient management of the overseer of the poor,

Mr. George W. Wightman, who proposed the experiment, the committee have no hesitation in recommending, that authority be given him to continue the operations of the Charity building and wood-yard during the present year. A joint special committee might be appointed to aid him, as during the past year, by their counsels, or what would perhaps be better, authority might be obtained from the General Assembly for the creation of a board of city charities and corrections, so constituted as to be of a more permanent character, which should have the oversight of the charitable and reformatory institutions and work of the city. Such a board, besides making itself familiar with every part of the business entrusted to it, would gather a body of most valuable experience, of which it would become the permanent repository. Much important information and knowledge which would otherwise be lost, through the death or removal of individuals, would in this way be preserved to the community.

Should the creation of a board of city charities and corrections be deemed advisable, the appointing power might be vested in the city council, the mayor being *ex-officio* a member, or the mayor might nominate, his nominations to be confirmed by one or both boards of the city council.

The committee have purposed to throw out these suggestions for the consideration of the council, rather than to recommend any definite plan or course of procedure for its adoption. For a more detailed account of the working of the Charity building and wood-yard, they beg to refer to that portion of his honor's admirable message relating to the subject, and to the full and excellent report of Mr. Wightman.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

GEORGE I. CHACE, Chairman.

January 30, 1879.

No. 58. Resolution referring Report of Joint Special Committee on Pauperism.

[Approved February 10, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the joint special committee on pauperism, this day presented, be hereby referred to the joint standing committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon, and with instruction to apply to the city solicitor as to the authority of the city to carry on the business of a wood yard.

No. 59. Report of Joint Special Committee on Claim of Walter S. Burges.

[Presented January 30, 1879.]

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

The joint special committee appointed January 24, 1878, to inquire into the claim of Walter S. Burges for compensation for damage by drainage of streets into Long Pond, respectfully reports :

Soon after their appointment, they held a meeting, at which Judge Burges was by invitation present, the nature and extent of the supposed injury were partly discussed, and it was proposed to go out and make an examination of the premises ; on account of his engagements at court, the claimant said it would be inconvenient for him to attend to the matter for some weeks to come. It was, therefore, arranged that he should inform the chairman whenever he found himself sufficiently at leisure to accompany the committee in such an examination. As the chairman has not since heard from the claimant, no further step has been taken by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE I. CHACE, Chairman.

January 30, 1879.

No. 60. Resolution Appropriating \$2,000 to the
Charity Building.

[Approved February 10, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the charity building account, said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for the support of the poor.

No. 61. Resolution permitting S. S. Sprague &
Co. to erect an Elevator on Duncan Wharf.

[Approved February 10, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be hereby granted to S. S. Sprague & Co. to erect an elevator on Duncan wharf.

No. 62. Annual Report of the City Engineer
relative to the charge of Bridges, for the year 1878.

[Presented February 1, 1879.]

City document No. 10.

No. 63. Annual Report of the Surveyor of Lumber.

[Presented February 4, 1879.]

City council file February 10, 1879.

No. 64. Resolution relative to Settlement of Pend-
ing Suits.

[Approved February 10, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Gorman, Chace, and Spencer,

with Messrs. Burnham, Green, and Franklin, of the common council, be and are hereby appointed a committee, acting under the advice and direction of the city solicitor and subject to his approval and that of the mayor, to compromise and settle on behalf of the city, any action either at law or equity or any statutory proceedings in which the city is a party, now pending in the courts of the state.

The said committee shall, as often as once in three months, report its action to the city council.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

FEBRUARY 10, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

George C. Nightingale, Henry C. Dorr, and Sullivan Dorr, executor of the will of G. L. Dwight ; William H. Hall ; and Providence Seamen's Friend Society, for remission of sewer tax : Bernard McCulla, for remission of tax : John A. Bennett, for abatement of tax : Robert H. Purinton, for damages to his horse and wagon.

Rule No. 8 of the rules of order is amended, so as to read as follows :

When a vote has been passed, it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, or to give notice in writing of his intention to move a reconsideration at the next meeting ; in the latter case the clerk shall retain possession of the papers until the next meeting ; and when such notice of an intention to reconsider has been given, no subsequent motion to reconsider the vote passed shall be in order at the same meeting, unless upon a withdrawal of the notice ; and when a motion to reconsider has been decided,

that vote shall not be reconsidered; and the same resolution shall come but once before the council for reconsideration.

Additional rules of order are adopted as follows:

Rule 14. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the common council in person or by deputy to transmit, from the common council to the board of aldermen, all such papers and communications as should be transmitted to said board.

Rule 15. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the common council to transmit to the mayor all papers and communications finally acted upon by the common council, and requiring the action of the mayor.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 65. Message of the Mayor relative to the future management of the Providence Reform School.

[Presented February 10, 1879]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
February 10, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The general assembly, at the January session in 1850, passed an act authorizing the city council of the city of Providence to establish and maintain the Providence Reform School. Section 4 of this act gave power to the board of trustees of the school to receive "all such children, under the age of eighteen years, as shall be convicted before any court sitting *within the limits of said city*, as vagrants or disorderly persons, or of criminal offences committed within the limits of said city."

On the 10th of May following, the general assembly

appointed a committee "to confer with the mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Providence, or with such committee as they may appoint, and ascertain upon what terms and conditions the juvenile convicts of this state may be admitted into and participate in the juvenile reform school of said city, now or hereafter to be established therein."

May 13th, the city council passed a resolution, "that the trustees of the Providence Reform School be requested to confer with the committee appointed by the general assembly, at this present May session, upon the subject of the admission of juvenile offenders from other parts of the state into the Providence Reform School." As the result of this conference between the committee of the general assembly and the trustees of the reform school, the general assembly at its October session, 1850, passed an act providing that, "whenever any person under the age of eighteen years shall be convicted of a criminal offence by any court or justice, in any county of this state, such person may, at the discretion of such court or justice, be sentenced to the Providence Reform School, or to such punishment as is by law provided for such offence, in the same manner and with the same effect as may by law be done by courts and justices sitting within the limits of the city of Providence."

Section third of the act further provides, that "the general treasurer shall pay to the city of Providence the actual cost of supporting all children sent to said school by virtue of the preceding authority, not computing in such cost any salary or wages of any superintendent, keeper or instructor employed in said school; and the city of Providence shall hereafter pay for supporting its prisoners in the Providence county jail at actual cost, without computing in such cost the salary or wages of any jailer or keeper."

October 21st of the same year, the city council passed a resolution declaring "the reform school to be established and opened from and after this date for the reception of male youths convicted of being vagabonds or disorderly persons."

November 1st, 1850, the first inmate was committed to the institution, being a boy born and residing in this city, who was sentenced by the Providence court of magistrates. The board of this boy so long as he remained in the school, was paid by the state, and from that time until the present session of the general assembly, the board of every child sent by a state court has been charged to and paid by the state, while the city has paid the board of all children committed by the courts established by or under the city charter, or admitted by order of either of the trustees.

At the revision of the statutes, in 1857, the act in relation to the reform school and the amendment thereof were consolidated, and instead of section 3d, another section, being section 46, of chapter 222, was enacted as follows: "The general treasurer shall pay to the city of Providence the actual cost of supporting all children committed for want of recognizance, or convicted before any court or justice not sitting within the limits of the city, and sent under such commitment or sentence to said school, not computing, in such cost, any salary or wages of any superintendent, keeper or instructor employed therein."

In the revision of the statutes, in 1872, this section remained unchanged, with the exception that the word "justice" was omitted.

It is now claimed that the section quoted from the digest of 1857 changes the arrangement which had existed since the opening of the school, and that thereafter the general treasurer had no authority to pay the board of any child sent "by a court or justice sitting within the limits of the city," and that all the payments made by him, contrary to this construction, have been without authority, and hence illegal.

Acting upon this new construction, the present general assembly have thus far refused to make any appropriation for the payment of any board bills at the reform school, although the current quarter will expire on the 28th inst.

The effect of this "new construction," stated plainly, is that the city of Providence is to be taxed to pay for the mainten-

ance of the buildings, all salaries and wages and the entire cost of supporting children sent to the school from within its limits, but it must also pay more than half of the cost of all children sent there from the rest of the state.

I have termed this a "new construction," as it is very certain that no such meaning has heretofore been given to the section, and it is also very clear that no such meaning was intended to be given thereto at the time of its passage.

As evidence of this, your attention is invited to the following facts :

First. Bills of board have been rendered to the state since, and including the first one in May, 1851, for the board of every child committed by a state court, giving the name and number of such child.

Second. The "new construction" would have reduced the amount charged to the state more than one-half, and yet the state paid to the school in 1857, \$7,541.58; in 1858, \$8,887.49; in 1859, \$9,895.50, and the amount has been increased each year since the latter date.

Third. Three members of the finance committee of the senate in 1857 continued in service through 1858 and 1859, while four members of the house finance committee of 1857 were on the committee in 1858, and one continued through 1859. Had the general assembly intended to *reduce* the sum paid for board, these gentlemen would probably have been aware thereof, and would not have recommended an appropriation in the deficiency bills, as they did, to provide for an *increased* expenditure.

Fourth. Two of the present board of trustees of the school have been in office since prior to 1857, and they never heard of the intended change; and,

Fifth. So radical a change could not have been made without the knowledge of the city council, and it is an imputation upon the then members to suppose that they assented thereto, and by their silence permitted an unjust burden to be placed upon the city.

The tax-payers of this city, besides paying their proportion of the state tax—being more than one-half of the whole amount levied on the entire state—have also paid more than \$200,000 for the maintenance of the reform school since its establishment.

The statement has been made to the members of the general assembly each year, on the occasion of their visit to the school, that the city was paying an undue proportion of the cost of maintenance, and the terms of payment by the state were fully explained.

The general assembly has now broken a contract made almost a generation since, and alleges as a cause for its action, that a few words inserted in a statute in the year 1857 have been misunderstood by the men who enacted it, by the state officers whose duty it was to know the meaning of the law, and by the city officials who were interested in its construction.

A committee has been appointed by the general assembly to confer with the authorities of the city as to the future management of the school.

I recommend that the city council take such action in the matter, as will secure to the city a more equitable arrangement than has heretofore existed, and that in no event will it permit the new burden, now attempted to be placed upon the tax-payers of Providence, by any neglect on its part to become a reality.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 66. Resolution appointing a Committee to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly, in relation to the Providence Reform School.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Woods, Millett and Case of the common council, with aldermen Mowry, Chace, Wilcox and His Honor, the Mayor, be and are hereby appointed a commit-

tee to confer with any committee of the general assembly, as to the future management of the Providence Reform School, and to report to the city council before completing any arrangement in reference thereto.

No. 67. Message of the Mayor, relative to the widening of the Channel at Field's Point.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
February 10, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith copy of a communication received from the board of harbor commissioners, in relation to the widening of the channel at Field's Point, by removing a portion of the point. The board desires the co-operation of the city council in the matter of fixing a proper harbor line from Sassafras Point to Field's Point, which will require a decision of the question as to widening the channel, as already stated.

The improvement of the harbor is one of the most important subjects that can demand the attention of the city council. I therefore most earnestly recommend that prompt action be taken upon the communication of the commissioners, and that the efforts for the removal of the sand spit at Field's Point may receive the full approval and assistance of the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, February 4, 1879.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR.

Dear sir:—The harbor commissioners have under consideration the establishment of a harbor line from Sassafras Point to Field's Point. The position of the long, low spit of land jutting out into the channel at Field's Point, and its effect upon the direction of the current, which in its turn affects the ship channel, has led to a consideration of the question

as to cutting off this sand spit, and thus widening the mouth of the harbor and improving the course of the channel.

This matter is regarded as of considerable importance, and we wish to call the attention of the city government to it, with a view of securing such action on the part of the city as will result in the establishment of the harbor line in that position which shall appear to be for the best interests of the community.

Very respectfully yours,

J. HERBERT SHEDD,
N. F. POTTER,
JEDEDIAH WILLIAMS,

Harbor Commissioners.

No. 68. Resolution referring the Mayor's Message, relative to the widening of the Channel at Field's Point.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated February 10, 1879, in relation to the widening of the channel at Field's Point, and the fixing of a proper harbor line from Sassafras Point to Field's Point, be referred to the joint committee on the harbor to examine and report thereon.

No. 69. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

City council file, February 13, 1879.

No. 70. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

City council file, February 13, 1879.

No. 71. Monthly Report of the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

City council file, February 13, 1879.

No. 72. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

City council file, February 13, 1879.

No. 73. Monthly Report of the City Messenger.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter XXXVI of the ordinances, the city messenger reports that during the month of January last, there has been no additional expense incurred for labor or repairs for the city hall.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 74. Report of the Joint Committee on Printing, relative to the Contracts for Printing, Stationery. &c.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

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

The joint committee on printing, beg leave to report : That acting under city council resolution number five, current series for 1879, that they have awarded the city printing to the

Providence Press Co., the stationery and binding to Messrs. Bugbee & Hall; and the city advertising to the Providence Daily Journal, and the Providence Evening Press, for the present municipal year.

For the committee,

JAMES C. GOFF, Chairman.

No. 75. Resolution relative to Amendments of the City Charter.

[Approved February 13, 1873.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is directed to apply to the general assembly for amendments to the city charter, in substance as follows:—

1. Adding to section 4 a clause by which the board of aldermen, in the absence from the city or in case of the death or of the disability of both the mayor and the president of the board of aldermen, may elect a president *pro tempore*, who shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the mayor.

2. Amending clause 7 of section 7 so that the concluding lines may read, “If any bill shall not be returned by the mayor before the end of the meeting, holden next after the lapse of ten days subsequent to the presentation of the bill to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it.”

3. Amending the charter by adding to it section 35 of chapter 19 of the ordinances, “and authorizing the city council to provide by ordinance for the discharge of the duties of the auditor in case of his death, absence and disability.”

4. Changing clause 10 of section 13 of the charter so as to make its closing portion read, “In case of failure to fill said offices at such election, or in case any person elected to either of said offices shall refuse to accept his office, or shall die before being qualified in such office, the board of aldermen shall issue warrants” (remainder as at present).

No. 76. Resolution to pay A. Crawford Greene & Son, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

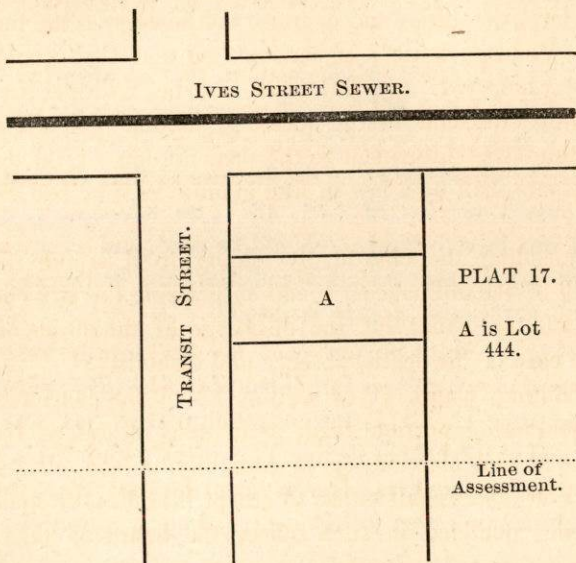
RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay A. Crawford Greene and Son, twenty-five dollars, when they shall give a receipt in full for all claims for advertising to date.

No. 77. Report of the Joint Committee on Claims upon the petition of Mary Sexton, for refunding of Sewer Tax.

[Presented February 10, 1879.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on claims to which was referred February 4, 1879, the petition of Mary Sexton asking to have a sewer tax paid by her, refunded, reports : That it has considered the matter :



The assessment was made on lot A on the annexed sketch \$50 for the Ives street sewer. The city treasurer's books show that this assessment was paid June 12, 1877, then amounting to \$55.50. This petition was presented to the council and leave to withdraw was given toward the end of 1878. In the former petition the date of payment was not given and the question which should have been raised was not brought to the committee's notice. In examining the claim of Bridget Burke a few weeks ago, the committee was compelled to consider the question at issue, and in consequence looked over all the petitions for refunding sewer taxes presented in 1877 and 1878, and found only this one which deserved reconsideration; at the suggestion of the committee this petition was again presented and referred for a more careful consideration. Chapter 549 of April 20, 1876 forbids the assessment of a sewer tax on any estate not directly abutting on a sewered street. Chapter 635 of May 31, 1877 forbids the collection of any such tax not then paid. Chapter 711 of May 31, 1878 authorizes the re-assessment of a sewer tax on "any land or estate already assessed for a sewer tax whose collection has been forbidden by chapter 635."

Now it is clear from this legislation, that an area tax for a sewer, should be levied but once on any estate, that the payment of one such area tax is a protection against any future assessment, that the whole theory of the statutes is, that after chapter 635 was passed, or after May 31, 1877, no assessment, whose collection was then forbidden, should be paid, and chapter 711 treats such unpaid assessments as nullities, and authorizes a re-assessment on the land already assessed.

This being so, Mary Sexton paid her tax legally assessed, but collection of which was forbidden May 31, 1877, after that date, or on June 12, 1877, the collection of this tax was impossible, and chapter 711, section 1, expressly authorizes a re-assessment on lots like hers. Her payment does not, then, protect her lot from another area assessment, when a sewer shall be

built in Transit street, and should such a sewer be built, she would be compelled to pay a double area tax on her lot.

She is, therefore, entitled to be put in the same position as if her payment of June 12, 1877, had not been made.

The committee, then, notwithstanding its former report, made without knowledge of the peculiar circumstances of this case, recommends the passage of the accompanying resolution.

The action of the committee is governed by the following state of facts and law, which follow from chapters 549, 635 and 711.

1. A sewer tax on a non abutting lot, paid before May 31, 1877, (chapter 635) is a full protection against subsequent assessment, and should not be refunded.

2. A sewer tax on a non abutting lot, paid after May 31, 1877 (chapter 635), gives no protection against a subsequent assessment under chapter 711, and if by error paid, should be refunded.

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

No. 78. Resolution refunding a Sewer assessment to Mary Sexton.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary Sexton the sum of fifty-five dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of assessment made on her lot on Transit street, for the sewer on Ives street, before the passage of general statutes R. I., chapter 635, of May 31, 1877, and paid by her into the city treasury June 12, 1877; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for sewerage.

No. 79. Resolution to pay Mrs. Sarah Sweet the sum of sixty-nine dollars and sixty cents.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay

to Mrs. Sarah Sweet the sum of sixty-nine dollars and sixty cents, being the amount paid by her to the city for a lot of land in the North Burial Ground, and for which sum the city executed its deed of said lot to the heirs of Menzies Sweet, August 29, 1876, the said city having previously, July 15, 1848, executed and delivered to said Menzies Sweet its deed of the same lot; said payment to be charged to the North Burial Ground account.

No. 80. Resolution to pay Zechariah Chafee, Trustee, for Curb Stone from Oneco ledge.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 608 of the series of 1878, approved January 2, 1879, is hereby revoked;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Z. Chafee, Esq., trustee, the sum of three hundred dollars, whenever said trustee for himself and for the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims and demands against said city for curb stone from the Oneco ledge, which has been received by said city up to January 1, 1879; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 81. Resolution relative to the removal of the License Commissioners, and Committee of the Brook Street District.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and he is hereby directed to remove the license commissioners,

and the Brook Street District committee, from the quarters now occupied by them, on North Main street, to the room in the Fire Station, on Exchange Place, formerly occupied by the public building department, and that the expense attending said removal be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 82. Resolution directing the City Solicitor to give notice of intention to vacate rooms in Rhodes Building.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed forthwith to notify the owners or agents of Rhodes Building, on North Main street, that it is the intention of the city to vacate said building; and that the city will cease paying rent for the same, at the expiration of ten days from the date of said notice.

No. 83. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of February, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 84. Resolution to place a Fire Alarm signal at the Vitriol Works of T. P. Shepard & Co.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer of the fire department

be and he is hereby directed to procure and place at some advisable point near the Vitriol Works of Messrs. T. P. Shepard & Co., a fire alarm signal box, to be used for fire alarm purposes, provided the cost to the city shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 85. Resolution approving proposed Harbor line at Field's Point.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby approves the line proposed by the harbor commissioners for a harbor line at Field's Point, and will devote to the improvement of the harbor so much of said point as lies easterly of said line.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 13, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the Overseer of the Poor. Severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed:—

Pay roll, lamplighters,	3,232 52	George W. Wightman, Charity building and wood-
Labor pay-roll, lamp department,	79 20	yard,
A. E. Field & Son, Health Department,	550 00	Charles Anthony, streets, . . .
		City Registrar, school census, 176 86

The following police constables, without power to serve civil process, are appointed, viz. :—

John S. Austin,	James H. Galvin,
James W. Braman,	David C. Moore,
William N. Brown,	John Slocum.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted as follows :—

To Charles Dix, at No. 103 Gallup street; Henry Mackay, at No. 197 Smith street, and William Nugent, at No. 57 Grove street.

Timothy J. Myers is granted permission to build a barn, at No. 351 Potter's avenue, and James B. Duggan to give an entertainment at 184 Charles street.

The City Registrar makes report that a census of the school children has been taken, as directed by resolution passed December 19, 1878. Read and received.

RESOLVED, That the City Registrar, acting under the advice of aldermen Chace and Spencer, be authorized and directed to collate from the recent school census, the statistics required by the Commissioner of Public Schools, under the state laws.

The invitation of Ives Post No. 13, G. A. R., is read and accepted.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 86. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District to Wheeler M. Blanding.

[Approved February 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street District, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Wheeler M. Blanding, certain lands in the Brook street District, as per accompanying plat, marked A, whenever said

Blanding shall convey to the city of Providence, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, certain lands in said district, as per accompanying plat marked B, and pay to the city treasurer the sum of three hundred seventy-seven dollars and forty-seven cents.

No. 87. Message of the Mayor, relative to supplying water to the Watchemoket Fire District, with communication from A. O. Miles, Chairman of the same.

[Presented February 13, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
February 13, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

August 22nd, 1878, the Watchemoket Fire District in East Providence, by their committee, presented a petition to the common council, in relation to a supply of water for that district, desiring to know whether such a supply could be obtained from this city, and upon what terms.

I yesterday received a communication from the chairman of that committee, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, in which he states that the committee have received no reply to their petition, and "in fact have no official knowledge that the communication was ever received" by the city council. In my annual message for the current year, I brought this matter to the attention of the city council, and urged that action should be taken thereon, at the earliest practicable date.

The profit on the sale of water in this city, for the year 1878, was upwards of \$160,000, and it seems hardly necessary to again remind the city council that it is from this profit that the interest on the water debt, and the debt itself is to be paid.

A sale of water to East Providence, or to any other town, so long as the city has an ample supply for the purpose, increases

the amount of profit, and lessens the sum to be paid by the taxpayers of this city. If the city council can, in this manner, reduce the sum to be raised by taxation, it would seem to be the very matter which should receive its earliest attention, and I therefore trust that favorable terms will be given to the petitioners without further unnecessary delay.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

(COPY.)

WATCHEMOKET, EAST PROVIDENCE, }
February 11th, 1879. }

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

MY DEAR SIR:—In August last, the "Watchemoket Fire District" appointed a committee to see upon what terms the citizens of that district could procure water, for fire, domestic and other purposes. The committee, through its chairman, addressed a communication to the city council of your city, asking them upon what terms, if at all, they would furnish water, since which time the committee have not received any reply. In fact, the committee have no official knowledge that the communication was ever received by your honorable body.

Can you give us any "light" upon the subject?

If the city does not wish to supply the district with water, and will so inform us, that we may act understandingly in the matter, and be able to report to the district, they will confer a favor upon the committee, and oblige,

Your humble servant,

A. O. MILES, Chairman.

No. 88. Resolution referring the Mayor's Message, relative to supplying water to the Watchemoket Fire District.

[Approved February 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, presented February 13, 1879, relative to supplying water to the Watchemoket Fire District, in East Providence, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint standing committee on water, to examine and report thereon.

No. 89. Message of the Mayor, relative to the use of
a locomotive on South Water street.

[Presented February 13, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
February 13, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The use of a locomotive on South Water street, opposite the entrance to the Point street bridge, is most dangerous to the public safety, and the increasing travel across the bridge demands that it should be discontinued before some severe accident or loss of life results therefrom.

I am aware that the moving of freight to the steamship line is facilitated by the means now employed, but if the corporations are allowed to use that portion of South Water street south of the bridge, it should be sufficient for their purposes, without being suffered to endanger human life, as they have done for a long time, near the Point street bridge.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 90. Resolution referring the Mayor's Message
relative to the use of a locomotive on South Water
street.

[Approved February 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, presented February 13, 1879, in relation to the use of a locomotive on South Water street, opposite the entrance to the Point street bridge, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint standing committee on railroads to examine and report thereon.

No. 91. Resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to cause repairs to be made in the barn, at the Harrison street Engine Station No. 8.

[Approved February 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and he is hereby directed to cause repairs and alterations to be made in the barn of the Harrison street fire station No. 8, in accordance with plans and specifications provided by the committee on city property, at a cost not exceeding six hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 92. CHAPTER CXXVI.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO CONTRACTORS' SURETIES.

[Approved February 25, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. No member of the city government shall become surety for any contractor with the city; nor shall any officer or committee or commission of the city, or acting under authority of the city, accept any bond of a contractor with the city, bearing the name of any person as surety, who, at the time of the execution of said bond, is a member of the city government.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and resolutions are, so far as they are inconsistent with this ordinance, repealed.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

FEBRUARY 24, 1879.

A resolution directing the city auditor to allow the bill of Edwin M. Snow for \$47.44 for expenses as a delegate to the meeting of the American Public Health Association, is read and rejected.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 93. Resolutions in relation to the State Tax assessed upon the City of Providence.

[Approved February 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the senator and representatives from this city, in the general assembly, be and they are hereby requested to bring to the notice of the two houses of the general assembly the unjust and unequal manner in which the State tax is now assessed upon the city of Providence.

RESOLVED, That the senator and representatives from this city be hereby further requested to endeavor to procure from the general assembly, a reduction in the amount of State tax, now levied upon and collected from the city of Providence.

RESOLVED, That the city clerk be hereby directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the senator and to each of the representatives to the general assembly from this city.

No. 94. Resolution discharging Joint Special Committees.

[Approved February 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That all joint special committees of the city council which were appointed before January 6, 1879, and which have not been continued in existence by resolutions of the city council of that date, or of subsequent date, are hereby discharged.

No. 95. Resolution referring Mayor's Message relative to Locust Grove Cemetery to a Special Committee.

[Approved February 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated September 24, 1877, in relation to Locust Grove Cemetery, be referred to Messrs. Tower, Winsor and Hull, of the common council, and aldermen Spencer and Spicer to examine and report thereon.

No. 96. Resolution referring Report of Joint Special Committee on Pauperism to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved February 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the joint special committee on pauperism, presented January 30, 1879, be and the same is hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Woods, Case, Green and Hopkins, of the common council, and aldermen Chace and Gorman, with His Honor, the Mayor, to examine and report thereon.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

FEBRUARY 27, 1879.

Weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum. Severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :—

POLICE BILLS.

J. A. & R. A. Reid.....	\$ 15 18	L. Wright,.....	22 00
Hopkins & Pomroy,.....	237 06	Wm. H. Ayer,.....	42 50
Charity Building and wood yard,.....	21 00	Louis W. Clarke,.....	15 03
John E. Martin,.....	36 00	Pay-roll of Janitors,.....	276 00
Charles H. Hunt,.....	20 00	Bugbee & Hall,.....	127 91
		J. H. & J. B. Sweet,.....	78 57

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. E. Calder, Inspector of Milk.....	50 00	Charles H. Leonard, Health department,.....	81 40
Pay-roll Lamp Department..	83 60	Charles H. Leonard, Health department,.....	20 00
William H. Ayer, ringing bells.....	91 00	Arthur L. Brown, Enroll- ment of Militia,.....	39 00

The following police constables, without power to serve civil process, are appointed, viz. :—

Osborn W. Freese, George R. Howard.

David Frank is elected auctioneer.

Permission is granted to L. H. Tillinghast & Co. to operate a steam boiler at 123 Dorrance street, and to Messrs. Kennedy and Gough to build a barn at the corner of Chaffee and Appleton streets.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :—

Charles S. Tourtellott, to be appointed police constable, and Meyer Noot, to be elected auctioneer.

Resolutions are severally passed, viz. :—

Changing grade of Benefit street, opposite Thomas street.

Directing the committee appointed to lay out Armington avenue, Bridgham and Fremont streets, to submit their several reports thereon to the city solicitor for approval ;

Fixing the price of license for each billiard table at ten dollars.

Licenses are granted as follows :—

To David T. Atwood to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles, at No. 221 Charles street ; Orris R. Aiken to keep three billiard tables at No. 82 Dorrance street ; Nelson Brown to keep one pool table at No. 237 Broad street ; Fred. T. Buffum to keep one pool table at No. 11 High street ; Johnson & Dana to keep three billiard tables at City Hotel. Peter McGaugh to keep one pool and one billiard table at Clarendon Hotel ; Frank O. Nichols to keep one billiard table at No 85 Weybosset street ; and William H. Stevens to keep four billiard tables at No. 86 Weybosset street.

The following rule, relating to applications for permission to operate steam boilers is adopted :—

Ordered ; That every application for permission to operate a steam boiler shall be filed with the city clerk, who shall notify, by public notice in the newspapers authorized to do the city printing, all parties interested therein, of the pendency of such application at the meeting of this board to be held next after seven days from the filing thereof, and shall at once refer such application to the inspector of buildings, who shall examine the location and premises, and report thereon at such meeting ; and no such application shall be granted unless upon the certificate of such inspector that in the location of said boiler the applicant has conformed to all the provisions of chapter 688 of the public laws, and upon condition that such applicant shall, before operating such boiler, file with the city clerk a certificate from the inspector of steam boilers, that such boiler is properly located, in sound condition and of safe construction.

Canvass meetings are ordered to be held on Wednesday, March 26 and Saturday, March 29, 1879, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 6, 1879.

Weekly report of Dexter Asylum, monthly report of Inspector of Steam Boilers, and of the Overseer of the Poor, and quarterly report of the Superintendent of Hacks. Severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

BRIDGE BILLS.

John Armstrong.....	\$8 74	Labor pay roll.....	58 65
Robert E. Smith & Co.....	5 00	Pay roll, Point Street Bridge,	
Charles T. Armstrong.....	51 00	for February.....	268 80
D. D. Sweet & Co.....	2 70	Parsons, Cady & Washburn.	9 75
Wm. H. Miller & Co.....	11 50	J. L. Pierce & Co.....	17 30
Rhode Island Locomotive		Henry M. Angell & Co.....	14 20
Works.....	65 56	Wood & Winsor.....	8 49
Providence Steam Engine Co.	3 77	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	30 13
Rice, Draper & Co.....	2 33	Belcher Bros.....	37 22

LAMP BILLS.

Pay roll for February....	\$2,972 66	M. H. Sullivan.....	5 45
---------------------------	------------	---------------------	------

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pay roll, police depart-		George W. Wightman,	
ment.....	\$13,164 25	support of poor.....	\$1,328 00
Dennis McDonald, find-			
ing body.....	5 00		

Bond of Charles H. Thurber, constable, is approved.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To L. H. Humphreys to keep five billiard tables at the Naragansett Hotel; George H. Reynolds to keep six at Nos. 93 and 95 Weybosset street; Henry McDonald to keep two at No. 11 Weybosset street; Anson W. Aldrich to keep one billiard and one pool table at the Aldrich House; Albert L. Whipple to keep one pool table at 104 Westminster street; Thos. Ladd to keep a pool and billiard table at No. 39 Cranston street, and a pool table at No. 307 High street.

RESOLVED, That His Honor, the Mayor, and alderman Chase with Mr. Arnold Green, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to appear and represent the city, before any committee of the general assembly, which is considering the law in relation to inflammable oils.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the board of aldermen the business of registering and issuing licenses for keeping dogs, and all matters in relation thereto should be confined to the police department, and not be placed in the office of the city clerk, nor with the board of aldermen.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 97. Resolution to pay Bugbee & Hall for Inkstands for Public Schools.

[Approved March 10, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Bugbee & Hall the sum of twenty-nine dollars and eighty-two cents, the amount of their bill for inkstands for the public schools, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 98. Annual Report of the City Engineer.

[Presented February 27, 1879.]

City document No. 11.

No. 99. Resolution directing City Treasurer to pay certain bills incurred in the Dedication of Grammar School-houses in the Ninth and Tenth wards.

[Approved March 10, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay the following bills :

M. J. Manning.....	\$4 00
W. S. Hogg.....	4 00
Chas. W. Jencks & Bro.	3 00
	<hr/>
	\$11 00

amounting to eleven dollars, incurred in the dedication of the grammar school-houses in the ninth and tenth wards; to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 100. Annual Report of the Water Commissioners.

[Presented March 6, 1879.]

City document No. 9.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MARCH 10, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Agnes P. Hovey, so far as her petition for remuneration for damages to her estate, corner of Congdon and Hidden streets, is concerned; Eliza A. Burke and H. T. Rogers, for remission of tax; Martha H. Burroughs and devisees of Sally B. Wilcox, for remission of sewer assessment; and John Baxter, Patrick W. Baxter, Peter Dorsey, James Maguire and William O'Brien severally, for damages by overflow on Lippitt street.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 101. Message of the Mayor in relation to the Cove Lands.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
 March 10, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In my recent annual message I called the attention of the city council to the matter of the cove lands, and to the fact that the title of the city thereto was being contested; and I recommended that additional counsel should be employed to act with the city solicitor in defending the suit already brought.

As the city expended the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in purchasing the title, under which it holds possession, I suggest that so much of the annual message as relates to the cove lands be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to report proper action to be taken by the city council thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 102. Resolution referring portion of Annual Message of the Mayor, relating to the Cove Lands, to the Joint Committee on Ordinances.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the annual message of the mayor, delivered January 6, 1879, as relates to the cove lands, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 103. Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the year ending December 31, 1878.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

City document No. 3.

No. 104. Monthly Report of the City Messenger.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports that during the month of February last there has been no additional expense incurred for labor or repairs for the city hall.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 105. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

City council file, March 13, 1879.

No. 106. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

City council file, March 13, 1879.

No. 107. Finance Committee's Monthly Report of the
Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

City council file, March 13, 1879.

No. 108. City Treasurer's Monthly Report of the Issue
of Registered Bonds.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

City council file, March 13, 1879.

No. 109. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

City council file, March 13, 1879.

No. 110. Report of the Joint Committee on Railroads,
upon Mayor's Message relative to use of a Loco-
motive on South Water street.

[Presented March 10, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on railroads, to whom, per resolution No. 90, current series, was referred the message of his honor the mayor, relative to the use of a locomotive on South Water street, respectfully report: that the enforcement of chapter eighty-six of the ordinances will remedy the evil referred to in the message, and authority being vested in the mayor to cause the execution of the provisions of all the city ordinances, no action is necessary by the city council upon the message.

For the committee.

J. LEWIS PEIRCE, Chairman.

Providence, March 3, 1879.

No. 111. Resolution directing Finance Committee to
Report a Salary Ordinance.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on finance be and they are hereby directed to examine into the present

salary ordinance, to compare the compensation received and the labor performed by each city official whose salary is provided for in the salary ordinance, taking into consideration the responsibility assumed by each, and to report at the first meeting of the common council in the month of May next, a bill for an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, A. D. 1880.

No. 112. Resolution referring Petition of Agnes P. Hovey to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the petition of Agnes P. Hovey as relates to want of drainage in the district therein described, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of the joint standing committee on highways and sewers, to examine the matter and report what in its judgment can and should be done by the city in regard to it.

No. 113. Resolution adding \$60,000 to the Appropriation for the Brook Street District.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district, to be expended as follows :

For the purchase of land and buildings, thirty-seven thousand dollars,	-	-	-	-	\$37,000
For streets and curbing, five thousand five hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	5,500
For sewers, five thousand dollars,	-	-	-	-	5,000

For dredging, six thousand dollars,	-	-	\$6,000
For concreting, five thousand dollars,	-	-	5,000
For grading, fifteen hundred dollars,	-	-	1,500

No. 114. Conveyance of Land in the Brook Street District to the Heirs of Thomas Lyons and Mary Lyons.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to the heirs of Thomas and Mary Lyons, lots No. 165 and 166, assessors' plat No. 18, whenever said heirs shall convey to the city of Providence said lots, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, and paying to the city treasurer the sum of eighty dollars.

No. 115. Resolution to Pay the Firemen.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of March, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 116. Resolution to Pay the Firemen.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call members of the fire department for services rendered during the quarter ending March 31st, 1879, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the quarter ending December 31, 1878.

No. 117. Resolution to Pay William Knowles, Coroner, \$45.25 for Inquest on Body of Orrin Harris.

[Approved March 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William Knowles, one of the coroners of the city of Providence, the sum of forty-five dollars and twenty-five cents whenever said Knowles shall execute and deliver to said city a full discharge of all claims for fees and expenses arising from an inquest held by him on the body of Orrin Harris, said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 13, 1879.

Quarterly report of the city clerk. Read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Labor pay roll, lamp department.	\$74 00	Warren B. Arnold, police department.	\$99 00
Reavy, Smith & Co.	\$23 39		

The following police constables without power to serve civil process, are appointed viz. : William G. Matthews, James H. Roland.

Permission is granted to William T. Smith, to operate a steam boiler at No. 32 Sprague street, and to William Huntton to enlarge a building to be used as a stable at No. 10 Courtland street.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Alzirus W. Powers, to keep an eating house at 311 High street; to the Rhode Island Gymnasium, to give an exhibition at No. 164 Westminster street; to Edmund E. Merchant to keep two bowling alleys at No. 10 Elizabeth street; and to William Peabody, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles at No. 156 Eddy street.

The places for holding ward meetings for the state election are designated.

Estimates of the amount required for the maintenance of the poor, and bridge departments for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1880, are approved and adopted as follows :

For the poor department, \$25,000.

For the public bridges, \$14,000.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :—

Providence Association for the benefit of colored children, for remission of sewer tax ; Hiram B. Aylesworth, for the refunding to him assessment for College street ; Greene, Anthony & Co., for compensation for damage to their property by overflow of water, and Samuel M. Tyler to be appointed police constable.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 118. Message of the Mayor calling a special meeting of the City Council ; subjects of which relate to the conveyance of land to Wheeler M. Blanding in Brook street District ; and the Providence Reform School.

[Presented March 15, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
March 15, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have convened you this morning in accordance with a request of the joint special committee on the Brook street district, which desires some change in the resolution of the city council, approved February 13th, ultimo, authorizing the conveyance of land to Wheeler M. Blanding, and which change the committee

deem necessary should be made this morning in order that the papers may be completed, and a settlement perfected during the day.

I recommend that both branches of the city council unite to-day or some time in the ensuing week to hold a meeting for the consideration of the matter of the Providence reform school. It is very evident from the progress hitherto made, that the present session of the general assembly will close, without any definite arrangement as to the future management of this institution.

The May session at Newport will be too brief to admit of the settlement of so important a subject, and it will therefore go over to the next January session, leaving the city with the burden of supporting a state institution for another year.

It is due the tax-payers of this city that the city council should decide at the earliest practicable day, for how long a period it will continue to impose upon them the expense of maintaining the school, which in addition to the portion paid by the city in the state tax, the interest on the outlay for land and buildings, and the annual cost for repairs and alterations, also requires a yearly appropriation from the city treasury of ten thousand dollars.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No 119. Message of the Mayor transmitting invitation of Bernard O'Donnell, Chief Marshal, to review the procession on St. Patrick's day.

[Presented March 13, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
March 13, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received and transmit herewith an invitation from Ber-

nard O'Donnell, Esq., chief marshal of the procession on St. Patrick's day, to the city council, to review the procession as it passes the city hall on that day, which I recommend be accepted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 120. Resolution accepting invitation to review the procession on St. Patrick's day.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation of Bernard O'Donnell, chief marshal, for the city council to review the procession on St. Patrick's day, be and the same is hereby accepted.

No. 121. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Providence Reform School in relation to the board of inmates committed by the State Courts.

[Presented March 13, 1879.]

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

The board of trustees of the Providence reform school report :

That the bill rendered to the State of Rhode Island for the board of inmates of the reform school, committed by state courts, for the quarter ending November 30th, 1878, was not paid in full, and there is still about five hundred dollars due on account thereof, which the board has been unable to collect, because the general assembly has made no appropriation therefor.

For lack of this appropriation the board has presented no bill for the board of state inmates for the quarter ending on the 28th ultimo, and consequently, for the first time in its history, the board is unable to pay bills it has contracted, which are overdue and unpaid.

The board having already drawn for the current year two thousand dollars from the city treasury, has been unwilling to draw therefrom to pay its outstanding bills, unless directed to do so by your honorable body, and the matter is therefore presented for your consideration, with the request that your honorable body will take early action thereon.

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of trustees,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, March 13th, 1879.

No. 122. Resolution referring the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Providence Reform School to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the board of trustees of the Providence reform school, presented March 13, 1879, in relation to the board of inmates committed to the reform school by state courts, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint special committee of the city council, appointed to confer with any committee of the general assembly upon the future management of the reform school.

No. 123. Resolution recommitting to the Fire Department, the claim of the Central Baptist Society.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the petition of the Central Baptist Society, relative to the use of its bell by the city for fire purposes, be recommitting to the committee on the fire department with instructions :

1. To settle the terms, after conference with the society, on which the city may hereafter use the bell for fire purposes, if the committee thinks such use desirable.

2. After such settlement to arrange on the best terms it can, the society's claim from January 1, 1876, to the time when the arrangement to be made begins.

The committee to report to the city council before completing any contract for either of the above propositions.

No. 124. Resolution referring bill of Potter, Denison & Co. for a desk, etc., to City Hall Furnishing Committee.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the matter of Potter, Denison & Co., bill for a desk, etc., be referred to the joint special committee on furnishing the City Hall, with instructions to that committee, and full power, to take such action as it may find for the interest of the city.

No. 125. Resolution directing the Water Commissioners to construct a sewer in Barclay street.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Barclay street, from the summit—about 160 feet—to Atwell's avenue.

No. 126. Report of the Joint Special Committee, to report a plan for letting by contract the Cleaning and Lighting of the Public Lamps.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

City document, No. 12.

No. 127. Resolution conveying land in the Brook street District, to Wheeler M. Blanding.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the resolution of the city council number eighty-six, (86) current series, approved February 13, 1879, is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows ;

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, is hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Wheeler M. Blanding, certain parcels of land in the Brook street district, shaded in blue on a certain plat marked A, entitled " a map showing lots in the Brook street district proposed to be conveyed to Wheeler M. Blanding, by the City of Providence," dated March 15, 1879, which said parcels of land are numbered respectively on said plat, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine, whenever said Blanding shall pay to the city treasurer the sum of three hundred and seventy seven dollars and forty-seven cents, and shall convey to the city of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, certain parcels of land in said district shaded in blue, on a certain plat marked B, entitled " a map of the Wheeler M. Blanding property in the Brook street district, proposed to be conveyed to the city of Providence, by said Blanding," dated March 15, 1879, which said parcels of land are numbered respectively on said plat one, two, three, four, five and six ; both of said plats to be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds in said city.

No. 128. Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

[Approved March 15, 1879.]

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

The undersigned surveyor of lumber presents the following names for deputy surveyors of lumber for your approval :

Frank B. Chedell, Charles A. Manchester, John B. Winship, Frank S. Roberts, William G. Burtis, and Joseph H. White. Esek A. Jillson, for hard woods. Robert Manchester, for ship timber.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL C. BUSHEE, Surveyor of Lumber.

Providence, March 6th, 1879.

Read, whereupon it is ordered that said appointments be approved.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MARCH 15, 1879.

The mayor's report on the subject of disabled men in the police department; and also, the resolution instructing the joint committee on ordinances, to report an ordinance providing for the retirement of policemen on half-pay, are indefinitely postponed.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 129. Resolution for improving the Acoustic properties of the Common Council Chamber.

[Approved March 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on furnishing the City Hall, be instructed to report a plan, if any can be devised, to improve the acoustic properties of the common council chamber.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MARCH 27, 1879.

Weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum. Severally read and received.

Holden O. Hill is appointed police constable without power to serve civil process.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

A. E. Field & Son, Health Department.....	\$550 00	M. Josephine Peckham, School Census.....	15 00
Labor pay roll, Lamp Department.....	54 00	M. B. Hines, School Census.	20 00
Edwin E. Calder, Inspector of Milk.....	50 00	George W. Wightman, Charity Building and wood yard.	\$509 73
		Henry A. Chace, Trustee, use of Freedom Hall.	270 00

Licenses are granted as follows :

To W. F. Cook & Sons to buy and sell junk at No. 263 Dyer street ; to Joseph Enos to keep one bagatelle table at No. 468 South Main street ; and to William H. Robinson to buy and sell junk on Bowen street near Canal street.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted as follows :

To James Mason & Co., at No. 70 Peck street ; Providence Dying, Bleaching and Calendering Co., at the corner of Harris and Atwell's avenues.

Estimates of the amount required for the maintenance of the health department, and of the asylum walls and buildings for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1880, are approved and adopted as follows :

For the health department, \$15,000.

For the asylum walls and buildings, \$2,500.

The resignation of George Greene, keeper of the Washington bridge at India Point is accepted, and William M. Chase is elected to fill the vacancy.

The James Street Ferry is leased to Jesse Burrows for one year from March 6, 1879.

The bond of Thomas R. Belcher, constable, is approved.

Willard B. Scott is granted permission to connect with the sewer on Doyle avenue.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Charles Goodwin to keep a bowling alley at No. 1 Lafayette street ; James Lynch and wife for compensation for damages to estate corner of Brook and Wickenden streets ; Joseph Osborn, administrator of estate of Mary A. Butterworth, for remission of tax ; Walter Paine for remission of sewer tax, and John Kelly to hire store at No. 252 India street.

Ordered that the reports of the committees appointed to lay out the following named streets be severally approved and received and that the same be recorded, viz. :

Armington avenue from Academy avenue to land of Alexander F. Adie.

Bridgham street from High street to Cranston street.

Chapin avenue from Messer street to Parade street.

Charles Field street from Benefit street to Bowen street.

Fremont street from Governor street to Ives street.

Parade street from Cranston street to Susan street.

Susan street from Cranston street to Diamond street.

The board appraise the damage to Mary W. Messer, and Caroline D. Williams, by the lay-out of Chapin avenue, at the sum of one hundred dollars.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 130. Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to purchase material of the Providence Builders' Association.

[Approved April 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby author-

ized to purchase such materials, as they may deem necessary for use in their department, of the Providence Builders' Association, notwithstanding the provisions contained in section 5, chapter LXXXIX of the ordinances entitled, "An ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners."

No. 131. Resolution to settle the claim of John and James McVicker.

[Approved April 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay John McVicker and James McVicker, the sum of two hundred dollars in settlement of their claim against the city, presented January 16, 1879, whenever the said James and John McVicker, shall execute a release to the city, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for damage arising by change of grade on Acorn street; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 132. Resolution to settle claim of Messrs. G. & S. Owen.

[Approved April 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Messrs. G. & S. Owen, the sum of five hundred forty-nine dollars and fifty-eight cents, in settlement of their claim against the city, presented June 3d, 1878, whenever the said G. & S. Owen shall execute a release to the city, satisfactory to the city solicitor of all claims for damages arising by change of grade on Dyer and Pine streets; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 133. Resolution granting permission to Rose Tierney to raise a building at No. 51 Oak street.

[Approved April 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Rose Tierney to raise a certain building, located at No, 51 Oak street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 134. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Benevolent street, from Benefit street to Governor street.

[Approved April 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Benevolent street, from Benefit street to Governor street, as a public highway.

No. 135. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Brown street, from Power street to George street.

[Approved April 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Brown street, from Power street to George street, as a public highway.

No. 136. Message of the Mayor relative to awnings for the City Hall.

[Presented March 31, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
March 31, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The windows of the offices on the south and west sides of

the city hall, above the basément, must be furnished with awnings, and for some of the departments they will be required at an early date.

The city hall commissioners do not deem them as properly belonging to the construction account, and therefore decline to order them, although the iron frames and the work of attaching them to the building might very properly be included in its cost.

The committee on furnishing the city hall has no means at its command for the purpose, and hence cannot purchase them.

Under this state of things, I recommend that the city messenger, as custodian of the city hall, be authorized to cause such awnings to be provided for the building as may be necessary, the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 137. Resolution directing the City Messenger, to procure awnings for the City Hall.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be hereby authorized and directed to cause such awnings to be procured for the city hall, as may be necessary for the offices on the south and west sides of the building above the basement, the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 138. Report of the Committee on the City Engineer's Department, upon the employment of a Civil Engineer in the Tax Department.

[Presented March 31, 1879.]

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

The committee on the city engineer's department deem it

proper to bring to the notice of your honorable body the fact, that no provision has been made for the work required to be done by a civil engineer, during the current year, for the tax department.

November 20th, 1876, Mr. Arthur H. Armington, who had for some years been connected with the office of the city engineer, and in that capacity had charge of the assessors' plats, accepted the position of clerk in the tax department, receiving for such service a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, with the understanding that he should continue to do the work required upon the plats, receiving therefor an additional compensation of five hundred dollars per annum.

This compensation up to January 1st, 1878, was fixed by a resolution of the city council, approved April 1st, 1878, and for the year 1878, by chapter cxv. of the ordinances, approved April 11th, 1878.

Since January 1st, 1879, no work has been done on the assessors' plats, and consequently it has accumulated to such an extent as to interfere with the proper working of the department, and the assessors therefore brought the matter to the consideration of this committee.

After a thorough investigation of the subject, the committee came to the conclusion that it is for the interest of the city to continue the same arrangement for this work that has existed heretofore; and that it would be unwise to transfer it to the city engineer's department.

The character of the work is such that it can be better and more expeditiously done by one person, who is perfectly familiar with all the details thereof, and who will be ready at the call of the assessors to attend at once to their requirements.

By the employment of Mr. Armington for this duty, he is enabled, when not at work upon the plats, to devote his time to the assistance of the assessors and register of transfers, and much of the plat work is done when the office is closed for public business.

The committee therefore recommend that the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated for the services of a civil engineer in the tax department for the current year, and a bill for an ordinance is herewith presented, the adoption of which by the city council is also recommended.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, March 31, 1879.

CHAPTER CXXVII.

No. 139. An Ordinance in addition to Chapter CXXV., of the Ordinances.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. The sum of four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the salary, during the year, January 1, 1879, to January 1, 1880, of such civil engineer in the office of the assessors of taxes as the board of assessors may employ to perform engineer's duty in their office.

No. 140. Resolution directing the City Auditor to allow the bill of D. Chase, for cleaning and repairing pictures.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to allow the bill of D. Chase for fifty-eight dollars, for cleaning and repairing pictures belonging to the city; the amount of said bill to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 141. Resolution directing the City Treasurer to refund to Margaret Creegan, the sum of twenty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Margaret Creegan, the sum of twenty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents, being the amount of a sewer assessment paid by her October 18, 1877, said assessment being for the sewer in Governor street, laid upon a lot fronting on Transit street, and not abutting on Governor street, and paid subsequent to the passage of public laws, chapter 635; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 142. Resolution referring bill of F. Hacker, to the Committee to procure Furniture for the City Hall.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the matter of F. Hacker Photographic Co.'s bill for a picture now in the Mayor's office, be referred to the committee on furnishing the city hall, with authority to take such action in regard to it, as may be determined on by the committee.

No. 143. Resolution accepting gift of Edward S. Thurber, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Edward S. Thurber 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 the "heirs of Edward Thurber," in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Edward Thurber fund.

No. 144. Resolution to lay water pipes in Webster street, and Ashburton street.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to lay six inch water pipes in Webster street, from the Railroad crossing to Ashburton street, and in Ashburton street, to connect with the pipes now laid in said street.

No. 145. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of seven hundred dollars on Thayer Street Grammar School estate.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby authorized to expend the sum of seven hundred dollars for the drainage and improvement of the yards at Thayer street grammar school estate; said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 146. Resolution relative to reserving the room formerly occupied by the Recorder of Deeds, in the old city building, for a ward room for the Second Ward.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be directed

to enquire into, and report upon the advisability of reserving the room formerly occupied by the recorder of deeds in the old city building, so called, for the use of the citizens of the second ward as a ward room.

No. 147. Report of the Joint Special Committee appointed to investigate charges against the Superintendent of Lights.

[Presented March 31, 1879.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council appointed per resolution No. 13, current series, to investigate charges made against Charles M. Smith, superintendent of lights, present herewith the testimony taken, and report as follows :

At the first meeting of the committee, the chairman was authorized to employ a stenographer, and cause the following notice to be published in the Journal and Press :

NOTICE.—A meeting of the joint special committee of the city council, appointed to inquire into the matter of the complaints against Charles M. Smith, superintendent of lights, will be held at the city hall (room of committee on claims,) on Monday evening, January 13th, at 7 o'clock. All persons having charges or complaints to make against said superintendent of lights are invited to be present. Entrance on Fulton street.

JAS. LEWIS PEIRCE, Chairman.

Providence, January, 11, 1879.

In response to above notice, W. R. Stiness, Esq., appeared and presented, as counsel for James Behan, the following charges :

FIRST.

The using of the lamp department as a political machine to secure the defeat of certain members of the board of aldermen and common council in the municipal elections, who were thought to be opposed to his conduct of the lamp department, viz. : in the 3d, 8th, 9th and 10th wards in 1873 to 1878.

SECOND.

Employing men for his private business, and certifying to their bills against the city as correct, for the same time they were so employed in 1875.

THIRD.

That the administration of the lamp department has not been conducted in a business like and economical manner.

FOURTH.

That the superintendent of lights has acted in the interest of parties attempting to introduce the electric lighting system.

FIFTH.

That he has violated section 7, chapter 10 of the rules and regulations of the board of aldermen.

SIXTH.

That he has purchased articles, and had them charged to the city, and for which the city has paid, which articles were for him personally, and not in his capacity as superintendent of lights.

No other charges were presented, and on the 21st of January, L. M. Cook, Esq., appearing as counsel for the superintendent of lights, the investigation commenced, and has continued through a series of meetings as rapidly as the other duties of the committee and counsel would permit. The investigation has been long and tedious, and an examination of the testimony by the members of the council will show very much that which could hardly be called testimony bearing upon the case, but charges and investigations of the lamp department have been so frequent in the past, that your committee have permitted the very largest scope of questionings on the part of counsel, desiring that the thoroughness of this investigation should either completely and entirely vindicate the superintendent from the charges, or if convicted, that conviction should be from ample and sufficient proof.

Upon the several charges as enumerated, your committee unanimously find that, in the language of charge number three, the administration of the lamp department has not been conducted in a business-like and economical manner, and this is sufficient to warrant our recommendation that the city council should proceed to the election of a superintendent of lights, and that in making a selection of this officer, he should be a thoroughly practical, economical business man, and no politician.

There is now before the city council a proposition to have the cleaning and lighting of the lamps done by contract, and although this subject is not before your committee as referred matter, this investigation has developed sufficient to warrant us in saying, that we believe it would tend to the advantage of the city, both pecuniarily and morally to rid itself of the present system and to have the work done by contract under proper and sufficient rules and regulations.

There are now sixty-five lamp-lighters, and every member of the city council, (alderman or councilman,) who advocates any reduction of pay, or change of method detrimental to their interest is personally *looked after*, and such influence as they can exert, is brought to bear against such alderman or councilman's re-election at our municipal elections.

This has been proved by the testimony of the lamp-lighters themselves, and while they may say they are justified in protecting their own interest, your committee believe it is not well to have such a power, using such an influence in the election of members of the city government.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. LEWIS PEIRCE, Chairman,
WM. SPENCER,
ELISHA C. MOWRY,
DUTEE WILCOX,
E. S. HOPKINS,
J. H. TOWER.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

 MARCH 31, 1879.

Ordered, that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

William J. Rexford for remuneration for damages to his estate, corner of Moore and Updike streets; David W. Barney for abatement of sewer tax; Hugh Carroll for remission of tax; H. M. Chase and A. W. Mathewson for remission of tax.

Communication of the superintendent of health in reference to clerk hire in the health department; indefinitely postponed.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 148. Resolution adding two thousand dollars to the appropriation for the Charity Building account.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the charity building account, said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for the support of the poor.

No. 149. Resolution instructing the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, to report plans, etc., for a building for ward purposes in the Tenth Ward.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby instructed to report plans for a building for ward purposes, or for ward and evening school pur-

poses, in their discretion, to be erected upon the site of the old school house now used for ward purposes in the tenth ward, and also the probable cost of the same.

No. 150. Resolution to Pay the Firemen.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of April, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 151. Resolution granting permission to Michael Gorman to raise a building at No. 113 Prairie avenue.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael Gorman to raise a certain building, located at No. 113 Prairie avenue, pursuant to his petition.

No. 152. Resolution granting permission to Anna P. McLellan to raise a building at No. 108 Lockwood street.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Anna P. McLellan to raise a certain building, located at No. 108 Lockwood street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 153. Resolution granting permission to John Moiles to raise a building at the corner of Power and Ives streets.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Moiles to raise a certain building, located at the corner of Power and Ives streets, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 3, 1879.

Weekly report of the Dexter asylum, monthly reports, of the inspector of steam boilers, and of the overseer of the poor, quarterly report of the chief of police and annual report of the inspector of milk. Severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

BRIDGE BILLS.

Francis S. Turner... ..	\$7 37	T. Phillips & Co.....	\$4 45
Arthur C. Williams.....	11 44	Providence Tool Co.....	3 00
Belcher Bros.....	12 36	Pay roll Point street bridge..	297 60
L. L. Fales... ..	6 75	Pay roll.....	68 81
H. M. Angell & Co.....	19 16	Rice, Starkweather & Co....	2 68
W. H. Miller & Co	1 65	C. T. Armstrong.....	26 00
Providence Water Works....	68 00	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	16 22
J. L. Peirce & Co.....	8 90		

POLICE BILLS.

L. L. Fales.....	\$13 55	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	\$395 10
Charles H. Hunt.....	20 00	John E. Martin.....	36 00
James O. Swan.....	7 40	Providence Gas Co.....	1,051 77
William H. Ayer.....	58 21	Pay roll, janitors.....	286 50
John C. Payne.....	68 80	Pay roll.....	14,737 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

George W. Wightman, support of poor.....	\$2,424 85	A. E. Field, Health Depart- ment.....	\$550 00
		Pay roll, Lamp department.	3,165 64

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Thomas McCusker to keep an eating house at No. 447 High street ; to John H. Berry to keep two billiard tables at No. 25 North Main street ; and to William M. Brownell to keep one billiard table at No. 1 Post Office Court.

Permission is granted to Richard Lynch to build a barn at the corner of River and Chalkstone avenues.

The overseer of the poor is authorized and directed to bind Willy Grant to the Providence Children's Friend Society.

Resolutions are adopted, as follows : Inviting the common council to join in convention on Friday, April 4, 1879, at 3.30 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the report of the joint special committee on the future management of the Providence reform school, and for the election of a police constable under the bird law ; instructing the joint special committee on the public lamps to report at the meeting of the board on April 10, 1879, a plan for reducing the expense of the lamp department ; inviting the common council to join in caucus on Monday, April 14, 1879, at 4 o'clock, P. M., to consider informally all matters relating to the office of superintendent of lights.

The ballots given in at the general election held on the first Wednesday in April, 1879, for senator and representatives and for school committee are counted in open board meeting, and the persons receiving a majority of the votes therefor are declared to be duly elected, and the clerk directed to furnish to each of them a certificate of election.

There being no election for one member of the school committee in the first ward a new election therefor is ordered to be held in said ward at the fire station on Mill street, on Wednesday, April 16, 1879.

The following are elected special constables under the dog law, viz. :

J. Crawford Potter, William E. Whiting.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 154. Report of the Joint Special Committee, as to the future management of the Providence Reform School.

[Presented April 4, 1879.]

City Document No. 13.

No. 155. Resolution directing the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, to make no further drafts upon the City Treasury for the support of said school.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the trustees of the Providence reform school be and they are hereby directed to make no drafts upon the city treasury for the support of the said school, from and after the first day of July, 1879.

No. 156. Resolution directing the City Auditor to transfer to reserved fund, the balance of Providence Reform School appropriation.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be and he is hereby directed to transfer to the appropriation for the reserved fund, any balance of the appropriation for the Providence reform school, remaining on the first day of July, 1879.

No. 157. Resolution requesting the Mayor to communicate to the Governor, the resolution in relation to the Providence Reform School.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor, be and he is hereby requested, to communicate to his excellency the governor, the resolutions adopted April 4, 1879, in relation to the Providence reform school.

No. 158. Resolution continuing the Joint Special Committee on the Providence Reform School.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee as to the future management of the Providence reform school, be continued.

No. 159. Resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to place a safe in the office of the committee of the Brook Street District.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, is hereby directed to cause one of the safes formerly used, in the old city building, to be placed in the office of the joint special committee on the Brook street district.

No. 160. Resolution transferring seven hundred and twenty-five dollars to the appropriation for furnishing the City Hall.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seven hundred and twenty-five

dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for constructing the city hall, to the appropriation for furnishing the city hall, to pay outstanding accounts now due.

No. 161. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented April 4, 1879.]

City council file, April 4, 1879.

No. 162. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented April 4, 1879.]

City council file, April 4, 1879.

No. 163. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
of the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented April 4, 1879.]

City council file, April 4, 1879.

No. 164. Monthly report of the City Treasurer upon
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented April 4, 1879.]

City council file, April 4, 1879.

No. 165. Monthly report of the Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department.

[Presented April 4, 1879.]

City council file, April 4, 1879.

No. 166. Resolution instructing the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, to present their bills to the State of Rhode Island, for the board of inmates.

[Approved April 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of trustees of the Providence reform school, be and they are hereby instructed to present their bills to the state of Rhode Island for board of state inmates in said school, and receive the amount thereof and receipt therefor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 4, 1879.

William Mathews is appointed police constable without power to serve civil process.

The following are appointed weighers of neat cattle, viz. :

Andrew Comstock,	Henry W. Kimball,
Alfred W. Fisk,	Charles W. Moore,
Lawson W. Gale,	George W. Sherman.

Resolutions are adopted as follows :

Directing the city auditor to audit the bill of Charles T. Armstrong for fifty-one dollars, and, inviting the common council to join in convention on Monday, April 14, 1879, at 4 o'clock, P. M., to consider informally all matters in relation to the lamp department.

IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 4, 1879.

J. Crawford Potter is elected police constable under the bird law.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 10, 1879.

Weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and quarterly report of the superintendent of lights. Severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Henry A. Chace, Trustee, Freedom Hall.....	\$20 00	George M. Ardoene,.....	\$20 00
George S. Knutton, election..	75 00	Labor pay roll, lamp department.....	52 00
C. N. Harrington, streets....	50 00		

Licenses to keep eating houses are severally granted as follows :

To Frederick E. Jenne, at Nos. 80 and 84 North Main street ; to Henry Loomis, at No. 514 High street.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Michael Conley, at No. 3 Eiswald street ; to James B. Dean, at No. 63 South street ; to Robert Forrester on George street ; to Michael McCarthy at No. 41 Trenton street.

Upon the communication of Lewis Tracy in relation to the sewer in Barclay street.

Ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The overseer of the poor is authorized and directed to bind Ella Mason, to the Providence Association for the Benefit of Colored Children.

A portion of Lockwood street at the corner of Prairie avenue is abandoned as a highway and declared to be useless.

William T. Smith is ordered to discontinue the business of "smelting certain refuse products from silver mining in Colorado, and including sweepings from jewellers' shops," at No. 32 Sprague street, the same being deleterious to the public health in that vicinity.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 167. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to settle matters in dispute, growing out of the lay out of Broad street.

[Approved April 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That all matters in dispute growing out of the lay out of Broad street in 1872, be and they are hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of alderman Gorman, and Messrs, Crooker and Green, of the common council, with authority to make full settlements with all parties abutting on said Broad street, between Adelaide avenue and Prairie avenue, said committee to request the mayor to make such deeds or discharges as may be necessary to such settlements, and the mayor is hereby authorized to execute such papers, provided he approves such settlements.

No. 168. Resolution to lay a Sewer in America street.

[Approved April 15, 1879.]

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

No. 169. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Eddy street.

[Approved April 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Eddy street, from a point opposite the present entrance to Rhode Island Hospital, to connect with sewer already built in Eddy street, about one hundred feet in length.

No. 170. Resolution authorizing the Joint Committee on Water to make arrangements for sprinkling the streets in the vicinity of the City Hall.

[Approved April 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on water are hereby authorized to make such an arrangement for sprinkling the streets in the vicinity of the city hall, as they may deem expedient; the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for water.

No. 171. Seventeenth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented April 10, 1879]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board, December 31, 1878, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$517,978 39
Of the fund of 1893.....	192,180 47
Of the fund of 1895.....	122,935 63
Of the water loan.....	103,929 23
Of the north burial ground.....	4,297 53
Of the Brook street district.....	35,313 37

Whole amount..... \$976,634 62

The amount on hand March 31, 1879, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$528,309 82
Of the fund of 1893.....	200,878 31
Of the fund of 1895.....	123,812 23

Of the water loan.....	105,755	48
Of the north burial ground.....	4,302	34
Of the Brook street district.....	39,233	49
Whole amount.....	\$1,002,291	67

The increase in the several funds has been :

In the fund of 1885.....	\$10,331	43
In the fund of 1893.....	8,697	84
In the fund of 1895.....	876	60
In the water loan.....	1,826	25
In north burial ground.....	4	81
In the Brook street district.....	3,920	12
Whole increase.....	\$25,657	05

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE,

Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, April 10, 1879.

No. 172. Ninth Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented April 10, 1879.]

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

GENTLEMEN :—The joint special committee on the Brook street district, herewith presents their ninth quarterly report of receipts and expenditures :

Receipts for quarter ending March 31st, 1879 :

Rents.....	\$2,765	57
Sale of land.....	377	47
Sale of houses, etc.....	672	24
	\$3,815	28

Expenditures for quarter ending March 31st, 1879 :

Re-locating and refitting buildings.....	\$7,200 13
Claims for damages, (buildings destroyed, etc.).	6,100 00
Sewers.....	28,966 24
Water for houses.....	933 58
Concreting	315 61
Salaries	300 00
Repairs to houses.....	91 20
Grading land.....	11 87
Sundries, (care of office, stationery, etc.).....	66 64
	\$43,985 27

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

Providence, April 10, 1879.

No. 173. Resolution relative to the appointment and removal of Lamp Lighters.

[Approved April 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to report at the next meeting of the board of aldermen, or of either branch of the city council, a bill for an ordinance in amendment to the ordinances, in relation to the lamp department, whereby the appointment and removal of lamp lighters, shall be made by the superintendent of lights and confirmed by a joint standing committee on public lamps of the city council, consisting of the joint standing committee on lamps, and of the committee on lamps of the board of aldermen.

No. 174. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Page street.

[Approved April 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are

hereby requested to lay out Page street, from Broad street to Clifford street, as a public highway.

No. 175. Resolution to pay Ebenezer Hirons for rent of lot on Oxford street.

[Approved April 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Ebenezer Hirons the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars and ninety cents, for six months rent of a lot of land on Oxford street, from October 1, 1878 to April 1, 1879, (now occupied by the old Square street school house) said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 176. Resolution transferring the Books, etc., of the Lamp Department, to the Superintendent of Lights elected April 14, 1879.

[Approved April 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Burnham, Hamill, and Hull of the common council, with aldermen Smith and Fenner, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to transfer the books, papers and other property in the custody of the superintendent of lights to the superintendent of lights elected this day, when duly qualified.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 14, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Robert E. Smith, expenses of special committee on lamps, \$10 80	Geo. W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard.. \$270 20
---	--

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Thomas H. Andrews to keep an eating house at No. 33 Cranston street ; to George Finck, to keep an hotel at No. 138 Pine street ; to John King, to buy and sell junk at No. 7 A street.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Albert L. Bennett, on Wheaton avenue ; to Sarah C. Downes, at No. 262 Greenwich street.

The sub-committee on bridges are directed to cause repairs to be made on the Gaspee street bridge necessary to put said bridge in a safe condition for public travel.

The joint special committee on public lamps make the following report :

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

The special committee on lamps that was instructed to inquire into and report at a meeting of the board of aldermen, Thursday, April 10th, a plan for reducing the expenses of the lamp department, respectfully submit the following report :

They have held two meetings, and have give the matter careful consideration, and find it a difficult undertaking to present any plan that will be entirely satisfactory.

Your committee feel that the lamp department is now managed as economically as other departments of the city ; and think some parties might be found that would be willing to contract to run all of the departments at corresponding low rates, that have been offered to clean and light the street lamps.

Your committee suggest only two plans, provided the city continues to light with the same materials they are now using.

First, to let by contract at the lowest possible rate.

Second, to reduce the pay of the lighters.

Your committee believe that the city should hire men as

cheap as other parties can, and offer for your consideration a proposition to reduce the lighters' pay $37\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. as follows :

The compensation from and after the _____ day of _____ shall be, for cleaning and lighting gas lights, one and one-fourth cents, and for naphtha lights, two and one-half cents per day for each time they are lighted, (subject to the rules and regulations of the superintendent of lights, or any other department having charge of the street lights,) and to give each lighter two of the districts that are now lighted by one man. The pay of two districts as now lighted, averages about fifty dollars each, or one hundred dollars per month. At the proposed reduction, the two districts will average about sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per month, and one man could keep these cleaned, and light half or more himself, and could arrange with some one for just the lighting of the balance at a low rate.

The pay roll for lighting in 1878, amounted to....	\$36,992	35
At the proposed reduction it will be.....	23,120	22
And will make a saving to the city of.	13,872	13

per annum.

As responsible parties offer to contract at about these rates, there is only this alternative ; we must either *contract* or reduce the pay as proposed, if the present system of lighting should be continued.

Your committee believe that it will be best for the interests of the city to have all appointments in the department approved by the lamp committees of both branches of the city council.

Your committee herewith presents a proposition from the United States Street Lighting Company, to light, clean and do all of the repairs at a cost of twenty dollars and fifty-four cents per light, per annum.

There are now lighted 2,615 gas lights, and 1,640 naphtha lights ; if this method was adopted, it would require only half the number of naphtha lights, or 820 to take place of the naphtha, making a total of 3,435, at twenty dollars and fifty-four cents

per light, would cost to have the whole city lighted, only \$70,-554.90, or a saving of over \$57,000 on the estimated expense of running the lamp department next year, and about \$43,000 over the lowest rate of the proposed reduction to light and clean the present number by their method.

For the committee,

ROBERT E. SMITH,
Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

THOMAS M. ROUNDS,
Chairman of the Joint Committee of the City Council.

UNITED STATES STREET LIGHTING COMPANY.

BOSTON, April 9th, 1879.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAMPS AND GAS, CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

GENTLEMEN:—The United States Street Lighting Company, 54 Kilby street, Boston, beg leave to make your honorable board the following propositions, viz.:

Will attach their "patent fixtures" to all of the street lanterns now in use in your city; or as many as your board may elect, free of expense to said city.

Will supply proper fluid, and furnish a light in each lantern as many days in each month and as many hours each day as now required, keeping the lanterns clean and in good repair to the acceptance of your committee, setting and re-setting all posts, furnishing all glass, and other supplies needed for the perfect working of this department; for the sum of *eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, per annum*, for the term of two years. A saving of about thirty-four thousand per annum as compared with the past year.

The adoption of this light would be greatly to the benefit of the out-laying wards, where the feeble light now in use, would be supplanted by a brilliant gas light, *and the more central wards lighted as well as at present.*

If your board should decide to discontinue the use of any limited number of lamps in any section of the city, this company will light the remainder at pro rata, taking the whole number now in use as a guide.

Bonds will be given, for the faithful performance of the work, acceptable to your board.

It is unnecessary for us to speak in praise of these lights; the fact that over *fifty thousand* similar lights are in use in the United States, and foreign countries, is sufficient evidence that the use of them is no experiment; but a help in relieving the burdens of over-taxed cities and towns,

and giving a light so closely resembling the best coal gas light, that not one in a hundred can distinguish the difference at twenty paces.

Respectfully submitted,

THE UNITED STATES STREET LIGHTING COMPANY.

By F. A. BROWN, President.

The number of lights now in use is understood to be 4,260.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

APRIL 14, 1879.

A resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the general assembly for a change in the law relative to the assessment of sewer taxes, is indefinitely postponed.

IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 14, 1879.

Samuel B. Swan is elected superintendent of lights.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 177. Resolution granting permission to Michael Foy to raise a building.

[Approved April 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael Foy to raise a certain building located at No. 123 Martin street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 178. Monthly report of the City Messenger.

[Presented April 14, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of March, last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition.

Owing to the change in the season the night fireman has been discharged, making a reduction in the expenditure of one dollar and fifty cents per day.

The gas bill for the quarter ending March 31, amounting to \$745.62, has been presented.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 179. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance,
relative to the Salary for the City Solicitor.

[Presented April 14, 1879.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom on the 31st day of March, 1879, was referred the resolution to report a salary for the city solicitor, respectfully report :

They have given the subject careful consideration, and find the labor of the law department of the city has been greatly increased by the many public improvements undertaken, and by the annexation of new territory.

The ordinance prescribing the duties of the city solicitor, provides for the appointment of an assistant city solicitor, who must be a counselor at law of the supreme court, and the

salary of the city solicitor as fixed by the city council, shall be in full compensation of all official services required of the city solicitor and his assistant.

The city has at present over one hundred cases pending before the courts.

In view of the time, talent, and legal ability required to conduct these cases to the best advantage of the city, your committee consider the salary of the city solicitor, is only a fair equivalent for the services rendered.

They therefore recommend making no change in the ordinance, but leaving it the same as before.

For the committee,

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

Providence, April 9th, 1879.

No. 180. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Baker avenue, in Amherst street, and in Cypress street.

[Approved April 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six inch water pipes to be laid in Baker avenue, about two hundred and sixty-five feet northerly from High street; in Amherst street, about sixty feet easterly from Steuben street, and in Cypress street, easterly from North Main street, about two hundred and fifty feet.

No. 181. Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to purchase Water Pipes and Special Castings.

[Approved April 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby authorized, in accordance with their request, dated March 19, 1879, to purchase for the construction and extension of the water works, one hundred and twenty five tons of cast iron water pipes and special castings.

No. 182. Resolution to pay Robinson Pierce, for damages to his estate, corner Prospect and Olney streets.

[Approved April 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Robinson Pierce, the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars, whenever said Pierce shall execute and deliver to the city a release satisfactory to the city solicitor of all claims arising from any work of any kind done by the city on Olney street, and Prospect street, and from any damage received by him on his estate at the corner of Prospect and Olney streets, as the result either direct or indirect of such work; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 183. Resolution to pay C. H. & F. F. Carpenter for Lumber.

[Approved April 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay C. H. & F. F. Carpenter, the sum of thirty dollars, whenever they shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a full discharge of all claims for 1,200 feet of pine lumber delivered at the city yard, and charged to said city under date of December 1, 1877; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 184. Resolution directing the Committee on Ordinances to report an ordinance in relation to purchases made for the city.

[Approved April 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances is hereby directed to report to the city council, what, if any

action is needed to secure a permanent record of all purchases made, and orders given by the different departments of the city government, and to require all orders for merchandize to be given in writing and signed by the proper officers; and the said committee is directed to prepare and report such ordinance or resolution, as in its opinion may be needed for this purpose.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 17, 1879.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Lemuel S. Harris, streets ...\$96 00 | Secretary of State, envelopes, \$3 00

License is granted to Charles Goodwin to keep one bowling alley at No. 1 Lafayette street.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Charles H. Perkins, rear of 680 High street; to Frank Slavin on Peace street.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :—

L. D. Millard for compensation for damages to carriage; and James Rothwell for remuneration for damages to estate on Lockwood street.

The ballots given in at the new election held on Wednesday, April 16, 1879, in the first ward to elect a member of the school committee for three years, are counted in open board meeting, and Alfred Metcalf having received a majority of the votes therefor, is declared to be duly elected, and the clerk directed to furnish him with a certificate of his election.

The following, having passed the common council, are read and non-concurred :

Resolution to pay William F. French for curbstones; an order to receive the report of the joint committee on claims

upon the bill of C. H. & F. F. Carpenter; and resolution referring the report of the joint committee on claims upon the bill of C. H. & F. F. Carpenter, to the advising committee on bridges.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 24, 1879.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman, Charity Building and wood yard	\$280 83	Labor pay roll, Lamp Depart- ment.....	\$52 00
--	----------	---	---------

The following message from the mayor relative to the powers of the board of aldermen to compel the payment of bills contracted by the advising committee on bridges is read :

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
April 24, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

I transmit herewith the opinion of the city solicitor, given in reply to the request of the board, as to its powers in compelling the payment of bills it has contracted as the advising committee on bridges.

It will be seen that the solicitor decides that the board has no authority to enforce the payment of a debt, although it was legally contracted, and is a just claim against the city.

If the claimant in the case, which gave rise to the inquiry of the board, resorts to the courts for payment, he can obtain judgment and collect the same without the intervention of the city auditor or the committee on accounts.

This method of paying bills will be expensive to the city, but will enable claimants to avoid some unnecessary and vexatious delays to which they are oftentimes subjected.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 18th, 1879.

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

DEAR SIR:—Under the provisions of the ordinance by you referred to, it is the duty of the board of aldermen to keep all public bridges in good repair, and the board is authorized to contract such bills as are necessary to that end, and the city is liable for the same.

Having in the discharge of such duty made any liability, upon the proper certificate of the board of the correctness of such claim, it is the duty of the city auditor to audit the same, unless he have a doubt concerning the validity of such claim; if he have such doubt, he then should refer the matter to the committee on accounts for their decision, which committee should pass it or reject it, or, if they see fit, refer it to the city council.

If the city auditor shall decline to make any audit, and he is sustained by the committee on accounts, there is no power to compel him to make such audit except the city council.

The fact of refusal to audit does not affect the question of the liability of the city to be sued and compelled to pay.

The action necessary to prevent the delay in the payment is for the city council to authorize the board to audit its own bills, or empower it to direct the auditor to audit such bills as the said board is authorized by law to contract.

Truly yours,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

A resolution changing the grade of Canal street, from Elizabeth street to Throop alley, is passed.

The report of the city engineer, upon the condition of the bridge on Washington row, is received, and the clerk directed to send a recapitulation of the same to the owners of said bridge.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 185. Eighteenth Quarterly Report of the City
Hall Commissioners.

[Presented April 17, 1879]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The eighteenth quarterly report of the city hall commissioners is herewith presented.

The following are the disbursements since the last report, that of 11th of January, 1879 :

Various bills, (rendered,)	\$4,684 81
O. C. Williams, telegraphic wires, &c..	5,693 03
Appleton Sturgis, assignee.....	1,279 07
Davidson & Mars, heating, &c....	3,113 16
A. R. Whitney, iron work, &c.....	2,500 00
S. P. Brown, superintendent.....	500 00
	————— \$17,770 07
Amount expended last quarter.....	17,770 07
Total amount expended.....	913,309 49
Amount of appropriation.....	978,498 00
Unexpended balance.....	65,188 51

Respectfully submitted,

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

No. 186. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Admiral street.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Admiral street, from Charles street to Douglas avenue, as a public highway.

No. 187. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Pacific street.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Pacific street, from Broad street to Hamilton street.

No. 188. Resolution to pay bills of Charles T. Armstrong, for use of horse and buggy.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the bills of Charles T. Armstrong, amounting to seventy-seven dollars, for use of a horse and buggy in the service of the bridge department from January 1, 1879, to March 31, 1879, and charge the same to the appropriation for public bridges.

No. 189. Message of the Mayor relative to the bill of W. J. McPherson.

[Presented April 24, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
April 24, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received from Mr. W. J. McPherson, and transmit herewith, a claim for three hundred dollars, for stained glass windows placed in the aldermen's chamber.

The city hall commissioners decline to approve the bill, as they hold that it properly belongs to the decoration of the building, and should be certified by the committee on furniture.

As this committee has no appropriation at its disposal, the claim must be acted upon by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 190. Message of the Mayor relative to repairs in the Tax Department and office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court.

[Presented April 24, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
April 24, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Immediate repairs are necessary upon the case in the tax department, where the assessors' plats are kept to prevent their destruction. They have already been seriously damaged, and a longer delay will cause considerable expense to repair the injury.

Repairs are also necessary upon the book racks in the office of the clerk of the municipal court, to prevent permanent injury to the books.

At present there seems to be no authority to cause this work to be done, as, although under chapter CXXI. of the ordinances the city messenger was given sufficient power for the purpose, yet the recent action of the city council has virtually suspended that power, and in the meantime the records and plats are being injured.

I recommend that the city messenger be authorized to cause the necessary repairs to be made immediately.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 191. Report of the Committee on the City Debt.

[Presented April 24, 1875.]

City document No. 16.

No. 192. Resolution authorizing the Committee on the City Debt to fund \$400,000, pursuant to Chapter 433 of the Public Laws.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the city debt be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue the bonds of the city in such manner as they may deem expedient, to the amount of four hundred thousand dollars, pursuant to the authority given in chapter 433 of the public laws, passed February 18, 1875.

No. 193. Resolution authorizing the Committee on the City Debt to fund \$200,000, pursuant to Chapter 687 of the Public Laws.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the city debt be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to issue the bonds of the city in such manner as they may deem expedient, to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, pursuant to the authority given in chapter 687 of the public laws, passed April 12, 1878.

No. 194. Resolution authorizing the Committee on the City Debt to fund \$425,000, pursuant to Chapter 701 of the Public Laws.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the city debt be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, registered bonds to the amount of four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, in such form as the committee may deem expedient, pursuant to the authority given in chapter 701 of the public laws, passed May 30, 1878.

No. 195. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Sheldon street.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Sheldon street, from Hope street to Benefit street, as a public highway.

No. 196. Message of the Mayor relative to the Settlement of Claims of School Districts Nos. 6 and 7, in the old town of North Providence.

[Presented April 28, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
April 28, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The commissioners appointed by the general assembly "to adjudicate upon the claims of school districts Nos. 6 and 7, in the town of North Providence, against the city of Providence, caused by the division of the town of North Providence, in the year 1874," have made their report, and adjudge that certain school estates shall be conveyed by approved deeds to the city, and thereupon the city shall pay to and for the use of said school districts the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, and shall also pay one hundred dollars as the city's proportion of the expenses and charges of the commissioners.

The deeds required by the commissioners have been executed in proper form, and are now in the hands of the city treasurer.

I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution directing the payment of the sum of seventeen hundred dollars, as awarded.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 197. Resolution appropriating \$1,700, to settle Claims of School Districts Nos. 6 and 7 in the old Town of North Providence.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for contingencies, said amount to be paid in accordance with the report of the commissioners appointed by the general assembly to adjudicate upon the claims of school districts Nos. 6 and 7 of the old town of North Providence, which report was filed in the office of the secretary of state, April 10, 1879.

No. 198. Message of the Mayor relative to the laying of rails for the Transportation of Freight Cars through the streets of the city.

[Presented April 28, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
April 28, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

When the consent of the city council was given to the laying of rails for the transportation of freight cars through the streets of this city, it was with the understanding that the rails should be used by either of the railroad companies whose tracks could be connected therewith.

Furthermore, the grant of the use of the streets was given for the purpose of promoting the business interests of this city, by enabling freight and merchandise to be easily transported to and from the wharves and warehouses of the city.

It is alleged that the railroad corporations, claiming to own these tracks, exact such heavy charges for their use by other

companies as to prevent the transportation of freight over them by any other company.

As an evidence of the inconvenience to the citizens of Providence caused by the action of the railroad companies, it is stated that sixty tons of merchandise are transported daily in teams the entire length of Benefit street, for a single concern, whose works are situated on a street over which freight tracks are laid, the use of which is prevented for the reason already given.

The matter being within the control of the city council, I earnestly recommend that it receive your prompt attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 199. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relative to the laying of rails for the Transportation of Freight Cars through the streets of the city.

[Approved April 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor relative to the laying of rails for the transportation of freight cars through the streets of the city, dated April 28, 1879, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint committee on railroads to examine and report upon all matters connected therewith.

No. 200. Semi-Annual Report of the City Solicitor.

[Presented April 28, 1879.]

City Document, No. 19.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 28, 1879.

Weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum. Severally read and received.

Permission is granted to the Kendall Manufacturing Company to build a barn on Dexter court.

Fred. G. Hagan is appointed auctioneer.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are granted as follows:

To Allen C. Beaman, at Nos. 5 and 7 Mathewson street; Padelford and Hopkins, at Nos. 53 and 61 Weybosset street; Hart B. Pierce, at Nos. 45 and 47 Washington street; Mrs. S. H. Pierce, at No. 10 Wickenden street; Alexander Stone, at No. 24 Washington street; John A. Sutton, at No. 55 Weybosset street; and Conrad C. Woods, at No. 235 South Main street.

H. H. Comings is granted a license to keep a tavern at No. 91 Washington street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

APRIL 28, 1879.

Upon the petition of Henry Childs for refunding to him of sewer tax, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

A resolution referring the message of the mayor, dated April 24, 1879, together with the bill of W. J. McPherson, to the joint committee on claims, is read and non-concurred.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 201. Report of the Committee on City Property, relative to the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School.

[Presented April 28, 1879.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on city property, to which was referred certain "subjects in the annual report of the trustees of the Providence Reform School," respectfully reports, that the committee has given the matter its attention, and finds that the wall referred to, is a plated wall, built of wood and filled and faced with brick, which from some cause has started and is somewhat out of line, but has been so stayed that there is no probable danger of its settling any further.

In the opinion of the committee this can be remedied by rebuilding a part of the wall and properly staying the same, which will render this part as strong as any portion of the main building.

In view of the changed condition of affairs, relative to the management of the reform school, the committee recommends that no action be taken by the city council with reference to the enlargement suggested in the report of the trustees of the school.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, April 28, 1879.

No. 202. Report of the Committee to transfer books and papers of Lamp Department, to the newly elected Superintendent of Lights.

[Presented April 28, 1879.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint special committee appointed April 14, 1879, to

transfer the books and papers of the lamp department, to the newly elected superintendent of lights, respectfully reports that the duty has been performed.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, April 28, 1879.

No. 203. Annual Report of the City Auditor, of the estimated receipts and expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1880.

[Presented April 28, 1879.]

City Document No. 17.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

APRIL 30, 1879.

A jury list for the year is made of such persons, inhabiting the city, as the board of aldermen think well qualified to serve as jurors and who are not exempted by law.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 1, 1879.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Reavey, Smith & Co., lamp department.....	\$25 25	Dr. William H. Palmer, <i>post mortem</i> examinations.....	60 00
Pay roll, lamp department,	3,051 20	Pay roll, police department.....	14,201 75
E. E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	50 00		

Licenses to keep taverns are severally granted as follows :

To William Bradbury, No. 156 Westminster street ; William H. Hamilton, No. 163 North Main street ; William J. Metcheer, Nos. 46 and 48 Union street ; Edward A. Johnson, City Hotel ; L. H. Humphreys, Narragansett Hotel.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

To William H. Barnard, No. 41½ Eddy street ; Hugh McKay, No. 312 North Main street ; Henry H. James, No. 705 High street ; Cyrus H. Aldrich, Nos. 2 and 6 Page street ; Annie Teehan, Nos. 309 and 311 Westminster street ; Charles W. Phillips, No. 82 Pine street.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Anne F. Stafford to raise and otherwise alter certain buildings on Washington street ; Peleg Randall and Daniel Sullivan, severally, for refunding portion of amounts paid for pool table licenses ; David B. Campbell for license to keep a tavern ; heirs of Leonard Brown for extension of time of payment of sewer assessment and annual tax.

The joint committee on finance are discharged from the further consideration of the communication of George Henry, relative to a more equitable assessment of taxes.

A resolution directing the city messenger to purchase certain articles for the city hall is indefinitely postponed.

The resignation of Benjamin W. Persons, as a member of the joint special committee on the Brook street district is accepted, and alderman Spicer is appointed to fill the vacancy.

CHAPTER CXXVIII.

No. 204. An Ordinance permitting the Union Railroad Company to lay rails in Broad and Greenwich streets, to connect with track at Thurber's Avenue.

[Approved May 5, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to the Union Railroad Company to lay rails with suitable turnouts in Broad street, at the junction of Broad and Greenwich streets, thence through Broad street to connect with present track at Thurber's avenue; said rails to be laid under the supervision and control of the joint standing committee of the city council on railroads, with all the privileges, and subject to all the conditions of this ordinance, and of the several ordinances whereby the Union Railroad Company are permitted to lay rails in the streets of the city of Providence.

SEC. 2. The permission granted by the foregoing section is subject to the condition that the rails shall be laid within one year from and after the passage of this ordinance.

No. 205. Resolution to pay the Bill of William J. McPherson for stained glass windows.

[Approved May 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to audit the bill of W. J. McPherson, for stained glass windows in the aldermen's chamber in the city hall, amounting to \$300, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 206. Resolution directing certain repairs to be made in the Tax Department, and office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court.

[Approved May 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be and he is, hereby authorized and directed to cause the necessary repairs to be made on the plat case in the tax department, and also upon the book racks in the office of the clerk of the municipal court; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 207. Resolution to lay Water pipes in Bryant street and Butler avenue.

[Approved May 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Bryant street, from Allston street to Regent street, a distance of about two hundred and forty feet; and in Butler avenue from Waterman street to South Angell street, a distance of about five hundred and forty feet.

No. 208. Resolution granting permission to Michael and Charles Rogers to raise a building.

[Approved May 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael and Charles Rogers to raise a certain building, located on Trenton street, pursuant to their petition.

No. 209. Resolution granting permission to Celia Smith to raise a building.

[Approved May 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Celia Smith to raise a certain building, located at No. 58 Wilson street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 210. Resolution authorizing the City Messenger to procure certain articles for the City Hall.

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the City Messenger be and is hereby authorized to procure the following articles of furniture for the city hall, and to make repairs, viz. :

Chairs for committee rooms and offices.....	\$250 00
Desk for city solicitor.....	120 00
Desk for police department.....	45 00
Small table for aldermen's chamber.....	15 00
Refinishing aldermen's table.....	45 50
Water for aldermen's chamber..	50 00
Water for council chamber.....	50 00
Book case and umbrella stand for highway department.....	81 00
Hose for the building.....	20 00
Covers for furniture in reception room.....	50 00
Speaking tubes.....	10 00
Waste paper baskets.....	20 00
Step ladders.....	40 00
Sealer's tools.....	20 00
Tools and furniture for engineer in charge of building.....	100 00
For work needed to be done in the court room...	50 00

Book case for superintendent of lights.....	\$75 00
Two desks for city engineer's department.....	80 00
Alterations in desk for " "	25 00
Metal numbers.....	12 90
For work needed in the auditor's room.....	100 00
Window screens for water department.....	30 00
Gas fixtures for water department.....	5 00
	\$1,294 40

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, is hereby transferred from the appropriation for the city hall, to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

No. 211. Resolution adding \$5,000 to the appropriation for building the City Hall.

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building the city hall; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 212. Resolution allowing the State of Rhode Island the use of the land and buildings now occupied by Providence Reform School.

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the State of Rhode Island be allowed the use of the lands and buildings, belonging to the city of Providence, now occupied by the Providence Reform School, free of rent, for the period of one year from and after the first day of July, A. D. 1879, or for such portion of said period of a year as the state may desire.

No. 213. Resolution to pay William Duffy, Coroner, \$99.85 for Inquest upon the bodies of John Shaw and Catharine Mullineaux.

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay William Duffy, one of the coroners of the city of Providence, the sum of ninety-nine dollars and eighty-five cents, for fees and expenses arising from the inquests held by him on the bodies of John Shaw and Catharine Mullineaux; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for the health department.

CHAPTER CXXIX.

No. 214. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter CVI. of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Urinals."

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. The first section of chapter cvi. of the ordinances of the city of Providence, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

All public urinals now erected or hereafter erected in the city of Providence, are placed under the care and control of the joint standing committee on city property of the city council.

No. 215. Monthly Report of the City Messenger.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter XXXVI. of the ordi-

nances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of April last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition; and that a contract has been made with Leander F. Pease to furnish the awnings for sixty windows for the city hall, at a cost of four hundred and ninety-four dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,
City Messenger.

No. 216. Resolution appropriating five hundred dollars for Decoration Day, and appointing a Special Committee.

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated towards defraying the expenses of a suitable observance of decoration day; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

RESOLVED, That Alderman Tobey, and Messrs. Crossley, Burnham and Case of the common council, be hereby appointed a committee to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

No. 217. Resolution to refund to Daniel B. Waite the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars.

[Approved May 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Daniel B. Waite, the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, erroneously paid into the city treasury by him on the 27th day of February last; and to charge the amount to the appropriation for contingencies.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 5, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum and the monthly report of the overseer of the poor are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

BRIDGE BILLS.

Rice, Starkweather & Co..	\$6 48	A. C. Williams.....	11 93
Wm. H. Haskell & Co.....	4 12	Pay roll, Point street	
A. C. Eddy & Studleys....	19 00	bridge	288 00
J. L. Pierce & Co.....	14 64	Pay roll, bridge depart-	
Belcher Bros.....	19 55	ment (labor).....	114 14
Parsons, Cady & Wash-		William Elsbree.....	3 12
burn	10 28	Hopkins & Pomroy.....	10 44
Wood & Winsor..	41 82		

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Janitors' pay roll....	\$283 00	Providence county jail....	208 00
John E. Martin.....	45 00	Chas. H. Hunt.	30 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Labor pay roll, lamp de-		A. E. Field & Son, health	
partment.....	\$52 00	department.....	550 00

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Anson W. Aldrich to keep a tavern at No. 31 Washington street ; to William J. Metcheat, to keep one pool and two billiard tables at Nos. 46 and 48 Union street.

Samuel Hedley is granted permission to connect with stone drain on Webster street, and William Sutherland to build a barn in the rear of No. 208 Charles street.

The highway commissioners are directed to remove obstructions from Chapin avenue at the corner of Parade street.

Nicholas Van Slyck is elected city solicitor for the year ending the first Monday in May, 1880.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MAY 5, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Rachel B. Downs, for remission of tax ; Adele S. Wood, for abatement of tax.

The petition of Lucy M. Richardson, for abatement of tax is indefinitely postponed.

Nicholas Van Slyck is elected city solicitor for the year ending the first Monday in May, 1880.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 218. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

City council file, May 15, 1879.

No. 219. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

City council file, May 15, 1879.

No. 220. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

City council file, May 15, 1879.

No. 221. Quarterly Report of the Highway Commissioners.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

City document, No. 18.

No. 222. Report of the Committee on City Property relative to room in City Hall for use of the School Committee, and concreting of sidewalks in front of school estate on Oxford street, etc.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on city property to which, April 14, 1879, was referred request of the school committee for assignment of room in the city hall, for concrete sidewalks in front of school estate on Oxford street, and for the planting of shade trees near the different school houses, report as follows :

As to assignment of room in city hall :

While it would doubtless be a great convenience to a large number of members of the school committee to have its meetings held in the city hall, the building not being in charge of the committee on city property, that committee is unable to make any recommendation concerning such assignment.

As to concreting walks in front of the Oxford street school estate :

The committee find that the street, though received, has not been brought to grade, and therefore recommend that this matter be delayed until a grade for said street shall have been established, and the street brought to it.

As to planting shade trees :

Planting of shade trees, doubtless, in time would improve the

appearance of these estates, and the expense would not be large, as not much exceeding seven hundred dollars would doubtless be sufficient; but the committee is of opinion that the expenditure is not necessary either for the preservation of the buildings, or for the health or comfort of those occupying them.

In view of these facts and of the necessity of reducing in every practicable way the expenditures of the city, the committee recommends that no action be taken upon the matter.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, May 3, 1879.

No. 223. Report of the Committee relative to reserving the room formerly occupied by the Recorder of Deeds in the old City building, for a Ward Room for the Second Ward.

[Presented May 5, 1879.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on city property to which was referred resolution No. 146, current series, relative to reserving the room formerly occupied by the recorder of deeds in the old city building, for a ward room for the second ward, respectfully reports: That the matter has been considered and the committee is of opinion that it is inexpedient to so reserve said room, for the reason that the income which the city can derive from the renting of the same, will greatly exceed the cost of hiring a room for ward purposes as occasion requires, and that by reserving the room, the chances of leasing the estate as a whole would be impaired.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

No. 224. Resolution directing the Highway Commissioners to re-set the curbstones at the junction of Lockwood street and Prairie avenue.

[Approved May 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be re-set at the junction of Lockwood street and Prairie avenue, in front of the estate of Daniel B. Waite, according to the plan presented by the city engineer, April 10, 1879, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for highways for setting curbing.

No. 225. Resolution to Pay the Firemen.

[Approved May 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of May, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 226. Resolution granting permission to John Smith to raise a building.

[Approved May 19, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Smith to raise a certain building located at No. 88 Rhodes street, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 15, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum and monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

S. D. Gray, lamp department	\$40 45	Providence Water Works,	
Francis S. Turner, bridge		bridge department.	\$9 17
department	24 24	Dexter Gorton & Co., health	
		department	4 65

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Hunt & Pearce, to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles, at No. 132 Dorrance street ; to Thomas Ladd, to keep a tavern at the Hoyle Hotel ; to Amos A. Moulton & Co., to keep a victualling house at No. 42 Peck street ; to John W. Pettis, to keep an oyster house at No. 241 Broad street ; to Herbert Phillips, to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 106 Westminster street ; to N. H. Wales, to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 94 Eddy street ; to Frank Whipple, to keep a tavern at Nos. 421 and 423 High street.

Permission is granted to Nelson O. Baker, to build a barn in the rear of Pleasant street.

William L. Blake is appointed a police constable without power to serve civil process.

The report of the committee to lay out Washington street from Cove street to Dean street is rejected.

A resolution authorizing the joint committee on city property to lease the city building for a term of ten years, having passed the common council is read, and the board do not concur therein.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the June term of the court of common pleas and in the United States circuit court, respectively.

A resolution inviting the common council to join in convention on Thursday May 22, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a chief of police is passed.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 227. Message of the Mayor relative to the vacancy in the office of the Chief of Police, caused by the death of Wm. H. Ayer.

[Presented May 15, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
May 15, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

William H. Ayer re-elected chief of police at the last organization of the city government, died on the fourth inst., after an illness of little more than two weeks.

He was appointed a member of the police force June 10th, 1865, and commenced duty as one of the night patrol. He was subsequently promoted to day duty, and January 15th, 1868, was appointed clerk of police, which office he held until August 14th, 1871, when he was promoted to the position of captain of police, made vacant by the election of captain John M. Knowles to the office of chief of police. By the change in the police ordinance he became deputy chief of police, and retained his position until September 13th, 1877, when he was unanimously elected chief to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Knowles, and the city council by successive unanimous votes, re-elected him in his position at its annual election of city officers.

Mr. Ayer discharged the duties of his various positions with singular fidelity, and, as the head of the police force, while

maintaining strict discipline, he won the esteem of the entire department by his kindness and regard for the welfare of its members. He displayed an unusual tact in discharging the arduous and difficult duties of a prosecuting officer, and by his calm and clear judgment in the cases coming under his supervision, proved himself to be eminently qualified for his official position.

In the death of chief Ayer the city lost a servant who strove in all respects to be mindful of its interests, and whose highest aim was to be true to the obligations placed upon him. Like his predecessors, Gross and Knowles, he passed from the humblest rank in the force, by promotions honorably won, to the highest honors, and, as its head, has left a record worthy of the most exact imitation.

I recommend that a convention of the city council be held at an early day to fill the vacancy now existing in the office of chief of police, and in this connection it is proper for me to say that the present deputy chief, John T. Brown, who has held that place during the term of chief Ayer, declines to be a candidate for the higher position, which the welfare and efficiency of the department demand should be filled by one of its members.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 228. Resolution relating to the Clerk of the Justice Court.

[Approved May 20, 1879.]

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

No. 229. Resolution authorizing the School Committee to employ additional assistant teachers in the Primary Schools.

[Approved May 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be, and they are hereby authorized to employ such additional teachers as assistants in the primary schools for the present spring term, as may be needed; not however, exceeding six in number, their salaries to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 230. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Washington street.

[Approved May 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Washington street, from Cove street to Walker street, as a public highway.

No. 231. Resolution granting permission to Caroline F. Atwood to raise a building.

[Approved May 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Caroline F. Atwood to raise a certain building located on Major street, near Broad street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 232. Deputy Surveyor of Lumber appointed.

[Approved May 20, 1879.]

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

The undersigned surveyor of lumber, presents the name of
Robert Carlisle for deputy surveyor of lumber for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL C. BUSHEE,

Surveyor of Lumber.

Providence, May 15, 1879.

Read, whereupon it is ordered that said appointment be
approved.

No. 233. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of
\$4,400 on the Point Street bridge.

[Approved May 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges be, and
they are hereby authorized to expend not exceeding the sum
of four thousand four hundred dollars, in replanking the Point
street bridge, and in renewing the floor timbers and dolphins,
and making other necessary repairs thereon; the same to be
charged to the appropriation for public bridges.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

MAY 19, 1879.

Upon the report of the joint special committee to procure
furniture for the city hall, on the matter of F. Hacker Photo-
graphic Co.'s bill for pictures, it is ordered that the matter be
indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Mary McElroy, for remission of taxes ; Thomas Craddock, for lease of open space between Market square and Crawford street bridge.

A resolution authorizing the school committee to meet in the committee on claims' room in the city hall, having passed the board of aldermen, is read and the council do not concur therein.

MAY 22, 1879.

Upon the report of the joint special committee to procure furniture for the city hall on the bill of Potter, Denison & Co., for a desk, it is ordered that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

A resolution authorizing the joint committee on city property to lease the city building at public auction for a term of twenty years, the rent to be appraised at the end of each five years, having passed the board of aldermen is read and the council do not concur therein.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MAY 22, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

Labor pay roll, lamp department.....	\$83 07	Charles N. Harrington, Charles Anthony, Lemuel S. Harris, street grade....	\$36 00
--------------------------------------	---------	--	---------

Licenses are granted as follows :

To John McCuddy, to keep a victualling house at No. 102 South Water street ; to Robert Pettis, to keep eating houses at Nos. 5 and 7 Orange street and at No. 9 College street.

Permission is granted as follows :

To Alexander Burgess, to connect with the old sewer in Randall street ; to Providence Waste Company, to connect with the old drain in Bacon street ; to Scattergood Bros., to re build a barn on Vanderwater street, near Douglas avenue ; to Ann Hagan, to build a barn at No. 20 Violet street ; to Francis Hanley, to build a barn at the corner of Alline street, and Almira avenue ; to George W. Carleton, to rebuild a barn at No. 33 River avenue.

The superintendent of lights is ordered to paint and regild the public lamps around the soldiers' monument.

The report of the joint special committee on public lamps is read and received, as follows :

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

The joint special committee on public lamps, appointed by resolution No. 56, approved February 10th, 1879, to inquire into the expediency of lighting the public lamps by some cheaper material than that now used, and to consider the safety of such material, respectfully submit the following report :

The superintendent of lights and chairman of the committee visited the city of Boston, and looked over the common, and rode out to Roxbury and examined the gasoline lights at both places, and have had a fair test of the whole process shown up in our city, which was apparently satisfactory to our citizens.

There are at present 2,615 gas and 1,645 naphtha lights. The gas lights will cost, after the present quarter (provided the city keep the full number that are now lighted with gas) as follows :

Cost of gas, 331 nights, 8½ hours each night, at \$1.95	
per thousand feet.....	\$20 27
Lighters' pay reduced 25 per cent., to 1½c. per light..	4 97
Average pay, cleaning gas cocks and burners.....	1 21
General repairs, cleaning, etc.....	1 27
	<hr/>
Total cost per annum of gas light.....	\$27 72

And will be a saving of about \$3,000 per annum on gas over present prices.

Cost of naphtha per light, 317 nights \$2 79

Cost of lighting same at 3 cts. per light..... 9 51

Total cost of naphtha and lighting..... \$12 30

The saving on lighters' pay, at the reduction recommended will be \$9,542.48 per annum. Your committee cannot recommend the changing of the naphtha lights as a matter of economy, as the cost of keeping said lights cleaned and lighted will be less if the lighters' pay is reduced, than they would be by substituting gasoline.

Your committee desired to recommend that a certain number of gas lights in the outlying districts be changed to gasoline, when the communication of the Providence Gas Company was received; and as the gas company reserve the right to advance the price of gas unless the city continue to keep the present number of gas lights that are now lighted, the city may not make any saving in this way, as the gas company might advance the price if the city should discontinue a portion of the gas lights. Your committee will leave this matter for your consideration and can only recommend one method of saving in this department, and that will be to reduce the pay of the lighters, and offer the following resolution.

For the committee,

R. E. SMITH,

Chairman of committee of the board of aldermen.

The following resolutions are adopted:

RESOLVED, That the compensation for cleaning and lighting the street lamps, on and after the first day of June, A. D. 1879, shall be as follows: For gas lights, one and one-half cents, and for naphtha lights, three cents for each time they are lighted.

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and he is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly for the passage of an act conferring upon the board of aldermen the power to establish grades for streets that have been platted in the city, but not received by the city, and making such change in the present law as to grades as may be approved by the committee on streets.

Ordered that the office hours of the inspector of milk shall be from 10 o'clock A. M., to 12 o'clock M., and from 3.30 to 5 o'clock P. M., each day except Sundays.

The committee appointed to agree with John Bennis as to the amount of damage, alleged to have been sustained by him by reason of the change of grade of Abbott's lane, report that said Bennis agrees with the committee that said change of grade is no injury to his property.

The joint special committee on public lamps is discharged from the further consideration of the communication of Henry C. Clark, requesting that the cleaning and lighting of the public lamps be let by contract.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw :

Charles Medbury, for refunding of taxes ; Richard H. Morgan and wife, for refunding of sewer tax.

A resolution is passed inviting the common council to join in convention on Monday, June 2, 1879, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing an assessor of taxes and a water commissioner.

A resolution, authorizing the joint committee on city property to lease the city building for a term of ten years, the lessee to have the privilege of a further term of ten years, having passed the common council is read and the board do not concur therein.

IN CONVENTION.

MAY 22, 1879.

Charles H. Hunt is elected chief of police.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 234. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
of the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented May 19, 1879.]

City council file, May 22, 1879.

No. 235. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer, of
the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented May 19, 1879.]

City council file, May 22, 1879.

No. 236. Resolution to Ventilate the Central Police
Station.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the central police station to be ventilated, and properly connected with the street sewer, in accordance with the plan indicated in the accompanying report of said committee, provided, the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 237. Resolution remitting Tax assessed against
William F. Hertha.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the tax on personal property, amounting to

\$14.50, assessed in 1878, against William F. Hertha, is hereby remitted; the said Hertha at the time said tax was assessed not having been an inhabitant of the State of Rhode Island.

No. 238. Resolution to pay Patrick McElligott \$300 for damages.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick McElligott the sum of three hundred dollars, whenever said McElligott shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a discharge and release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims of every kind arising from any damage or injury suffered by said McElligott, either to his person or property, while driving along Douglas avenue in said city; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 239. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Public, Maple, Vanderwater, Stampers and Abbott streets.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Public street, from Eddy street to the gas works; in Maple street, from Plain street to Beacon street; in Vanderwater street, from Drew street about 394 feet northerly; in Stampers street, about 226 feet; and in Abbott street, about 400 feet easterly from the present termination of the pipe in that street.

No. 240. Resolution to lay Water Pipes and set Hydrants in the North Burial Ground.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed

to lay water pipes and set hydrants in the north burial ground, in accordance with plans in the water department, estimated to cost about seventeen hundred and thirty-five dollars.

No. 241. Resolution Appropriating \$500 for the Running Expenses of the Bath Houses.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars 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 bathing season of 1879.

No. 242. Resolution to put the Bath Houses in order and moor them at the Point Street Bridge.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property, are hereby directed to put the city bath houses in order for use, and moor them at the Point street bridge, on or about the first day of June, proximo; and then deliver said houses to the joint standing committee on the harbor, to be managed by said harbor committee during the bathing season of 1879.

No. 243. Resolution granting permission to George H. Noble to raise a building.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to George H. Noble to raise a certain building located at No. 190 Clifford street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 244. Resolution granting permission to H. V. Slocum to raise a building.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to H. V. Slocum to raise a certain building, located at No. 220 Charles street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 245. Resolution to contract for Public Gasoline lamps.

[Approved May 27, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on public lamps are hereby authorized to contract for any number of public gasoline lights they may deem expedient to substitute for either gas or naphtha lights, not exceeding one thousand in number, said change to be made in the out-lying districts of the city.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JUNE 2, 1879.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

BRIDGE BILLS.

Pay roll.....	\$148 99	Lewis L. Fales.....	16 05
Francis S. Turner.....	18 50	J. L. Peirce & Co.....	17 55
Belcher Brothers.....	27 49	C. J. Claffin & Co.....	2 90
Pay roll Point street bridge,	297 60	P. C. Sanford.....	7 50
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co....	15 32	John Armstrong.....	8 74
Wm. H. Fenner & Co.....	5 08	A. Williams.....	8 54
A. C. Eddy & Studleys.....	27 00		

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	\$78 31	Lewis L. Fales.....	13 37
Wendall Fay & Co.....	50 47	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co	96 58
L. Wright.....	20 00	J. E. Sturdy.....	18 58
Charles H. Hunt.....	20 00	Providence Press Co.....	91 80
Edward Burr.....	42 75	Bugbee & Hall.....	149 54
American Band.....	108 00	Billings Bros.....	234 72
Sullivan, Vail & Co.....	238 53	Charles H. Hunt.....	58 19
Charity building and wood		Pay roll, janitors.....	286 50
yard.....	21 00	Pay roll.....	14,551 50
John E. Martin.....	36 00		

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector		George W. Wightman, charity	
milk.....	\$50 00	building and wood yard..	86 56
Dexter Gorton & Co., health		Pay roll lamp department..	3,159 90
department.....	1 40	Labor pay roll, lamp dept..	76 00

License is granted to Hart B. Peirce to keep a tavern at Nos. 45 and 47 Washington street.

The following are appointed police constables without power to serve civil process, viz. :

Charles W. Bemis, Joseph F. Johnston,
Samuel W. Drew.

Thomas McGovern is granted permission to build a barn at No. 47 Chaffee street.

The highway commissioners are requested to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid as follows :

On the south side of Sherburne street, between Ocean and Eddy streets ; and on the west side of Pearl street, between Hayward and Vail streets.

A supplementary police rule is adopted, as follows :

No. 125. All police constables appointed after June 2, 1879, shall cease to be such officers upon attaining the age of sixty years, and shall draw no pay as such officer after he has attained the aforementioned age.

A resolution authorizing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to cause certain lands in said district to

be conveyed to former owners, together with a message of the mayor objecting thereto, which came from the common council with the action of that body thereon, is read, and a motion that said resolution pass, the objections of the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, is lost.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JUNE 2, 1879.

Ordered that the following be indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Resolution directing the highway commissioners to set curbing and pave gutters in Arnold street, from East street to Governor street.

Resolution making an appropriation for the water works.

Report of the joint committee on claims on the petition of Eliza J. Smith for remuneration for damages to her estate on Potter's avenue.

The following having passed the board of aldermen are severally read and the council do not concur therein, viz. :

Resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Earle's lane.

Resolution authorizing the joint committee on city property to lease the city building at public auction for a term of twenty years, the rent to be appraised at the end of each five years.

Resolution directing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to have lands owned by the city in said district platted into lots.

Resolution directing the city messenger to procure awnings for windows on the north side of the city hall.

IN CONVENTION.JUNE 2, 1879.

The following officers are elected, viz. :

Assessor of taxes, Henry A. Webb.

Clerk of the market, Charles H. Hunt.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 246. Resolution granting permission to the Providence & Springfield Railroad Company to occupy certain lands for the purposes of tracks and freight station ; with a description thereof by metes and bounds.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the Providence & Springfield railroad company be, (so far as the city of Providence can confer the right,) permitted to occupy the lands as shown upon the accompanying plat, and as hereinafter described by metes and bounds, for the purposes of tracks and freight station, until such time as said permission shall be revoked by said city. The said railroad company, by accepting and exercising the right hereby conferred, agreeing, that it will cease the use and yield up immediate possession of said lands, to the city of Providence, within ninety days after such revocation, and that during such use, and from and after the acceptance of said right, it will pay to said city the annual sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars therefor, and said Providence & Springfield railroad company further agree ; in accepting this grant to pay any and all expenses incurred in moving buildings, fences, cranes and tracks, that may be necessary to arrange for their own tracks and freight station, as provided in this resolution.

The assent of the city council is further given to the said Providence & Springfield railroad company, to lay out, construct and continue their railroad as shown by the plat, and as hereinafter described, as provided by the charter of said railroad company, subject, nevertheless, to the conditions hereinbefore named.

Said permission being subject to the provisions of the ordinances of the city concerning railroads, and of the occupancy and acceptance by the said railroad company of said lands, within six months after the passage of this resolution; subject to the right of the city of Providence, to change the grade of said lands, without claim for damage from said company.

Description of proposed grant by the city of Providence to the Providence & Springfield railroad company, reference being had to a plat entitled, "plat showing proposed grant by the city of Providence to the Providence & Springfield railroad company, April, 1879."

The "centre line," so called, of the tract of land hereby granted, meaning the centre line of the main track proposed to be laid by said company, which said centre line is indicated on said plat by a fine dotted red line, begins at the centre of a granite bound set in the ground in the centre line of said company's track, 100 feet westerly, from the westerly end of said company's freight house, and about 465 feet westerly from the southwesterly corner of Cove street and Harris avenue, at the point marked "A" on said plat. Thence said centre line curves to the left (as one approaches the general passenger station in the city of Providence) by a curve of 600 feet radius for a distance of $287\frac{92}{100}$ feet to the point marked "B," and describing an arc of $27\frac{1}{2}$ degrees; thence northeasterly, by a straight line tangent to said arc at its terminal point, a distance of 148 feet to the point "C"; thence by a curve to the right, of 600 feet radius, for a distance of $319\frac{33}{100}$ feet to the point "E," describing an arc of $30\frac{1}{2}$ degrees; thence, by a straight line tangent to said arc at its terminal point, easterly for a distance of 622 feet to the point "I"; thence by a curve

again to the right of 900 feet radius, for a distance of $78\frac{5}{10}$ feet to the point "J," and describing an arc of 5 degrees; thence easterly by a straight line tangent to said arc at its terminal point, for a distance of 373 feet to the point "N"; thence by a curve, again to the right, of 1,500 feet radius, for a distance of 231 feet to the point "P," and describing an arc of $8\frac{5}{8}$ degrees; and thence by a curve reversing to the left of about 300 feet radius, for a distance of 50 feet to the terminal point, "Q," of said centre line, which said terminal point is in the centre line of the northernmost track of the tracks now laid and lying between Cove street and the Cove promenade, and 101 feet easterly from the easterly line of Gaspee street, measured on the centre line of said "northernmost track."

The width of land hereby proposed to be granted is, at the initial point "A," $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet on each side of centre line, or 15 feet in all, and these widths continue the same for a distance of $435\frac{9}{10}$ feet to the tangent point "C"; at point "D," $478\frac{9}{10}$ feet from "A," the widths are $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the right, or southerly side; and $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the left or northerly side of said centre line; and these said widths of $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet and $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet, in all 27 feet, continue for a distance of $276\frac{3}{10}$ feet to point "E," $755\frac{2}{10}$ feet from "A"; at point "F," $878\frac{2}{10}$ feet from "A," the widths are $18\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the right, and $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the left, in all 38 feet; and these said widths of $18\frac{1}{2}$ feet and $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet continue for a distance of 294 feet to point "G," $1,172\frac{2}{10}$ feet from "A"; at point "H," $1,285\frac{2}{10}$ feet from "A," the widths are, $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the right and $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet on the left, in all 27 feet; and these said widths of $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet and $19\frac{1}{2}$ feet continue for a distance of $170\frac{5}{10}$ feet to point "J," $1,455\frac{7}{10}$ feet from "A"; at point "W," 1,577 feet from "A," the widths are 6 feet on the right and 43 feet on the left, in all 49 feet; at point "X," 1,649 feet from "A," the widths are 5 feet on the right, and 113 feet on the left, in all 118 feet. At point "M," $1,778\frac{7}{10}$ feet from "A," the widths are 6 feet on the right, and 18 feet on the left, in all 24 feet; at point "N,"

1,828 $\frac{75}{100}$ feet from "A," the widths are 7 feet on the right, and 15 feet on the left, in all 22 feet; at "O," 1,979 $\frac{75}{100}$ feet from "A," the widths are 8 feet on each side, 16 feet in all; and these widths continue for a distance of 130 feet to the aforesaid terminal point "Q," 2,109 $\frac{75}{100}$ feet from the aforesaid initial point "A." The above widths, when measured from a tangent or straight line, are measured at right angles to said centre line, and when measured from any point on a curve, are measured normally to said curve, or in a direction towards the imaginary centre of the circle of which said curve forms a part or arc; the boundary lines of said grant, which are indicated on said plat by alternate long and short lines in red ink, are parallel to said centre line, when falling between any two stations at which the widths are identical, and in all other positions are straight between the two adjacent stations, except only the northerly boundary line between stations "X" and "M," which follows and coincides with the southwesterly line of Gaspee street for that extent.

The area of the land embraced in this proposed grant is, approximately, 67,050 square feet.

Also in addition to the grant above described, a new grant for the accommodation of the offal business, made necessary by the proposed removal of the present offal track, is described as follows:

The centre line of the track proposed to be laid specially for this purpose, begins at the point "S," 12 feet northerly, or to the left of point "R," (which is 541 feet from the initial point "A,") and thence runs northeasterly by a curve to the left, of 350 feet radius for a distance of 221 feet to point "T," describing an arc of $36\frac{1}{6}$ degrees.

The width of land granted on the right of said centre line is 25 feet, and on the left 10 feet, in all 35 feet, comprising exclusive and in addition to the grant herein above described, an approximate area of 5,250 square feet.

No. 247. Resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to advertise for proposals for alterations in the Stables of Fire Stations Nos. 10 and 15.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the alterations in the stables of fire stations Nos. 10 and 15, in accordance with the plans and specifications presented by the committee on the fire department, and report the result to the city council.

No. 248. Resolution directing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to cause the construction of a Fire Alarm Bell Tower on the Cove Promenade near Dorrance street.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be, and he is, hereby directed to cause the construction of a bell tower on the cove promenade at some point in range of Dorrance street; using for the same, so far as is practicable, the material which formerly composed the tower on the old police station lot on Wickenden street, and to remove and place in position on said tower, the bell now used as a fire alarm bell on Beacon street; also to remove and place in position on the tower vacated on Beacon street, the bell now on the residence of the late G. T. Swarts, on Dorrance street; provided that the cost of the work will not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 249. Message of the Mayor relative to an Invitation to visit the School of Design.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
June 2, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the board of directors of the School of Design an invitation for the city council to attend an exhibition of the work done by the pupils during the past year, to be held at the rooms of the school, Hoppin Homestead building, on Wednesday evening, fourth instant, from 7.30 to 10 o'clock.

I recommend that this invitation be accepted, and suggest that it be not merely a formal acceptance. The members of both branches of the city council should, by their presence at the rooms, manifest their interest in a work which promises to be of great importance to the industries of this city and and state.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 250. Resolution accepting Invitation to visit the School of Design.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation to attend the exhibition by pupils of the School of Design, to be held at the rooms of the school, Hoppin Homestead building, on Wednesday evening, the fourth instant, be and hereby is accepted.

No. 251. Message of the Mayor relative to the Police
Cells in the City Hall.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
June 2, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Two cells were constructed in the basement of the city hall, to be used as occasion requires by the detective service of the police department.

By an error in the arrangement of the cell room, they are rendered useless, on account of the perfect transmission of sound between them.

In the recent Gardiner burglary case, the operations of the detectives were seriously hindered for the want of such cells.

I recommend, that the city messenger be authorized to cause the room to be so altered as to make the cells of service for the purpose for which they were built.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 252. Resolution referring the Message of the
Mayor relative to the Police Cells in the City Hall.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the police cells, in the city hall, presented June 2, 1879, be referred to the joint committee on police to examine and report thereon.

No. 253. Final Report of the Joint Special Com-
mittee to procure Furniture for the City Hall.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

City document No. 20.

No. 254. Resolution appropriating \$123.68 for Furnishing the City Hall.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred twenty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents is hereby appropriated for furnishing the city hall, to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 255. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

City council file, June 2, 1879.

No. 256. Resolution conveying land in the Brook Street District to the Heirs of Thomas Ryan.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby directed whenever the heirs of Thomas Ryan shall execute a deed to the city of Providence satisfactory to the city solicitor, of lot No. 214, assessors' plat 18, to cause to be conveyed to said heirs, part of lot No. 159, assessors' plat 18, situate on the northerly side of Shamrock street and bounded as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said lot, at a point in the northerly line of Shamrock street, and $50\frac{15}{100}$ feet from the northeasterly corner of Traverse street and said Shamrock street; thence northerly, at right angles to the line of said Shamrock street, 50 feet; thence easterly at right angles 40 feet; thence southerly, at right angles, to a point in the northerly line of said Shamrock street, 50 feet; thence westerly, in the northerly line of said Shamrock street, 40 feet to the point of beginning.

No. 257. Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging the Harbor, from March 28th to April 30th.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

City council file June 2, 1879.

No. 258. Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging the Harbor from May 1st, to May 31st.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

City council file June 2, 1879.

No. 259. Resolution making an appropriation for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand and seventy-six dollars and fifty-seven cents is hereby added to the appropriation for the water works.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the water works construction account.

No. 260. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of June, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 261. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending June 30, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding quarter in 1878.

No. 262. Resolution instructing the Committee on Ordinances, to report an Ordinance providing for the election of a Water Commissioner, who shall be Secretary of the Commission.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances be, and they hereby are instructed to report an ordinance, which shall provide for the election of a water commissioner, who shall also be secretary of the commission, with power in the city council to fix his salary.

No. 263. Resolution making an Appropriation for the Fourth of July Celebration, and appointing a Committee of Arrangements.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a proper municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Tower, Studley, and Robbins of the common council, with alderman Gorman, be hereby appointed a committee of arrangements to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

No. 264. Monthly report of the City Messenger.

[Presented June 2, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter xxxvi. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of May last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept and are now in good condition. A wood grating has been placed on the roof of the dome for the protection thereof, at a cost of \$56.63. The elevator has had a thorough overhauling and inspection, and the cylinder has been repacked and readjusted, the cost of which will be communicated in the next monthly report. Repairs are being made upon certain furniture, and also most of the new furniture has been ordered in accordance with the directions contained in resolutions Nos. 206 and 210 of the current series.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 265. Resolution to pay to Mrs. Alvira Ayer, the balance due to William H. Ayer, late Chief of Police.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the order of Mrs. Alvira Ayer, widow of William H. Ayer, the balance that would have been due to him for services as chief of police for the current quarter and charge the same to the appropriation for police.

No. 266. Resolution granting permission to Mrs. Clarence L. Bradford to raise a building.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Mrs. Clarence L.

Bradford to raise a certain building located at No. 389 Broad street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 267. Resolution granting permission to Margareth McGair to raise a building.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Margareth McGair to raise a certain building, located at No. 489 Eddy street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 268. Message of the Mayor, returning with his objections thereto, a resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in the Brook Street District to different parties.

[Presented May 19, 1879.]

City document No. 21.

CHAPTER CXXX.

No. 269. An Ordinance providing for the appointment and removal of Lamp-lighters.

[Approved June 3, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. All appointments of lamp-lighters shall be made by the superintendent of lights, subject to the approval of a joint standing committee, to consist of the committee on lamps of the board of aldermen, and the joint standing committee on lamps of the city council; but no member of said

committee shall recommend to said superintendent, the appointment of any lamp-lighter.

SEC. 2. The superintendent of lights shall have the power to remove any of said lamp-lighters from office, whenever, in his opinion, the interests of said city shall require such removal, and shall immediately notify the chairman of said committee thereof.

SEC. 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JUNE 16, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly reports of the inspector of steam boilers and overseer of the poor are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman, sup- port of the poor.... ..	\$669 98	} A. R. Darling, health de- partment.....	\$4 00
A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	550 00		

Licenses are granted as follows :

To James M. Cæsar, to keep a victualling house at No. 34 South Main street ; to Eugene R. Hunt, to keep a junk shop at No. 105 Dorrance street ; to William H. Perry, to keep a junk shop at No. 228 Dyer street.

The bond of Charles H. Hunt, chief of police is approved.

The Providence Pile Driving Company is granted permission to operate a steam boiler at the corner of Eddy and Westminster streets.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JUNE 16, 1879.

The following are indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Resolution to pay William Y. Potter for additional services, as secretary of the joint special committee on furnishing the city hall.

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a safe for the water department.

Upon the petition of William J. Rexford and wife for damages occasioned by the bursting of a water meter, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 270. Report of the Committee on City Debt relative to the Issue and Sale of City Bonds.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

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

The committee on the city debt reports that it has sold the loans authorized by the city council by resolutions Nos. 192 and 193, approved April 29, 1879, to Messrs. Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston, at a premium of two and fifty-nine one hundred dollars.

The committee reports herewith a bill for an ordinance providing for the issue of the bonds, and the form thereof, as well as for the sinking fund to redeem the same, which it recommends be adopted by the city council.

The committee also reports a bill for an ordinance providing for the issue of the loan for public improvements as contemplated by resolution No. 194, approved April 29, 1879, which it recommends be adopted by the city council.

It will be observed that the amount to be issued has been increased in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars. This has been done for the reason, that the board of commissioners of sinking funds will be ready to invest that sum on the first day of July ensuing.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,

Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, June 16, 1879.

CHAPTER CXXXI.

No. 271. An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the City Hall and Sewer Loan of the City of Providence.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. The city of Providence will issue the bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding six hundred thousand dollars, under and by virtue of the provisions of chapters four hundred and thirty-three, four hundred and thirty-six, four hundred and sixty, and six hundred and eighty-seven of the public laws of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, passed on the 18th and 19th days of February, 1875, the 13th day of April, 1875, and the 12th day of April, 1878.

SEC. 2. The principal of said bonds shall be payable on the first day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine at the National Revere Bank in the city of

Boston, with interest thereon at the rate of four and one-half per cent. per annum, payable at the same place semi-annually, on the first days of June and December in each year.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall bear date as of the second day of June, 1879, and shall be sealed with the corporate seal of the city, signed by the mayor, and by the city treasurer, and countersigned and registered by the city clerk, who shall certify the registry of each bond; and the certificate of the city clerk that said bonds have been duly registered by him, shall be conclusive evidence that said bonds have been issued and sold under the direction of the committee on the city debt, and in conformity with the provisions of the said public acts, and of this ordinance. The interest warrants or coupons shall be signed by the city treasurer, or authenticated in such other manner as the committee on the city debt shall direct.

SEC. 4. The said bonds shall be numbered from one to six hundred, consecutively as they are issued, and shall be issued substantially in the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Sinking fund,

\$1,000

Coupon Bond.

\$1,000

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

CITY HALL AND SEWER LOAN.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That for value received the city of Providence hereby covenants to pay unto the bearer hereof at the National Revere Bank in the city of Boston, on the first day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the sum of one thousand dollars with interest thereon, at the rate of four and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on presentation of the interest warrants hereto attached, as they become due. This bond is one of a series of six hundred bonds numbered from No. 1 to

No. 600, inclusive, of like amount, tenor, and date issued in conformity with certain acts of the general assembly of the said state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, passed on the 18th and 19th days of February, 1875, the 13th day of April, 1875, and the 12th day of April, 1878, whereby the sum of nineteen thousand dollars is required to be annually appropriated by the city council of the city of Providence, for the redemption of the said bonds, which sum it is hereby agreed with the bearer hereof, will be appropriated annually as an accumulative sinking fund for such redemption.

This bond is convertible into a registered bond at the option of the holder.

Witness the seal of the city and the signatures of the mayor and city treasurer, this second day of June, 1879.

[L. S.]

Mayor.

City Treasurer.

Registered,

City Clerk.

[Form of Coupon.]

CITY HALL AND SEWER LOAN.

\$22.50

\$22.50

The city of Providence will pay to bearer twenty-two dollars and fifty cents at the National Revere Bank, Boston, on the first day of 18 , being six months interest on Bond No. for \$1,000.

City Treasurer.

SEC. 5. The contract for the issue and disposal of the said city hall and sewer bonds, and for the mode of payment of the principal and interest thereof, made on behalf of the city of Providence by the committee on the city debt with Messrs. Blake Brothers and Company, on the second day of June, 1879, is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved, and the proper officers of the city are hereby authorized and directed to perform the terms and conditions of the said contract on the part of the city, and to issue and deliver the said bonds accord-

ingly upon receipt by the city treasurer of the sums of money payable to the city under said contract.

SEC. 6. The holders of said bonds may, at any time, exchange the same for registered bonds, which shall be substantially in the following form :

[Form of Registered Bond.]

No.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

No.

CITY HALL AND SEWER LOAN.

REGISTERED BOND.

Know all men by these presents:

That the city of Providence, a municipal corporation, legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, acknowledges itself held and firmly bound unto or assigns, in the sum of one thousand dollars, which said city of Providence promises to pay to or assigns, at the office of its treasurer, on the first day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, with interest from the day of

A. D. 18 at four and one-half per cent. per annum, payable at the same place, on the first days of June and December in each year, until said principal sum is fully paid.

This bond is transferable only by order of the said or personal representatives endorsed hereon, and upon notice to said city treasurer.

In testimony whereof, the city of Providence has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and this bond to be signed by its mayor and countersigned by its treasurer, this day of A. D. eighteen hundred and

Mayor.

Countersigned by

City Treasurer.

Registered by

City Clerk.

(Secured by Sinking Fund.)

SEC. 7. All premiums arising from the sale of said bonds shall be paid to the board of commissioners of sinking funds, to be held and applied by them, as an accumulative sinking fund, for the redemption of said bonds.

CHAPTER CXXXII.

No. 272. An Ordinance in relation to the issue of the Bonds for Public Improvements, of the City of Providence.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. The city of Providence will issue the bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter seven hundred and one of the public laws of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, passed on the 30th day of May, 1878.

SEC. 2. The principal of said bonds shall be payable on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at the office of the treasurer of said city, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable at the same place semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall bear date as of the first day of July, 1879, and shall be sealed with the corporate seal of the city, signed by the mayor, and by the city treasurer, and countersigned and registered by the city clerk, who shall certify the registry of each bond; and the certificate of the city clerk that said bonds have been duly registered by him, shall be conclusive evidence that said bonds have been issued under the direction of the committee on the city debt, and in conformity with the provisions of the said act, and of this ordinance.

SEC. 4. Said bonds shall be issued for such amounts and in such form as the committee on the city debt, and the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city may determine.

SEC. 5. The sum of thirteen thousand five hundred and fifty dollars shall be appropriated annually by the city council, and shall be paid to the said board of commissioners of sinking funds to be held and applied by them as an accumulative sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

No. 273. Resolution Appropriating \$1,200 for the purchase of Horses, Wagons, etc., for the Police Department.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on police, be, and they hereby are instructed to purchase for the use of the police department, necessary horses, wagons, harnesses, etc., for the transportation of prisoners to and from the state's jail, house of correction, and state farm in Cranston and the city; and for such other police work as may be necessary; and the sum of twelve hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be paid from the "appropriation for police."

No. 274. Resolution instructing the Joint Committee on Police, to report, whether any provision should be made for the transportation of the Police over the Street Railroads.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on police, be, and they hereby are instructed to inquire and report, whether

any provision should be made whereby the members of the police force of this city, can have transportation over the street railroads thereof, without expense to themselves, when travelling on official business.

No. 275. Resolution directing the Board of Water Commissioners not to construct a sewer in Orms and State Streets.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby instructed not to proceed in the construction of a main drain or common sewer, through Orms and State streets, as directed by resolution, No. 187, of the resolutions of the city council, approved April 11, 1878.

No. 276. Resolution granting permission to Richard Cross & Son to raise a building.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Richard Cross & Son, to raise a certain building located at the rear of 13 Hanover street, pursuant to their petition.

No. 277. Resolution granting permission to Thomas Furlong to raise a building.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Furlong to raise a certain building, located at corner of Borden and Eddy streets, pursuant to his petition.

No. 278. Resolution granting permission to Benjamin S. Olney to raise a building,

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Benjamin S. Olney to raise a certain building, located at No. 164 Bridgam street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 279. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, relative to the Ordinance providing for the Assessment and collection of the Annual Taxes.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom on the 30th day of April, 1879, was referred the report of the city auditor of the estimated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1880, respectfully report :

The committee on finance report herewith a bill for an ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of the annual tax, for the support of the city government for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 1879, and ending September 30th, 1880, which they recommend to be adopted by the city council.

The rate of tax is fixed at one dollar and forty cents per hundred dollars, instead of one dollar and forty-five cents as heretofore.

Your committee are of the opinion that this rate is sufficient to meet the current expenses of the city with an economical administration of its affairs.

Your committee have given the estimates for the next fiscal year, submitted by the various departments, a careful examina-

tion, and while they are not prepared at this time, to submit in detail the amounts required by each department, they are convinced, that the sum fixed as the tax rate is as high as should be assessed in view of the depressed condition of all classes of business.

Before the annual appropriation bill is prepared, the committee will have ascertained the actual sum to be received from taxation under the new rate, and can then decide intelligently how it shall be apportioned.

The city council are reminded that under the law in regard to the indebtedness of the city, the committee are compelled to exercise greater care in making up the various amounts to be appropriated, than has been customary heretofore, in order that the city council may not assign to one department, the money actually required to properly carry on another.

The committee believe that if due economy is used by the city council of 1880, there may be a still further reduction of the rate of taxation in the bill for that year.

For the Committee,

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

Providence, June 16, 1879.

CHAPTER CXXXIII.

No. 280. An Ordinance providing for the Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence.

[Approved June 17, 1879.]

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 estate of one dollar and forty cents, on each one hundred dollars of the value there-

of; the said assessment comprising the following: for ordinary expenses eighty cents on each one hundred dollars: for interest and sinking funds forty-two cents on each one hundred dollars: for the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1879, which is hereby assumed, eighteen cents on each one hundred dollars.

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 tenth day of September, A. D., 1879, 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-fifth days of October, A. D., 1879, 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-fifth days of October, 1879, inclusive. Said treasurer shall attend daily, during said period, Sundays excepted, at his office from nine o'clock, A. M., to three o'clock, P. M., 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 per centum per annum, from the said tenth day of October.

No. 281. Message of the Mayor, relative to the placing of Telegraph Wires, through and across the streets in the city.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
June 16, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The great increase in the number of wires used in connection

with telephones and telegraphic instruments, and the manner in which they are run through and across streets and over the fronts of buildings, have already caused serious inconvenience to the working of the fire department, by preventing ladders from being quickly raised to their proper positions.

These wires are so placed in some of the business districts as to render great damage unavoidable in case of fire occurring in the night, in the upper stories of the large warehouses, from the length of time that will elapse before the ladders can be of service to the firemen.

Other cities are taking action in the matter, and I recommend that the city council instruct the committee on the fire department to give the subject full consideration and report what legislation, if any, is necessary, to remedy the existing evil.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 282. Resolution referring Message of the Mayor, relative to Telegraph Wires in the public streets.

[Approved June 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor of June 16th, 1879, in relation to the placing of telegraph wires in the public streets, and on the fronts of buildings, be and is hereby referred to the committee on the fire department, with instructions to report by bill, or otherwise, what legislation, if any, is necessary to regulate the same.

No. 283. Final Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

City Document, No. 15.

No. 284. Resolution of thanks to the City Hall Commissioners. Also requesting them to deliver to the City Clerk all Books, Papers, &c.

[Approved June 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the final report of the city hall commissioners be received, and the city council hereby tenders to said commissioners congratulations upon the completion of their work, and thanks for gratuitous services rendered in the erection of this substantial and elegant edifice.

RESOLVED, That the city hall commissioners be requested to deliver to the city clerk, all books, papers, and material belonging to the city, now in their possession.

No. 285. Annual Report of the School Committee.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

City Document, No. 22.

No. 286. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

City council file, June 19, 1879.

No. 287. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

City council file, June 19, 1879.

No. 288. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee,
upon the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

City council file, June 19, 1879.

No. 289. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer,
upon the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented June 16, 1879.]

City council file, June 19, 1879.

No. 290. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land
in the Brook Street District, to Edward McGovern.

[Approved June 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, be and are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Edward McGovern, a lot of land in said district, situate at the south-westerly corner of Brook street and a street laid out between Shamrock and India streets, bounded as follows: beginning at the south-west corner of the said Brook street and the street so laid out; and thence southerly in the west line of Brook street, for a distance of forty-four and six-tenths feet; thence westerly, parallel with said laid out street, for a distance of seventy-five feet; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with Brook street, for a distance of forty-four and six-tenths feet, to the southerly line of said laid out street; thence easterly in said southerly line for a distance of seventy-five feet to the point of beginning.

Said conveyance to be made to the said Edward McGovern, whenever he shall convey to the city of Providence, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, lot number one hundred and orty-eight, on assessors' plat number eighteen.

No. 291. Resolution authorizing the construction of
suitable partitions in the Police Cells, in the City Hall.

[Approved June 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be and he hereby is

instructed to cause to be constructed, suitable partitions in the cell room connected with the police department in the city hall, so that communication between the two cells may be effectually prevented; and that the expense thereof be charged and paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 292. Resolution relative to the overflowing of Sewers in the Elm Street District.

[Approved June 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to report a plan for the relief of the overflowing sewers in the Elm street district, and the cost of such relief.

No. 293. Resolution directing the Water Commissioners to throttle the inlets to the Sewer in Lippitt Street.

[Approved June 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to throttle the inlets from the catch basins to the sewer in Lippitt street, according to plans of the city engineer.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JUNE 19, 1879.

The quarterly reports of the city clerk and superintendent of hacks, and the annual report of the superintendent of lights are severally read and received.

The following accounts are severally examined and allowed :

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Providence Gas Co.....	\$1,063 78	Labor pay roll.....	\$66 31
Providence Gas Co.....	271 76	T. Heffernan.....	20 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

J. Harry Welch.....	\$25 00	G. H. Copeland & Co.....	\$30 00
Providence Press Co.....	25 52	James Griffin.....	5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lemuel S. Harris, streets.....	\$51 00
--------------------------------	---------

The following are appointed police constables, without power to serve civil process, viz. :

Joseph Higgins,	John F. Parks,
Horace Jencks,	John A. Rood.

Elijah Astle is appointed auctioneer.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

To James Fanning, at No. 13 Fulton street; to Pettis and Anderson, at No. 50 Weybosset street.

Permission to build barns is severally granted as follows :

To Israel E. Goward, in the rear of No. 165 Charles street; to William A. H. Comstock, on Parkis Avenue; to James M. Brickett, at No. 22 Violet street.

Resolutions changing the grade of Sheldon and Traverse streets are severally passed.

The matter of the change of grade of Whelden street is indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Nancy K. Bishop et al., to have Bogman street received; John Chatwin, relative to the grade of Public street; Thomas D'Arcy et al., to have the grade of Seymour street, east of Eddy street, established; Frank P. Kilburn, for compensation for damages by grading of Public street; Amos D. Smith, to have Division avenue received; Thomas Smith et al., to have Seymour street, east of Eddy street, repaired; Thomas W. Whitford et al., to have Laura street received; Mary Whittier, to be appointed an auctioneer.

JUNE 30, 1879.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, quarterly report of the superintendent of lights and annual report of the superintendent of the Dexter Asylum are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

G. A. Wallace.....	\$10 00	Charles H. Hunt.....	\$4 00
Kendall Mfg. Co.....	22 50	John H. Eddy & Co . . .	48 83
C. W. Harris.....	14 85	L. Wright.....	34 00
Providence County Jail..	240 57	Excelsior Hat Store.....	103 67
Bugbee & Hall.....	56 99	Mason, Chapin & Co.....	15 80
Charles H. Hunt.....	26 95	Samuel O. Aborn.....	339 18
Pay roll janitors.....	283 00	Wendall, Fay & Co.....	49 58
Pay roll	13 945 00	Charity building wood	
Providence Gas Co.....	681 86	yard.....	13 00
John E. Martin.....	36 00		

BRIDGE BILLS.

A. C. Williams.....	\$27 36	T. W. Whitford & Co.....	15 00
Belcher Bros	8 36	J. A. Potter & Co.....	14 65
Pay roll for June	101 83	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	13 93
J. L. Peirce & Co	62 01	Pay roll, Point street bridge.	288 00
G. L. Goodspeed, agt	14 25	Providence Steam Engine Co	32 80

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Pay roll, lamp department.	\$2,403 33	Edwin E. Calder, inspector of	
Labor pay roll, " "	64 10	milk	\$50 00
A. E. Field & Son, health do.	550 00	George W. Wightman, charity	
		building and wood yard.....	2 98

The following are appointed police constables, without power to serve civil process, viz. :

Eben Burlingame, Milton H. Shattuck.

J. B. Harris is granted a license to keep an oyster house at No. 7 College street.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

To George M. Ardoene, at No. 157 Westminster street ; William E. Arnold, at No. 12 Weybosset street ; Annie M. Bucklin, at No. 16 Dorrance street ; Isaac Jacques, at No. 48

Washington street; Albert G. Smith, at No. 10 Meeting street; Samuel P. Shattuck, at No. 72 South Water street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Charles H. Barber,	Thomas Kiernan,
Michael Brady,	Thomas H. Lannon,
James Brennan,	Peter Loughran,
Luke Burke,	Joseph Maxwell,
William Clarke,	Patrick McCaughey,
Caroline Cooke,	Patrick McLaughlin,
Bartholomew Cooney,	Michael McWheeney,
Thomas Cornell,	Daniel Moran,
William B. Cushman,	Daniel Moriarty,
James Earley,	Judah Naylor,
John Finley,	David Shanley,
Henry Fisher,	Daniel Smith,
John B. Fitzpatrick,	Stephen H. Titcomb,
John Gaffney,	George Washington,
Patrick Hackett,	Albinus Williams.
John T. Griffin,	

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted as follows :

To Harrison G. Macomber, at the corner of High and Fenner streets; to Shirley & Reeves, at the Park Garden.

Resolutions are passed as follows :

To pay William H. Palmer, M. D., three hundred dollars for professional services rendered the police.

Permitting Alvin Kimball to remove the rail on the south side of the approach to the Point street bridge.

The following, having passed the common council, are severally read, and the board do not concur therein, viz. :

Resolution appointing a joint special committee to print the proceedings at the dedication of the city hall.

Resolution appointing a joint special committee to examine into the method of the transaction of business in the water department.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

JUNE 30, 1879.

The following are indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Report of committee on ordinances, upon a proposed bill for an ordinance relative to the election of a secretary of the board of water commissioners.

Communication of a sub-committee of the school committee, recommending that the city take the complete control of the purchase and supply of all books used in the public schools.

Communication of the school committee relative to some disposition of the school house at Fruit Hill.

The following are severally read and not passed, viz. :

Resolution appointing a joint special committee to investigate the water department.

Resolution to adopt the plan for supplying water to Watchmocket fire district of East Providence, as reported by the joint committee on water, June 16, 1879.

Upon the petition of Roger F. Capwell and others, for a public urinal to be placed in or near Randall square, it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 30, 1879.

Henry L. Parsons is elected water commissioner for three years ensuing the first day of July, 1879.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 294. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the purchase of Granite Blocks.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, is hereby transferred from the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing, to the appropriation for highways, for the purchase of granite blocks.

No. 295. Resolution Authorizing the Highway Commissioners to purchase a Stone Crusher and Engine.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of five thousand dollars in the purchase of a stone crusher and engine, with the necessary appurtenances; to be paid out of the appropriation for highways for cleaning the streets of snow and setting curbing.

No. 296. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Burnside Street.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Burnside street, from Thurber's avenue to the north line of the Josiah King plat, No. 2, as a public highway.

No. 297. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Hope Street.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are

hereby requested to lay out Hope street, from Wickenden street to the northwest corner of P. H. Durfee's house, which is about one hundred and five feet north of John street, as a public highway.

No. 298. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out John Street.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out John street, from Benefit street to Governor street, as a public highway.

No. 299. Resolution relating to the Culvert under Reservoir Avenue.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause the culvert under Reservoir avenue, near Pontiac street, to be put in proper condition.

No. 300. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the City Registrar. [City Document, No. 24.]

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the twenty-fourth annual report of the city registrar, for the year ending December 31, 1878, be received, and that six hundred copies thereof, and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council, under direction of the joint committee on printing.

No. 301. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, upon the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trust Fund.

[Presented June 30, 1879]

City council file, June 30, 1879.

No. 302. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground upon the Trust Fund.

[Presented June 30, 1879.]

City council file, June 30, 1879.

No. 303. Report of the Joint Special Committee to transfer the Books, Papers and Property of the Lamp Department.

[Presented June 30, 1879.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint special committee appointed to transfer the books, papers and property of the lamp department to the new superintendent, reports that the transfer has been completed.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

No. 304. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District to Patrick and Rosanna Grimes.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to

Patrick Grimes and Rosanna Grimes, wife of said Patrick, a certain lot on the northerly side of Pike street, in said Brook street district, bounded and described as follows :

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of said lot, at a point in the northerly line of Pike street, situated thirty-five and seventy-five one hundredths (35.75) feet in a southwesterly direction from the northwesterly corner of the said Pike street and Brook street; thence in a southwesterly direction in said northerly line of Pike street, thirty-five and seventy-five one hundredths (35.75) feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a northwesterly direction seventy-one (71) feet to a point; thence in an easterly direction fifty-two (52) feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a southeasterly direction fifty (50) feet to the point of beginning. The same being lot designated as number one hundred and seventy (170) on assessors' plat, number eighteen (18).

No. 305. Resolution directing Repairs to be made on the Arnold Street School Estate.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the Arnold street school estate to be renovated and repaired, and furnished with single seats and desks for the use of the pupils, and suitable furniture for the use of the teachers, at a cost not exceeding the sum of thirty-three hundred dollars; such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry into effect this resolution, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 306. Resolution directing new Furnaces to be placed in Doyle avenue Grammar School House.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings,

under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause new furnaces to be placed in the Doyle avenue grammar school house, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of nine hundred dollars; such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry into effect this resolution, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 307. Resolution directing Repairs to be made on the Point Street School House.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the walls and ceilings in the Point street grammar school building to be repaired, and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the same, is hereby appropriated for said work, and to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 308. Resolution directing the Committee on City Property to open bids, for alterations in the Stables of Fire Stations Nos. 10 and 15.

[Approved July 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be, and they are hereby directed to open the sealed proposals for alterations in the stables of fire stations Nos. 10 and 15, this day presented to the city council by the superintendent of public buildings, with authority to reject any or all bids, or to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

No. 309. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Albro, Amherst, McDonough and Valley streets.

[Approved July 8, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed

to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Albro street, from Atwell's avenue to Federal street, three hundred and eighty-four feet; in Amherst street, three hundred and twenty feet from the present end of pipe to Handy street; in McDonough street one hundred and ninety feet westward from the present end of the pipe; and in Valley street, one hundred and ten feet east from Senter street.

No. 310. Resolution directing the Committee on Ordinances to report an Ordinance relative to the stretching of Wires across the public streets.

[Approved July 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on ordinances be, and they are hereby directed to report an ordinance, prohibiting the stretching of telegraph or other wires, across any public street below the eaves of the buildings, within the city limits, and that the owners and agents having charge of telegraph or other wires that are now so stretched, be required to readjust such wires, in such a manner as will not interfere with the elevation of ladders, in case of fire in any such buildings; said re-adjustment of wires to be made in a manner satisfactory to the chief engineer of the fire department.

No. 311. Resolution directing the Committee on City Property to prepare Plans and Estimates for Addition to Julian Street School House.

[Approved July 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be, and they are hereby directed to cause to be made a plat of the proposed addition to the Julian street school house, and to report the same together with the estimated cost of such addition, and its furnishing, and also the cost of additional land if any be required, and to report at the next meeting of the council, or as soon thereafter as possible.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JULY 17, 1879.

The weekly reports of the Dexter asylum, monthly reports of the overseer of the poor and inspector of steam boilers, and quarterly report of the chief of police, are severally read and received.

The following are severally presented, read and received, viz. :

Opinion of the city solicitor upon the authority of the board of aldermen to establish a grade upon an unreceived street.

Report of the city solicitor relative to the inspection of elevators.

Report of the superintendent of lights upon the communication of Henry C. Clark relative to letting by contract the cleaning and lighting of the public lamps.

Report of the chief of police upon the condition and needs of the police force.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

George W. Wightman, support of the poor.....	\$1,174 56	B. H. Gladding, police department.....	8 85
A. R. Darling, health department.....	4 00	Providence Gas Company, lamp department.....	238 13
A. R. Darling, police department.....	24 50	Labor pay roll, lamp department.....	65 10

Lucius M. Thayer is granted a license to keep a tavern at Hotel Dorrance.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

To Randall M. Hopkins, at 37 Mathewson street ; John C. Joslin, at 233 Broad street ; Peleg Thurston, on South Main street near India street.

Licenses to keep a pawn broker's shop are severally granted as follows :

To James A. Foster & Co., at No. 53 Dorrance street;
Thomas W. Gorton, at No. 83 Westminster street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

John Aldrich,	William Galligan,
Fidele Arseneaux,	Jabez L. Harris,
Dominick A. Barrett,	Thomas Holmes,
John Bartlett,	Thomas Keiley,
Patrick W. Boyle,	James Kiernan,
Henry Burke,	James King,
Patrick Burns,	John Linn,
Michael Cavanaugh,	James McBride,
Michael Creed,	Patrick McQueeney,
Peter Cullen,	John Riley,
John Dagnan,	James Rush,
Michael Dalton,	Michael Shay,
Patrick B. Devine,	Richard B. Smith,
Patrick Drew,	Michael Sullivan,
James Duffy,	Timothy Sullivan,
Philip Fitzpatrick,	Madison H. Thorington,
Joshua Fuller,	Thomas Wright.

James O'Sullivan is granted permission to connect his estate with the drain in Amy street.

The following are severally granted permission to build barns, viz. :

William W. Hawkins, on Oak street; H. M. Humphrey, at No. 46 Harkness street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. : George W. Bowen, Horace F. Carpenter, William J. Metcheat, Allen Rounds, Wayland R. Smith and Benjamin W. Whipple.

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Authorizing the chief of police to purchase an ambulance, the cost thereof not to exceed six hundred dollars; and also to

purchase ten horses and the necessary equipments for mounting police.

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps upon certain streets.

Designating Oliver E. Greene, inspector of buildings, to supervise and direct the construction of coal holes and vaults under sidewalks.

Directing the highway commissioners to remove obstructions from the sidewalks on Sheldon and Fountain streets.

Requesting the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid in Wickenden, Dyer, Chestnut, and Elbow streets.

Declaring the grade of Sheldon street.

The following rules relative to sprinkling streets are adopted :

Ordered : that no street or portion of any street in the city shall be watered unless the decomposing filth in such street or portion of such street shall be first thoroughly removed.

Ordered : that any person who shall violate the provision of the above regulation shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence on complaint brought by the chief of police.

The board appraise the damage to the estate of Daniel W. Lyman, trustee, caused by a change of grade of Westminster street, at two hundred fifty-seven dollars and eighty cents.

Ordered that the following petitioners to have lamps set on certain streets have leave to withdraw, viz. :

African M. E. Church, C. W. Baker, Hugh Campbell, Patrick Connolly, Committee on Parks, John Flaherty, J. B. Gardiner, Patrick Gorman, Francis Hanley, Charles W. Jenckes, John Jones, Mrs. Jacob Manchester, Laurence McGeough, Narragansett Hotel Co., Timothy Newell, Thomas Sullivan, George F. Stollard and William Walton.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Allen Brown, for change of grade of Lloyd street ; Horatio

N. Angell, *et al.*, to have Hill street received; James Auty, for change of grade of Gesler street; Thomas Maguire, *et al.*, for a grade of Bowdoin street; Mary McNanley, for compensation for damages to her estate caused by a change of grade of Acorn and Spruce streets; James O'Sullivan, for a grade of Amy street; John W. Potter, *et al.*, to have Courtland street received; Robert Ray, *et al.*, to have Kossuth street received; William F. Sayles, trustee, for a change of grade of Lloyd street; and Read & Harvey, to remove swill.

Ordered that the following be indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Resolution directing the superintendent of lights to set up additional lamps on Abbott's lane.

Resolution appropriating \$1,300 for sidewalks and curbing adjoining the high school estate.

Resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Somerset, Dudley, Gay, Bleachery, and Lockwood streets.

Resolution relative to the purchase of land from E. A. Briggs and J. L. Draper, on Richardson street for gravel purposes.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 312. Resolution directing the Water Commissioners to relieve the overflowing Sewers in the Elm Street District.

[Approved July 21, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to relieve the overflowing sewers in the Elm street district, in accordance with plans of the city engineer, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 313. Resolution directing the Water Commissioners to connect the stone drains in Church, Bowen and Thomas streets, with the Sewer in North Main street.

[Approved July 21, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause the stone drains in Church, Bowen and Thomas streets, to be connected directly with the sewer in North Main street; provided, the cost for doing the same shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 314. Eighteenth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented July 17, 1879.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board, March 31, 1879, was—

Of the fund of 1885	\$528,309 82
Of the fund of 1893	200,878 31
Of the fund of 1895	123,812 23
Of the water loan.....	105,755 48
Of the north burial ground	4,302 34
Of the Brook street district	39,233 49

Whole amount.. .. \$1,002,291 67

The amount on hand June 30, 1879, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$528,361 85
Of the fund of 1893.....	200,952 68
Of the fund of 1895.....	123,820 01
Of the water loan.....	105,771 70
Of the north burial ground.....	4,303 20
Of the Brook street district.....	44,531 22
Of the city hall and sewer loan of 1899.....	15,540 00
Whole amount.....	<u>\$1,023,280 66</u>

The increase in the several funds has been :

In the fund of 1885.....	\$52 03
In the fund of 1893.....	74 37
In the fund of 1895.....	7 78
In the water loan.....	16 22
In the north burial ground.....	86
In the Brook street district.....	5,297 73
In the city hall and sewer loan of 1899.....	15,540 00
Whole increase.....	<u>\$20,988 99</u>

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,

Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, July 17, 1879.

No. 315. Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, relative to the closing of accounts.

[Presented July 17, 1879.]

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

The board of trustees of the Providence Reform school, report that the financial accounts of the school, with the city of Providence were closed on the first instant, in accordance with a resolution of the city council approved April 5, 1879.

There remains a balance due to the city, which will be paid into the treasury, as soon as outstanding bills and accounts can be collected and adjusted, at which time a detailed report of the receipts and expenditures, since the date of the last annual report, will be presented to the city council. An appraisal and inventory of the property of the school will be made, during the current month, and will accompany the above report.

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of trustees,

THOMAS A. DOYLE,

Chairman.

Providence, July 17, 1879.

CHAPTER CXXXIV.

No. 316. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter xxxix. of the Ordinances of the City of Providence of "Police."

[Approved July 21, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, of chapter xxxix., is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 5. The mayor, by and with the consent of the board of aldermen, shall appoint one of the said police constables to be deputy chief of police, seven to be captains of police, seven to be lieutenants of police, seven to be sergeants of police, and one to be clerk of police.

The duties of these officers shall be prescribed by the board of aldermen.

No. 317. Monthly report of the City Messenger.

[Presented July 17, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of June last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept and are now in good condition. A contract for the supply of coal for the coming winter has been awarded at \$3.85 per ton.

In accordance with resolution No. 206, current series, repairs upon the plat case in the tax department, and upon the book-racks in the office of the municipal court, have been made at a cost of \$107.16.

A covering for the protection of the carpet in the business office of the executive department, has been purchased at an expense of \$17.41, and the transoms over the doors in the basement have been fitted to swing upon hinges in order that a better ventilation of the building might be secured when the outer doors are closed, the cost thereof amounting to \$29.87.

The gas bill for the quarter ending June 30, amounting to \$348.59 has been presented.

The bill for the repairs on the elevator amounting to \$48, has been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 318. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented July 17, 1879.]

City council file, July 21, 1879.

No. 319. Tenth Quarterly Report of the Joint Special
Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented July 17, 1879.]

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

GENTLEMEN: The joint special committee on the Brook
street district herewith present their tenth quarterly report of
receipts and expenditures :

Receipts for quarter ending June 30, 1879 :

Rents	\$2,914 74
Sales of houses, tools, etc	447 13
	<hr/>
Total	\$3,361 87

Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30, 1879 :

Land and buildings	\$11,000 00
Relocating and refitting buildings.....	1,178 36
Repairs to buildings.....	156 28
Concreting.....	590 24
Water for houses.....	36 00
Grading land.....	261 09
Making streets.....	219 02
Dredging.....	7 83
Salaries.....	300 00
Rent of office, North Main street	126 50
Sundries, auctioneer's services, stationery, etc..	32 62
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$13,907 94

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT,

Chairman.

No. 320. Resolution authorizing the use of certain appropriations for concreting in the Brook Street District, for general purposes therein.

[Approved July 21, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to use so much of the appropriation for concreting, as was authorized by joint resolution, No. 113, current series, approved March 13, 1879, either for concreting, repairs on buildings and fences, or for general expenses incurred in the care and management of said district, as said committee may deem expedient.

No. 321. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved July 21, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of July, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 322. Resolution granting permission to Thomas Furlong to raise a building.

[Approved July 21, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Furlong to raise a certain building, located at No. 5 Borden street, pursuant to his petition.

 IN COMMON COUNCIL.

 JULY 21, 1879.

A resolution directing the license commissioners to prosecute violators of the liquor law, is read and not passed.

The following are indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Report of the committee on highways upon the proposal of W. S. Burges and others for a street along the shore of Long pond.

Petition of John B. Livsey and others for curbing Eddy street, from Thurber's avenue to the bridge over Providence and Stonington railroad.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 323. Message of the Mayor relative to the unsafe condition of the east wall of the Providence Reform School Building.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
 July 21, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The board of trustees of the Providence reform school desire, that the attention of the city council shall be again called, to the unsafe condition of the east wall of the main building.

The inspector of buildings, at my request, has caused an examination of the wall to be made, and as the result thereof, reports that, while it is not "sufficiently dangerous to warrant immediate alarm," yet there is "abundant evidence that it should be the duty of some one to cause the wall to be made permanently secure and safe, without unnecessary delay."

I suggest that the matter be referred to some committee for examination, in order that the city council may decide what action shall be taken in the premises.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 324. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to the unsafe condition of the east wall of the Providence Reform School Building.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated July 21, 1879, relative to the unsafe condition of the east wall of the main building of the Providence reform school, be hereby referred to the joint standing committee on city property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 325. Message of the Mayor relative to the transfer of ten thousand dollars for the purchase of Granite Blocks.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
July 21, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Resolution No. 294, approved on the second instant, orders the transfer of "ten thousand dollars from the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing to the appropriation for highways, for the purchase of granite blocks."

The appropriation for "sidewalks and curbing," as contained in the annual appropriation bill, is merely nominal, and does not actually appropriate any portion of the money received

from taxes. It is made by the city council to enable the highway department to pay for work ordered by them, without waiting until the money has been collected from individuals.

The city auditor, in his annual estimates, places on the credit side of the account the same sum that he enters, as appropriated on the debit side, so that, although there appears to be an appropriation for "sidewalks and curbing," there is no money belonging to that account which can be used for another purpose, and unlike other appropriations, if no expenditures had been made on that account, there would be no balance of cash at the close of the year that could be used or carried forward.

If the city council desires to add ten thousand dollars to the appropriation for highways, it will be necessary to order its transfer from some account where there is an actual balance of money that can be available.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 326. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relative to the transfer of the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated July 21, 1879, in relation to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing, (so called) be referred to the joint standing committee on finance, with authority to report to either board of the city council.

No. 327. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

City council file, July 24, 1879.

No. 328. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

City council file, July 24, 1879.

No. 329. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
on the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

City council file, July 24, 1879.

No. 330. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer, on
the Issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

City council file, July 24, 1879.

No. 331. Report of the Committee relative to the
grading of a portion of Williams Street.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

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

The joint committee on highways, who, on the 24th day of February, 1879, were instructed by resolution to report as to the expediency of grading Williams street, or a portion thereof, respectfully report that it is inexpedient, as the portion of said Williams street referred to, is not a public highway.

For the committee,

CHARLES F. SAMPSON, Chairman.

Providence, July 17, 1879.

No 332. Communication from the City Auditor asking for an additional appropriation for Water Supply.

[Presented July 21, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The appropriation for water supply is exhausted and an additional sum of \$3,500 is required for the balance of the present fiscal year.

The amount expended for water rents to July 1, 1879,					
was,	-	-	-	-	\$45,255 16
The appropriation was,	-	-	-	-	45,000 00
					<hr/>
Excess of expenditure,	-	-	-	-	\$255 16
Bills in the auditor's office approved but not paid,					2,675 33
Estimate for the balance of the fiscal year	-				569 51
					<hr/>
Total amount of transfer requested,	-	-	-	-	\$3,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. CROSS, City Auditor.

City Auditor's Office, Providence, July 21, 1879.

No. 333. Resolution appropriating \$3,500 for the Water Supply.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for water supply, said sum to be transferred from the reserved fund.

No. 334. Resolution to procure Awnings for the
City Hall.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure additional awnings for the windows of the city hall, not exceeding seventeen in number; the cost thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 335. Resolution to Enlarge the Stable at the
Central Police Station.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause a roof to be placed over the yard lying between the central police station, and the stable used by the police department, at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars; such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 336. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Anthony,
Admiral and Whipple streets.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Anthony street, about six hundred and sixty-feet easterly from Cranston street; in Admiral street, about forty feet easterly from the present end of the pipe, and in Whipple street about four hundred and eighty feet northerly from Douglas avenue.

No. 337. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Dike street.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Dike street, about one hundred and forty-five feet westerly from Edward street.

CHAPTER CXXXV.

No. 338. An Ordinance fixing the compensation of Lieutenants and Sergeants of Police.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. Lieutenants of police shall be paid monthly, for their services, at the rate of three dollars per day, and from and after the date of the appointment of lieutenants of police, sergeants of police shall be paid monthly, for their services, at the rate of two dollars eighty-seven and one-half cents per day.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

No. 339. Resolution granting permission to Chace Wiggin to raise a building.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Chace Wiggin to raise a certain building, located at No. 109 Martin street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 340. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved July 25, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of August, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 341. Report of the City Clerk relative to Books, Papers, etc., received from the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented July 23, 1879.]

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

The city clerk reports that in accordance with resolution No. 284, current series, the city hall commissioners have delivered to him all books, papers, and material, which were in their possession upon the completion of their duties as commissioners, and that the same have been filed in this office, with the exception of certain working plans, drawings, etc., which have been delivered to the city messenger for the use of the engineer of the city hall in making repairs thereon. A receipt has been given to the city hall commissioners, of which the accompanying schedule is a copy.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY V. A. JOSLIN, City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, July 23, 1879.

(For schedule see city council file, July 24, 1879.)

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JULY 24, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

BRIDGE BILLS.

McQuesten & Fogg	\$42 90	Francis S. Turner	\$14 25
Fuller Iron Works.....	35 70	Arthur C. Williams	17 84
Pay roll.....	87 64		

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin M. Snow, health department.....	\$47 44	Thomas W. Hart, streets...	\$99 00
A. E. Field & Son, do.....	550 00	George W. Wightman, Charity building and wood yard	1 49

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

William T. Martin,	Francis Willsher,
Peter O. Reilly,	Michael Winters.
Cornelius Sullivan,	

John Martin is appointed and designated to remove swill and offal from No. 159 Benefit street and No. 1 North Main street.

Permission is granted as follows :

To Harvey I. Leith to connect his estate with the drain in Randall street ; to Robert Mann to operate a steam boiler at the corner of Martin and Clayton streets.

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Granting permission to the American Rapid Telegraph Company to construct, maintain and operate a telegraph line through the city.

Declaring the grade of Benefit street, from Wickenden street to John street.

Upon the petition of Eugene A. Dean to be appointed auc-

tioner, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Rules for the government of the Superintendent of the Point street bridge are adopted as follows :

1. The immediate care of Point street bridge shall be entrusted to a superintendent, who shall be appointed by the board of aldermen, on the nomination of the city engineer, and he shall hold his office during their pleasure.

2. The city engineer may suspend said superintendent for misconduct or neglect of duty, and in case of such suspension, shall at once report such suspension with the cause thereof to the board of aldermen.

3. The superintendent is hereby authorized to hire, subject to the approval of the city engineer, such assistants as may be necessary for the proper working of the draw, and for whose diligent and faithful performance of the duties assigned them, said superintendent shall be responsible.

4. The compensation of said assistants shall be fixed by the board of aldermen.

5. All persons appointed by the superintendent may be dismissed by him for misconduct or neglect of duty, but such dismissal, with the cause thereof shall be reported at once to the city engineer.

6. All regular employees upon the bridge shall wear a suitable uniform, to be prescribed by the board of aldermen.

7. The superintendent shall make himself familiar with the statutes and ordinances relating to his duties, and see that their provisions are strictly carried out.

8. He shall keep a daily record of the different classes of vessels and the numbers in each, passing through the draw, together with the time of day of said passage.

9. He shall see that the boiler is properly inspected according to law.

10. It shall also be the duty of said superintendent to see that all instructions given by the city engineer with reference to the care and management of the bridge are fully carried out.

11. The superintendent shall make requisition upon the city engineer for all supplies and tools that may be required, and shall notify said engineer at once, of any repairs that may be needed.

12. All repairs of the bridge shall be made under the direction of the city engineer.

13. The superintendent shall be on duty at the bridge from 6 o'clock, A. M., to 12 o'clock, M., and from 1 o'clock, P. M., to 6 o'clock, P. M., and at such additional hours as special circumstances may require.

14. The superintendent shall appoint an assistant who shall have charge of the bridge from 6 o'clock, P. M., to 6 o'clock, A. M., also from 12 o'clock, M., to 1 o'clock, P. M., and at such other times as the superintendent may be necessarily absent, and in no case shall both the superintendent and his assistant be absent at the same time.

RESOLVED, That from August 1, 1879, the pay of employees at the Point street bridge be fixed as follows, viz. :

To the superintendent, two dollars and seventy-five cents per day; to the day and night engineers, two dollars and fifty cents each per day; to the night watchman, one dollar and fifty cents per day.

JULY 28, 1879.

The board consent to appointments in the police force as follows :

Benjamin H. Child, to be captain of police; Benjamin F. Payne, Reuben R. Baker, Patrick J. Magill, Jeremiah Costine, Eugene Stevens, and Edward O'Neil, to be lieutenants of police; William N. Sherman, Frederick A. Rankin, Nathaniel F. Clapp, James H. Wilbur, George H. Dary, William H. Leavitt, and John A. Murray, to be sergeants of police, and Joseph A. Arnold, Leroy J. Bennett, George N.

Cobb, William A. Kent, William R. Northup, John S. Rogers, William H. Rowe, and Thomas D. Topliff, to be patrolmen.

Permission is granted to the Fletcher Manufacturing Co. to build a barn on Back street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 342. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to consider the advisability of establishing Police Commissioners.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, June 30, 1879. Passed in Common Council, July 21, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Board of Aldermen, August 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Gorman and Spencer, and Messrs. Case, Crooker and Hopkins of the common council, be appointed a special committee to inquire into whether it would be advantageous for the city of Providence, to have established a board of police commissioners, and that they be empowered to report such ordinances or proposed statutes, as may in their opinion be necessary to carry out any change in the present police government of the city, they may deem advisable.

No. 343. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in the Brook Street District to the heirs of Hiram Hill.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, July 17, 1879. Passed in Common Council, July 21, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Board of Aldermen, August 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to the heirs of Hiram Hill, a certain lot of land in the Brook street district, bounded and described as follows: beginning at

the south-easterly corner of Bower street and Gano street; thence in an easterly direction in the southerly line of the said Bower street, one hundred and eighty-two and forty-eight one hundredths (182.48) feet to a point at an angle in the established harbor line; thence in a southerly direction in the established harbor line, making an interior angle of ninety-two (92) degrees and fifty-four (54) minutes, to a point one hundred and thirteen one hundredths (100.13) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of eighty-seven (87) degrees and six (6) minutes, one hundred eighty-seven and fifty-five one hundredths (187.55) feet to a point in the easterly line of said Gano street; thence in a northerly direction in the said easterly line of Gano street, one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

The said lot being lots numbered five hundred and six (506) and five hundred and seven (507) on the assessors' plat numbered seventeen (17).

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

AUGUST 2, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum and monthly report of the overseer of the poor are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed:

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

John E. Martin.....	\$36 00	E. Allen.....	7 50
Edward Burr.....	10 15	Sullivan Vail & Co.....	125 38
J. H. Atwater.....	10 50	Louis W. Clarke.....	23 13
L. Wright.....	34 00	Charles H. Hunt.....	65 91
Callender, McAuslan & Troup.....	34 06	Paine & Sackett.....	86 63
J. E. Sturdy.....	7 05	Pay roll of janitors.....	286 50
William C. Hammond.....	9 75	Pay roll.....	14,408 50
Mason & Morin.....	22 00	John E. Tallman.....	640 00
The Scovill Manufacturing Company.....	72 00	William Stanley.....	150 00
John C. Payne.....	60 40	Cornelius Cooper.....	150 00
		Cornelius Cooper.....	125 00

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Providence Gas Co.....	\$268 82	Labor pay roll	\$65 10
Cairns & Williams.....	7 00	Pay roll.....	2,455 86

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, Inspector of milk.....	\$50 00	Pay roll, Point street bridge.....	\$297 60
George W. Wightman, sup- port of poor.....	664 44	Benjamin P. Robinson, streets.....	5 00

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

John Buggy,	Henry Greene,
John Dooling,	Michael Santana.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows :

To Randall M. Hopkins, at the corner of Peck and Friendship streets; to Stephen G. Warner, at No. $\frac{1}{2}$ Mathewson street.

The following persons are designated and appointed to remove swill and offal, viz. : William Ballou, David Moore, Jr., John Phillips, Hart B. Pierce, and Hoxsie Wilcox.

Martin Brennan is granted a license to keep one bagatelle table on Douglas avenue near the corner of Branch avenue.

Malora Reynolds is granted permission to build a stable on Orms street.

Accounts against sundry persons for curbstones furnished them by the highway commissioners are presented and approved.

The following are severally read and passed, viz :

Resolution authorizing the superintendent of lights to cause the flag staff on Prospect terrace to be repaired.

Resolution rescinding the order to print the report of the joint committee on sewers, upon the communications of Henry C. Clark and Edward Pearce relative to the emptying of sewage into the Dorrance street dock.

Order directing the superintendent of public buildings and superintendent of health to cause a well to be sunk near the hospital at Field's Point.

Orders severally authorizing the superintendent of health, to have the paved streets and gutters cleansed and disinfected; to have privy vaults and cess pools disinfected whenever in his opinion there is danger to the public health; and to visit New York city and examine the practical operation of the disinfecting corps employed by its board of health.

Orders severally directing the highway commissioners, to reset the curbstones on the north side of Wickenden street near Hope street; and to suspend the work of concreting the sidewalks on said street until the curbing thereon is reset.

The report of the joint committee on claims upon the petition of Moses B. I. Goddard, trustee, for an award for damage to estate of Moses B. Jenkins on Waterman street, is received and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the matter, and the board appraise the damage to said estate at five hundred dollars.

The agreement of the American Rapid Telegraph Company is ordered on file in the office of the city clerk.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the September term of the court of common pleas.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 344. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District, to William P. and John R. Allen.

[Approved August 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to William P. Allen, and John R. Allen, a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of lot at a point in the southwesterly corner of Wickenden street and Brook street; thence in a southerly direction in the westerly line of the said

Brook street, for a distance of sixty-one and fifty-five one hundredths (61.55) feet; thence in a westerly direction making an interior angle of eighty-nine (89) degrees and forty-four (44) minutes, for a distance of fifty-seven and sixty-three one hundredths (57.63) feet; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of eighty-nine (89) degrees and twenty-one (21) minutes, to a point in the southerly line of said Wickenden street, for a distance of fifty-seven and fifty-seven one hundredths (57.57) feet; thence in an easterly direction in the said southerly line of Wickenden street, making an interior angle of ninety-four (94) degrees and forty (40) minutes, for a distance of fifty-six and eighty-three one hundredths (56.83) feet, to the point of beginning, the same being a portion of lot numbered one hundred and eighty-four, (184,) on assessors' plat number eighteen (18).

No. 345. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District to Patrick Kalon.

[Approved August 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Patrick Kalon a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz.:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of lot, at a point in the northerly line of India street, sixty-two and twenty-eight one hundredths (62.28) feet westerly from the northwesterly corner of Gano street and the said India street; thence in a westerly direction in said northerly line of India street, for a distance of forty-two and one-tenth (42.1) feet; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of eighty and two-tenths (80.2) feet; thence in an easterly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees for a distance of forty-two and one-tenth

(42.1) feet ; thence in a southerly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, eighty and two-tenths (80.2) feet, to the point of beginning ; the same being lot numbered forty-eight, (48,) on assessors' plat number seventeen (17.)

No. 346. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District to John J. and Michael H. Maguire.

[Approved August 5, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to John J. Maguire, and Michael H. Maguire, a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of lot, at a point in the westerly line of Brook street, sixty-one and fifty five one-hundredths (61.55) feet southerly from the southwesterly corner of said Brook street and Wickenden street ; thence in a southerly direction in the said westerly line of Brook street, for a distance of thirty-seven and forty-three one-hundredths (37.43) feet ; thence in a westerly direction making an interior angle of eighty-four (84) degrees and eighteen (18) minutes, for a distance of fifty and eighteen one-hundredths (50.18) feet ; thence continuing in a westerly direction making an interior angle of one hundred and ninety-one (191) degrees and nineteen (19) minutes, for a distance of eight and twenty-eight one-hundredths (8.28) feet ; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of eighty-three (83) degrees and twenty-eight (28) minutes, for a distance of thirty-three and fifty-three one hundredths (33.53) feet ; thence in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees and thirty-nine (39) minutes, for a distance of fifty-seven and sixty-three one hundredths (57.63) feet, to the point of beginning ; being lot numbered one hundred eighty-five (185) on assessors' plat number eighteen (18.)

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

AUGUST 22, 1879.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
August 22, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

I have convened you at this time, that an election may be ordered to be held in the fourth ward, to fill the vacancy in the board occasioned by the decease of George T. Spicer, who since June 6, 1870, has been the alderman of that ward.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

A special election is ordered to be held in the fourth ward on Wednesday, September 3, 1879, for the purpose of electing an alderman to represent said ward, in place of George T. Spicer, deceased.

The labor pay roll of the lamp department, amounting to \$97.65, is examined and allowed.

A resolution granting permission to the American Union Telegraph Co. to construct, maintain and operate a telegraph line through the city, is read and passed.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 347. Resolution to Curb Trenton Street.

[Passed in Common Council, July 21, 1879. Passed in Board of Aldermen, July 24, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, September 1, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and gutters paved, on Trenton street, from Governor street to Ives street; and the sum of seven hundred and seventy-one dollars is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for highways, new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1879.

A resolution instructing the committee on ordinances to report an ordinance providing for the pensioning of police officers, or firemen, who shall have become permanently incapacitated from active duty by reason of injuries received while in the performance of duty, is read and rejected.

Upon the petition for heating, by steam, fire station No. 1, it is ordered that the petition be indefinitely postponed.

A resolution directing the committee on city property to purchase a tract of land in the ninth ward, and to remove thereon the old Oxford street school house, is read and not passed.

A resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Lloyd street, from Prospect street to Thayer street, as a public highway, having passed the board of aldermen, is read, and the council do not concur therein.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1879.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

The committee appointed at the last session of the board to report a testimonial to be entered upon the record of this session in relation to the decease of George T. Spicer, late alderman from the fourth ward, recommend that the board cause the following minute to be placed on record :

WILLIAM SPENCER,	} Committee.
GEORGE I. CHACE,	
CHARLES E. GORMAN,	

MINUTE.

In the death of ALDERMAN GEORGE T. SPICER, which occurred August 17, 1879, and who, since June 6, 1870, has been

a member of this branch of the city council, the municipal government has lost a wise and prudent counsellor, whose official course has been marked by untiring zeal and activity for the welfare of the city, and who won for himself, not only among the members of this board, but in the community at large, a name distinguished for honorable dealing and personal integrity worthy of highest imitation.

Ordered, *unanimously*, That the clerk transmit to the family of the deceased a copy of the above minute, as an expression of the deep sympathy of the board in their bereavement.

The ballots given in at the special election held in the fourth ward on Wednesday, September 3, 1879, to elect an alderman to represent said ward in place of alderman George T. Spicer, deceased, are counted in open board meeting, and Abner J. Barnaby is declared to be duly elected, and the clerk directed to furnish him with a certificate of his election.

Abner J. Barnaby, alderman elect from the fourth ward, appears, and the oath of office is administered to him by the mayor.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, monthly reports of the inspector of steam boilers, quarterly reports of the superintendent of hacks and superintendent of lights, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Janitor's pay roll.....	\$286 50	G. B. White.....	\$6 00
T. W. Rounds.....	468 37	J. B. & S. M. Knowles.....	20 50
Charles H. Hunt....	39 86	Mason, Chapin & Co.....	39 96
James H. Read & Co.....	78 58	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	438 60
J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	246 93	Patrick Parker.....	30 00
J. B. Tallman.....	36 25	James H. Tower.....	10 75
Samuel O. Aborn.....	147 90	Callender, McAusland &	
John H. Eddy & Co.	44 56	Troup.....	76 55
Charity Building and City		J. H. Atwater.....	8 10
Wood Yard.....	16 25	Charles H. Hunt.....	139 89
Billings Brothers.....	44 12	Alexander C. Buchanan....	40 00
Edward Burr.....	17 50	J. B. Tallman.....	320 00
Mason & Morin.....	8 67	Pay roll.....	14,855 63

BRIDGE BILLS.

Pay roll from July 25th to Aug. 31st.....\$106 86	J. L. Peirce & Co..... \$2 83 Wood & Winsor..... 3 70
Pay roll Point Street Bridge for August..... 286 75	Providence and Worcester Railroad Company..... 15 00
John Armstrong 5 29	Lewis L. Fales..... 6 62
Fuller Iron Works 100 61	H. L. Reid..... 2 50
Louis W. Clarke..... 5 07	Belcher Bros..... 11 34
Francis S. Turner..... 14 75	Arthur Williams..... 23 43

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

H. T. & A. N. Beckwith.....\$26 80	Labor pay roll..... \$66 30
Providence Gas Co.....584 75	Pay roll, lamp lighters.... .2,293 38

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....\$50 00	Providence Water Works, public urinals.....695 00
William Knowles, coroner...\$12 00	William Duffy, coroner..... 6 00

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

John Gallagher,	John Mitchell,
Kronberg & Boehn,	Patrick O'Donnell,
Augustine Lyon,	William Wilson.

The following persons are appointed and designated to remove swill and offal, viz. :

Laban Hodges,	Henry G. Gardner,
David Moore, Jr.,	Henry B. West.

The following are appointed police constables without power to serve civil process, viz. :

Herbert W. Burlingame, Levi K. Stearns.

Permission is granted as follows :

To Billings Bros., to repair a stable at the corner of Union and Worcester streets ; to Patrick J. Curran, to build a barn on Swan street ; to Frederick Fuller, to connect estate No. 462 Benefit street, with the old drain in said street ; to William Jackson, to build a barn on Susan street ; to Huxham P. Kent, to operate a steam boiler at No. 35 Short street ; to George W.

Potter, to build a barn on Gallup street; to H. Reisman, to operate a steam boiler at the corner of Richmond and Ship streets; to Horatio Rogers, Trustee for F. J. Vinton, to connect estate No. 24 Sabin street, with stone drain in said street; to Benoni Sweet, to build a barn on Potter's avenue.

License to keep a victualing house at No. 160 Broad street, is granted to Michael McGarty.

The board consent to the appointment of Henry J. Boden to be a patrolman.

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Directing the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid on the west side of Greenwich street from Sprague street to Arch street.

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps upon certain streets.

Authorizing the city clerk to compile and print the proceedings of the town meetings and town council in relation to the Dexter Donation.

Alderman Fenner is appointed a member of the committee on police.

Alderman Barnaby is appointed a member of the joint special committee on the Brook street district, and of the joint standing committees on the fire department and railroads, in place of alderman Spicer, deceased.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Jennie Clowes, for license to keep a victualing house at No. 102 South Water street; Benjamin Hunt and others, for a reduction in the charge for junk licenses; George W. B. Smith, for license to keep a victualling house at Blackstone park; Plymouth Church, for price of lot No. 126 on the Cole plat in the 9th ward.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 348. Resolution transferring \$10,000 from Reserve Fund to appropriation for Sidewalks and Curbing.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the reserve fund, to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 349. Resolution transferring \$5,000 for Repairs on Paved Streets

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby authorized to expend at their discretion, a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars, in repairing paved streets; said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for cleaning streets, to the appropriation for repairs on paved streets, at such times, and in such amounts, as the progress of the work demands.

No. 350. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented August 2, 1879.]

City council file, September 1, 1879.

No. 351. Message of the Mayor, relative to Accounts at the close of the Fiscal year.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
 September 1, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The passage of the municipal indebtedness act rendered it necessary to change the method of keeping the accounts of the

various departments of the government, in order to bring all the transactions of each fiscal year within the accounts of that year.

To accomplish this change certain resolutions were adopted by the city council, and approved September 9, 1878, but they only referred to the matters of that fiscal year, and did not provide for any time thereafter.

In order to make the change in the system adopted in 1878 permanent, and secure conformity to the requirements of the above act, the provisions of the resolutions referred to above, have been embodied in a bill for an ordinance, which has been approved by the law department and the joint committee on finance, and is herewith submitted.

There is included in the bill a provision that purchases shall not be made for or on account of the city during the last ten days of the fiscal year, unless absolutely necessary. This clause was inserted at the suggestion of the city auditor, in order that there may be ample time for the departments to close their accounts, and place them before the committee on accounts for examination.

I recommend the immediate adoption of the ordinance, in order that the several departments may be able to comply therewith during the present fiscal year, which ends on the 30th inst.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CHAPTER CXXXVI.

No. 352. An Ordinance in relation to Accounts at the close of the fiscal year.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. No purchases shall be made by any department of the city government for, or on account of, the city of Providence, between the twentieth day of September and the first day of October in each year, unless such purchase shall be abso-

lutely necessary for the proper working of the department between said dates, and no more than shall be absolutely necessary during said period.

SEC. 2. Each of said departments shall present to the city auditor, as soon as practicable, after the twentieth day of September in each year, certified bills and accounts for all purchases made for, or on account of, the city by said department during the current fiscal year, up to said date, and on the first day of October next ensuing, or before the tenth day of said month, shall present, in like manner, bills and accounts for any purchases so made, between said twentieth day of September and said first day of October.

SEC. 3. Each of said departments shall present to the city auditor, on the first day of October in each year, or before the tenth day of said month, certified accounts for all sums due and unpaid, for services rendered or labor performed by them, or under their direction, for, or on account of, the city of Providence, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of September next preceding.

SEC. 4. Each of said departments shall present to the city auditor, on the first day of October in each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, a statement of all incompleated contracts made by them, with the probable amounts to become due thereunder, as near as the same can be estimated or ascertained, and also a statement of any purchases made by them for, or on account of, the city, for which no account has been rendered, together with the reasons for the neglect to present said statement.

SEC. 5. Each of said departments shall render to the city treasurer, on the first day of October in each year, accounts of money due to the city on account of indebtedness, created through said department, during the preceding fiscal year, and which have not been already presented to said treasurer.

SEC. 6. The city auditor shall, during the first ten days of any fiscal year, audit all just accounts for purchases made for, or on account of, the city or for services rendered or labor

performed for or on said account, during the preceding fiscal year, which shall have been presented to him, in accordance with the preceding sections, and shall draw upon the city treasury for the amounts so audited by him, which said amounts shall be charged in the accounts of the preceding fiscal year.

SEC. 7. The city treasurer shall credit in the accounts of each fiscal year all money belonging to the receipts of said year, that shall be paid to the city treasurer, on or before the tenth day of October in the succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 8. The joint committee on accounts shall hold such meetings as may be required, to examine and allow, during the first ten days of any fiscal year, such just accounts as may be presented to the city auditor, in accordance with sections two and three of this chapter.

SEC. 9. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

No. 353. Message of the Mayor, relative to the Dredging of the Harbor by the General Government.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 1, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The work of deepening the channel of Providence river will be resumed at an early date, under the direction of the officers of the general government, and the material dredged from the river is to be deposited several miles below Field's point.

The expenditure of comparatively a small sum will enable this deposit to be made on the flats, on the west side of the harbor, within the limits of the city, and with proper action of the city council, it will undoubtedly be possible to utilize the material, and I therefore bring the matter to your notice, with the hope that it may receive the attention which its importance demands.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 354. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to the Dredging of the Harbor, by the General Government.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated September 1, 1879, relative to dredging the harbor and depositing the material therefrom on the flats on the westerly side of the river, be referred to the joint standing committee on the harbor, to examine and report thereon.

No. 355. Monthly Report of the City Auditor for July.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

City council file, September 4, 1879.

No. 356. Monthly Report of the City Auditor, for August.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

City council file, September 4, 1879.

No. 357. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

City council file, September 4, 1879.

No. 358. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee upon the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

City council file, September 4, 1879.

No. 359. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer, upon
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented September 1, 1879]

City council file, September 4, 1879.

No. 360. Monthly Report of the City Messenger, for
July.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of July last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept and are now in good condition. A bill of fifty-five and seventy-three one-hundredths dollars, has been paid for repairs and alterations on furniture in the various offices.

Four of the circular windows in the chamber of the board of aldermen have been arranged to swing upon pivots, for the better ventilation and comfort of the room, at an expense of sixteen and ninety-eight one-hundredths dollars.

In accordance with resolution No. 291, current series, a partition and other necessary alterations have been made in the cell rooms connected with the police department, whereby all communication between the two is effectually prevented, the cost thereof being twenty-one and eighty-eight one hundredths dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,
City Messenger.

No. 361. Monthly Report of the City Messenger, for August.

[Presented, September 1, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of August last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition. Complaint having been made in regard to the impurity of the heated air in the chamber of the board of aldermen and other rooms in the building, an investigation showed that it was caused by a want of ventilation in the cellar, and to remedy this defect has required an expenditure of seventy-five and forty-six one hundredths dollars, which it is hoped will result in the removal of the difficulty.

Repairs to the amount of twenty-six dollars have been made on the furniture in the water department.

In accordance with resolution No. 334, current series, thirteen additional awnings have been placed over the windows of the city hall, at an expense of one hundred and seven dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 362. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented, September 1, 1879.]

City council file, September 4, 1879.

No. 363. Quarterly Report of the Harbor Master.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

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

The harbor master makes the following report of dredging the harbor done by the Simmons machine :

From June	1st to 30th,	10,346 cubic yards,
“ July	1st to 31st,	6,992 “ “
“ August	1st to 31st,	11,260 “ “

A total of 28,598 cubic yards

of earth removed from the bed of the river, at 12 cents per yard, at a cost of \$3,431.76. This dredging was done east of Fox Point, on the India Point channel, towards the Lonsdale Company's wharf, making about 16 to 17 feet at common low tide.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL JOSLIN,

Harbor Master.

Providence, September 1st, 1879.

No. 364. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, upon the Message of the Mayor relative to the transfer of \$10,000 from the appropriation for Sidewalks and Curbing.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom, on the 25th day of July, 1879, was referred the message of his honor the mayor, in relation to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing, respectfully report.

Since said message was referred to them, the board of alder-

men have passed a resolution transferring ten thousand dollars from the reserve fund to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing. If the council concur in said resolution, that will dispose of the whole matter.

For the committee,

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

Providence, August 30, 1879.

No. 365. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, relating to the Julian Street School House.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, which was, by resolution No. 311, current series, directed to prepare plans and estimates for addition to the Julian street school house, presents herewith a sketch plan for such extension, carrying out the idea of the original plan, which was to double the capacity of the building. The building now contains two rooms, each with sittings for one hundred and twenty scholars, and the superintendent of public schools is of opinion that it would be unwise to construct another building, or to extend this one upon that plan, as in his judgment it places under one teacher a greater number of scholars than can receive proper attention.

There is no doubt of the fact that additional school accommodations are much needed in the district, and must soon be provided, and it seems to the committee that inasmuch as more land must be bought if this house is to be enlarged, it would be better to purchase a lot in another part of the district, and build a house something after the style of the Jackson avenue school, which the committee regards as a model building.

It is proper here to state that Capron street, upon which this school estate now has a front of $112\frac{1}{2}$ feet, has not been brought

to grade, and from information obtained at the engineer's office it is ascertained that when it is brought to grade it must be lowered opposite the southeasterly portion of the estate, nearly eight feet, rendering it necessary to lower the yard to correspond, or build a retaining wall.

The estimated cost of the extension indicated by the accompanying plan is.....	\$7,300
Additional land.....	1,450
Total.....	\$8,750

No estimate is made of the expense of grading the lot, or building the wall referred to.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, August 15, 1879.

No. 366. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, relative to the Division of Ward Ten into two voting Districts.

[Presented September 1, 1879.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, to which, April 14, 1879, was referred a resolution looking to the division of the tenth ward into two voting districts, reports: That due consideration has been given to the matter, and the committee is unanimously of the opinion that the convenience of the electors would be greatly promoted by such a division.

The committee is of opinion that a voting place should be established in Olneyville, and one east of Smith street, the boundary or division line between the two districts to commence at the Woonasquatucket river, near the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, and following the streets which lead in the most direct way to the Powdermill turnpike; then following that road to the North Providence line.

It is believed that this would be the most convenient dividing line, and that the citizens of the ward could be better accommodated than is possible under the present arrangement. This could be done without expense other than that of hiring temporary places and making them ready when required, as is now done in the second, fourth and sixth wards, at the present time.

The committee recommends the passage of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted for the committee.

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, August 15, 1879.

No. 367. Resolution relative to the dividing of the Tenth Ward into two Voting Districts.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. McNally, Case and Studley, of the common council, and aldermen Smith and Mowry be appointed a committee to define and divide the tenth ward into two voting districts.

No. 368. Resolution establishing Evening Schools.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to establish for a term not exceeding seventeen weeks, during the ensuing fall and winter, eight ordinary evening schools, to be located in the following buildings, viz.: Meeting, Front, Elm, Oxford and West River street school houses, the chapels on America and Harrison streets, and Unity Hall on Manton avenue.

No. 369. Resolution to establish an Evening School on Orms street.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to establish for a term not exceeding seventeen weeks, during the ensuing fall and winter, one ordinary evening school, to be located in the school house on Orms street.

No. 370. Resolution authorizing additional assistance at the High School.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee is hereby authorized to employ such additional assistance as may be needed in the high school, during the present school year, the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

No. 371. Resolution adding to the Appropriation for the care of the City Hall.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the care of the city hall, said amount to be transferred from the reserved fund.

No. 372. Resolution making an appropriation for Sewers.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-nine hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty-four cents, is hereby added to the appropriation for sewers, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 373. Resolution transferring \$500 to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for parks, to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park.

No. 374. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of September, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 375. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending September 30, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding quarter, in the year previous.

No. 376. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Whipple street.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six inch water pipes to be laid in Whipple street, about one hundred and forty feet northerly from the present end of the pipe in said street.

No. 377. Resolution allowing bill of Superintendent of Health for \$47.44.

[Approved September 6, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the bill of Edwin M. Snow, M. D., amounting to forty-seven dollars and forty-four cents, for expenses in November, 1878, to Richmond, Va., to attend the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in accordance with vote of the Board of Aldermen, be hereby allowed, and the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz :

Benjamin Greene for refunding to him \$14.50, amount paid for water ; Henry W. Gardner and others relative to exchange of land and improvement of Blackstone park ; Catharine Hackett for damages for injuries received by falling upon the ice at the corner of Federal and Fountain streets ; John H. Mason to have water-pipes laid in Manning street ; George L. Vose for remission of tax assessed upon personal property.

Upon the bill of P. B. Stiness for services in relation to estates in the Brook street district, the report of the joint committee on claims is received, and it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Upon the report of the joint committee on water relative to a supply of water to the Watchemoket fire district, it is ordered that the same be received and placed on file and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The communication from the board of aldermen announcing

the appointment of alderman Barnaby a member of the Joint special committee on the Brook street district, and of the joint standing committees on the fire department and railroads in place of alderman Spicer deceased, is read and received.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No 378. Message of the Mayor, relative to the Police Department.

[Presented September 4, 1879.]

City document No. 27.

No. 379. Message of the Mayor relative to the assorting and filing of old papers and reports.

[Presented September 4, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
September 4, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A large mass of papers belonging to different departments of the government was stored in the attic of the city building, and on the removal to the city hall was placed in a room on the fourth floor, where they now remain.

These papers belong chiefly to the offices of the city clerk, treasurer and auditor, and should be assorted and properly filed in their respective departments.

At present it is extremely difficult to find important papers, and frequently much time is consumed in a fruitless search for documents that should be easy of access.

It would require comparatively a small sum to have these papers arranged in files, and I therefore recommend that authority for that purpose be given by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 380. Resolution referring the message of the mayor relative to the filing of old papers and reports.

[Approved September 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated September 4, 1879 relative to the assorting and filing of old papers, which were removed from the attic of the city building, be referred to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 381. Resolution granting permission to Alfred Anthony & Co., to raise a building.

[Approved September 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Alfred Anthony & Co., to raise a certain building located at No. 1061 High street, pursuant to their petition.

No. 382. Resolution granting permission to Robinson Bentley to raise a building.

[Approved September 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Robinson Bentley to raise a certain building located at No. 135 Atwell's avenue, pursuant to his petition.

No. 383. Resolution granting permission to B. G. Chase & Co., to raise a building.

[Approved, September 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to B. G. Chase & Co., to raise a certain building, located at the foot of Redwing street, pursuant to their petition.

No. 384. Resolution to pay certain call men of the Fire Department.

[Approved, September 16, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Thomas Atkinson, Frank Munro and John Fuller, salaries for services as call men of the fire department, for the quarter ending September 30, 1879, at a rate of compensation to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the rate to be paid to other call men of same rank.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, monthly report of the overseer of the poor, and quarterly report of the city clerk, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	\$550 00	Charitable Baptist Society, for ringing bell.....	125 00
Continental Steamboat Co., health department.....	30 00	C. T. Burbank, for street signs.	150 75
Charles H. Leonard, Coroner	9 00	Edward S. Rhodes, streets...	30 00
George W. Wightman, support of the poor.....	408 61	Henry V. A. Joslin, streets..	30 00
		Labor pay-roll, lamp department.....	72 00

The resignations of Byron H. Arnold and William E. Whiting of the office of constable, are severally read and accepted.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Oliver S. Aylsworth to keep an oyster house at No. 441 High street ; Michael McHale to keep a victualling house at No. 102 South Water street ; Barney M. Patterson to keep a victualling house at No. 1 McNeal lane ; Maurice Kelly and Robert Lewis, severally to buy and sell junk and second hand articles.

Wayland R. Smith is appointed and designated to remove swill and offal.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

Mrs. Sarah A. Blanding, at No. 41 Hanover street ; Mary H. O'Toole, at No. 34 Harkness street ; Benj. F. Thurston, at the corner of Cooke and Waterman streets ; Patrick O'Neil, No. 36 McDonough street ; John Murphy, No. 206 Atwell's avenue ; Geo. C. Case, corner of Redwing and Bucklin streets ; Nathan J. Smith, No. 31 State street ; Frederick A. Wood, on Thurber's avenue.

J. C. Molten is granted permission to connect his estate with the old drain in Bacon street.

The following are severally read and passed :

Order discharging the committee on streets from the further consideration of the petition of Andrew Chambers relative to a right of way from Reservoir avenue to his estate.

Resolution requesting the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid on Thayer street from its junction with Hope street to Angell street.

Resolution directing committees appointed to lay out streets, to attend the meetings of the board to which their reports are referred for consideration.

Resolution changing the grade of Armington avenue from Academy avenue to land of Alexander F. Adie.

Orders severally approving and receiving the reports of the committees to lay out Pacific street from Broad street to Hamilton street; Sheldon street from Hope street to Benefit street, and Westminster street.

Resolutions severally directing the highway commissioners, to suspend the work of resetting curbstones on the north side Wickenden street near Hope street; and to cause all obstructions existing in Pacific street to be removed.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the October term of the supreme court.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 385. Final report of the Joint Special Committee to build a new High School.

[Presented September 15, 1879.]

City document No. 28.

No. 386. Monthly report of the City Treasurer, for August, 1879.

[Presented September 15, 1879.]

City council file, September 18, 1879.

No. 387. Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Fourth of July Celebration, 1879.

[Presented September 15, 1879.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee of the city council of the city of Providence, appointed to make arrangements for a municipal celebration, July 4th, 1879, respectfully submit the following statement of expenditures on account of said celebration:

For music,.....	\$386.50
“ teams and moving wagons,	408.00
“ collation at Roger Williams park,.....	237.00
“ printing and advertising,.....	105.44
“ ringing bells,.....	90.00
“ salutes,.....	75.00
“ marshal’s expenses,.....	31.00
“ drum band,.....	30.00
“ carriages,.....	28.00
“ flags and banners,.....	20.52
“ ringing chimes,.....	10.00
“ ice water and labor,.....	19.80
“ miscellaneous expenditures,.....	41.89
	\$1,483.15
Total.....	

Your committee desire to express their obligations to the principal and assistant teachers of the grammar schools, for their hearty co-operation and assistance in carrying out the programme decided upon; to the Union Horse Railroad Co., for the use of vehicles and for free transportation, and also to the police department.

The committee tender their thanks for the escort furnished and for other valuable service rendered.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

J. H. TOWER, Chairman.

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

No. 388. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 117 of the Ordinances, entitled, “An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Officers and Teachers of the Public Schools, in the City of Providence.”

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. The clause in chapter 117 of the ordinances

which reads as follows, "For salaries of teachers of the evening schools, twelve thousand five hundred dollars," is hereby amended, striking out twelve thousand five hundred, and inserting ten thousand; so that said clause shall read: "For salaries of teachers of the evening schools, ten thousand dollars."

SEC. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No. 389. Acceptance by the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co., of land for Railroad purposes.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 15, 1879.

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

The Providence and Springfield railroad company hereby accept the grant of lands and privileges in the city of Providence, to them made by the city council of the city of Providence, by a joint resolution, No. 246, entitled, "resolution granting permission to the Providence and Springfield railroad company to occupy certain lands for the purposes of tracks and freight station, with a description thereof by meter and bounds," which resolution was approved on the 3d day of June, A. D., 1879; and also the said railroad company accepts the conditions annexed to the said resolution.

PROVIDENCE & SPRINGFIELD R. R. Co.,

By WM. TINKHAM, President.

No. 390. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District to Mary Tarpey.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook

street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Mary Tarpey, a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of lot, at a point in the northerly line of Coles street, situated sixty and three tenths (60.3) feet in a westerly direction from the northwesterly corner of said Coles street and Thompson street ; thence in a northerly direction at right angles to said northerly line of Coles street for a distance of forty-one and four one hundredths (41.04) feet ; thence in a westerly direction making an interior angle of ninety seven (97) degrees, and six (6) minutes for a distance of sixty-nine and thirteen one hundredths (69.13) feet ; thence in a southerly direction making an interior angle of seventy-four (74) degrees, and five (5) minutes for a distance of fifty and eighteen one hundredths (50.18) feet ; to a point in said northerly line of Coles street ; thence in an easterly direction in the northerly line of Coles street, making an interior angle of ninety eight (98) degrees, and forty-nine (49) minutes for a distance of sixty and ninety-one one hundredths (60.91) feet, to the point of beginning ; whenever she shall convey to the city of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, a certain lot of land in said district bounded and described as follows, viz :

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of lot at a point in a line sixty and three tenths (60.3) feet westerly from and parallel with the westerly line of Thompson street ; said point being fourteen and two tenths (14.2) feet, northerly from the northerly line of Coles street, measured at right angles to said street ; thence in a northerly direction in a line parallel with the said westerly line of Thompson street for a distance of twenty six and eighty-four one hundredths (26.84) feet ; thence in a westerly direction making an interior angle of ninety-seven (97) degrees and six (6) minutes, for a distance of eighty-four and two one hundreths (84.02) feet ; thence in a southeasterly direction, making an interior angle of fifty-nine (59) degrees and eighteen (18) minutes, for a distance of fifty-eight and five

tenths (58.5) feet; thence in a northeasterly direction, making an interior angle of ninety-eight (98) degrees and nineteen (19) minutes, for a distance of sixty-two and fifteen one hundredths (62.15) feet to the point of beginning; the same being lot numbered two hundred and four (204) on assessors' plat No. eighteen (18).

No. 391. Resolution authorizing the erection of a Stable at the Sixth Police Station.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby authorized to erect a stable at the sixth police station on Capron street, for the use of the police department, at a cost not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars; such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 392. Resolution directing the Joint Committee on City Property to cause a light to be placed over the Pond Street entrance to the High School.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to cause a suitable light to be placed over the Pond street entrance of the High School; the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 393. Resolution directing the Committee on City Property to report suitable locations for a Primary and Intermediate School Building, near Olneyville in the Seventh School District.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city pro-

erty, are hereby directed to report suitable locations for a school building, for primary and intermediate scholars, in that portion of the seventh school district near Olneyville, together with the price thereof.

No. 394. Resolution appropriating \$450.00 for preparing a foundation for a monument in Roger Williams Square.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of preparing a suitable foundation for a monument on What Cheer or Slate Rock at Roger Williams square, so called; said sum, or so much of the same as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the joint committee on parks, with the advice of the city engineer.

No. 395. Resolution directing the City Treasurer to refund to Mary A. Covell the sum of thirty-nine dollars and sixty cents.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary A. Covell the sum of thirty-nine dollars and sixty cents, being the amount paid by her in 1877 for a lot in the north burial ground, of which she already held a deed from the city, executed in 1848, to her predecessors in title; said payment to be charged to the account of the north burial ground.

No. 396. Resolution to procure instruments to measure the heat, weight and water of the air, and the force and direction of the wind.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer, is hereby instructed to

procure and set up proper instruments with self registering apparatus, to make and record a continuous series of observations as to the heat, weight and water of the air, and the force and direction of the wind; and a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars is hereby directed to be taken from the appropriation for the city engineer's department to defray the cost of said instruments and apparatus.

RESOLVED, that said city engineer is hereby instructed to preserve and file the original records, cause the same to be tabulated from time to time, and report to the city council at least once a year, the result of the observations.

No. 397. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Fruit, Salem, Kossuth, Hyat, Bowdoin and Almira Streets.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six inch water pipes to be laid in Fruit street, from Orchard to Plum street; in Salem street, about three hundred and fifty feet northerly from Potter's avenue; in Kossuth street, from Julian street to Hyat street; and in Hyat street, and in Bowdoin and Almira streets; all as recommended by said water commissioners.

No. 398. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relating to the Police Department.

[Approved September 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated September 4, 1879, relative to the police department, be hereby referred to the joint standing committee on police.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Schooner G. A. Hayden, bridge department....	\$126 00	Edwin M. Snow, health de- partment.....	11 15
Charles H. Leonard, health department.....	30 00		

Licenses are granted as follows :

To John L. Bushee, to keep a tavern at No. 81 Dorrance street; to Sullivan & Aldrich, to keep a victualling house at No. 267 Broad street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 399. Resolution transferring \$1000 for cleaning streets, to the appropriation for Highways for tools, implements, carts, &c.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the appropriation for highways, for cleaning streets, to the appropriation for highways, for tools, implements, carts, &c.

No. 400. Resolution granting permission to Thomas Winn to raise a building.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Winn, to raise a certain building located at No. 28 Kossuth street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 401. Resolution granting permission to John Gaule to raise a building.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Gaule to raise a certain building, located at No. 34 Howell street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 402. Resolution granting permission to Charles C. Harrington to raise a building.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Charles C. Harrington to raise a certain building, located at the corner of Weybosset and Dorrance streets, pursuant to his petition.

CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

No. 403. An Ordinance authorizing the employment of Messenger Boys.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

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

SECTION. 1. Two messenger boys are hereby authorized, one of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, and one by the chief of police, and they shall perform such duties as may be required by said officers respectively.

SEC. 2. Said messenger boys shall receive a compensation of not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars each per year; the compensation of one of said boys to be charged to the appropriation for police, and the compensation for the other, to the appropriation for the maintenance of the city hall.

SEC. 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER CXXXIX.

No. 404. An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter XLIV., entitled "Public Pounds."

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter forty-four of the ordinances of the city of Providence, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SEC. 1. The following places are hereby designated as public pounds, namely :—The Dexter Asylum as inclosed by the existing wall around the same ; the lot of land on the north side of Potter's avenue, now designated as lot number 915 on assessors' plat forty-eight ; the lot of land belonging to Daniel K. Angell, on Windmill hill in the tenth ward, and the yard connected with the sixth police station on Capron street.

No. 405. Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 199 of the series of 1868, relating to Manure for the Dexter Asylum.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 199, approved October 19, 1868, relative to placing at the disposal of the superintendent of the Dexter Asylum, all manure made at the engine houses and city stables, and all gathered from the streets, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

No. 406. Resolution granting permission to Henry Whitman, to raise a building.

[Approved September 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Henry Whitman, to raise a certain building located at No. 430 High street, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1879.

The following accounts are examined and allowed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Providence Gas Co.....	\$480 28	Chambers, Calder & Co.....	21 83
George H. Chubbuck.....	30 00	George Campbell.....	8 00
Joseph Cogan.....	17 50	Callender McAuslan & Troup	75 69
Kendall Mfg. Co.....	76 00	John H. Eddy & Co.....	77 75
C. Earle Whitaker,.....	30 00	Patrick Parker.....	58 00
J. H. Atwater.....	26 25	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	235 77
C. H. Warren.....	7 00	E. Lear.....	36 64

BRIDGE BILLS.

Belcher Bros.,.....	\$7 81	Henry M. Angell & Co.....	\$9 45
Prov. Steam Engine Co.....	2 30	Barker, Chadsey & Co.....	101 75
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.....	30 35	Potter & Gardiner.....	16 32
J. L. Peirce & Co.....	40 30	Wood & Winsor.....	7 16
A. C. Williams.....	7 00	Winsor & Brown.....	579 70

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

John R. Shirley.....	\$60 00	S. D. Gray.....	21 14
Reavy, Smith & Co.....	7 60		

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

A. E. Field & Son, health de- partment.....	\$550 00	Obadiah Brown, streets.....	\$144 00
George W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard...	64 16	George E. Thompson, streets,	18 00
		Thomas W. Hart, streets....	18 00
		Lemuel S. Harris, streets...	30 00

The board consent to the appointment of William H. Horton to be a patrolman.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To James S. Hayward, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, at No. 805 North Main street ; Frederick Glaser, to keep a victualling house at No. 389 High street, and William H. Remington, at No. 705 High street.

David Moore, Jr., is appointed and designated to remove swill and offal from No. 13 Fulton street.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Henry Eickhorn, at No. 733 North Main street ; Simon T. Smith, on Hudson street, and Henry Thompson on Chambers street.

Whipple & Co., are granted permission to operate a steam boiler at No. 801 North Main street.

Alderman Fenner is appointed a member of the joint special committee on Locust Grove Cemetery in place of alderman Spicer, deceased.

The following are severally read and passed :

Order discharging the police committee from the further consideration of the matter of procuring a public ambulance.

Order directing the highway commissioners to bring Post Office court to grade.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 407. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee,
upon the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented September 22, 1879.]

City council file, September 25, 1879.

No. 408. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer,
upon the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented September 22, 1879.]

City council file, September 25, 1879.

No. 409. Resolution relative to Surface Water on
Eddy street and Thurber's avenue.

[Approved September 26, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the city engineer, in regard to surface water on Eddy street and Thurber's avenue, pre-

sented to the common council on the 22d of September, 1879, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of the members of the joint standing committees on highways and sewers, to examine and report thereon.

No. 410. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance upon a Bill for an Appropriation Ordinance, for the Fiscal year ending September 30, 1880.

[Presented September 22, 1879.]

City document No. 29.

CHAPTER CXL.

No. 411. An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Government of the City of Providence, for the Financial year ending September 30, A. D. 1880

[Approved, September 26, 1879.]

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, 1879, and ending with the last day of September, 1880, 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 following:

For salaries, such as are not herein otherwise specified, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For the support of public schools, one hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars, and in addition thereto, all money re-

ceived for registry taxes, dog licenses, and from the state for public education.

For the city's proportion of the state tax, two hundred and two thousand two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents.

For interest on the city debt as follows :—On the high school loans of 1877 and 1879, sixty-two hundred and thirty-five dollars ; on the war loan payable in 1893, fifteen thousand dollars ; on the Brook street district loans of 1877 and 1879, forty-seven thousand six hundred dollars ; on the public improvement loans payable in 1885 and 1899, fifty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ; on the city hall and sewer loans payable in 1895 and 1899, ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollars ; on the water works loans payable in 1900 and 1906, two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars ; on the floating debt twenty-five thousand six hundred and sixty-five dollars.

For sinking funds, as follows : To redeem city hall and sewer loans due in 1895 and 1899, fifty-seven thousand two hundred dollars ; to redeem the public improvement loans, due in 1885 and 1899, twenty-three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars ; to redeem bonds issued for war expenses payable in 1893, five thousand dollars.

For the payment of notes due August 1, 1880, for the high school building, issued in accordance with an ordinance, approved May 24, 1877, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For the fire department, including the salaries of the chief and the assistant engineers, eighty-five thousand dollars.

For highways, one hundred and ten thousand dollars, to be expended as follows : For labor and material for repairing unpaved streets, \$52,000 ; for repairing paved streets, \$6,500 ; for cleaning streets, \$15,000 ; for tools, implements, carts, harnesses and repairs thereon, hay, grain, and general supplies, \$12,000 ; for salaries of the highway commissioners, \$4,500 ; for cleaning streets from ice and snow and the setting of curbstones, to be expended under direction of the joint committee

on highways, \$10,000; for new work to be expended upon the orders of the city council, \$10,000.

For sidewalks and curbing, ten thousand dollars, to be expended as follows: The city auditor is authorized to allow the orders of the highway commissioners for curbstones or materials for sidewalks from time to time, from any money standing to the credit of said account, *provided*, that the amount of said orders shall not exceed in the whole the sum of ten thousand dollars, and all sums received into the treasury for curbstones set or sidewalks constructed by said commissioners shall be credited to the account of sidewalks and curbing.

For the maintenance and improvement of Roger Williams park, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For the maintenance and improvement of other public parks, fifteen hundred dollars.

For the support of the poor, removal of paupers, and the salary of the overseer of the poor, eighteen thousand dollars.

For the police department, including the salary of the chief of police, two hundred thousand dollars, to be expended as follows: the current expenses and compensation of the police force to be approved by the board of aldermen, and all other expenses shall have the approval of the board of aldermen and the joint committee of the city council on police.

For the repairs of the asylum walls and buildings, one thousand dollars.

For the lamp department, including the salary of the superintendent of lights, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

For the salary of the superintendent of health, 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, twelve thousand dollars.

For printing, advertising, and stationery for public offices, ten thousand dollars.

For repairs of public buildings, including the salary of the superintendent, forty thousand dollars.

For care of the city hall, including the pay of employees and for supplies, twelve thousand dollars.

For maintenance of public bridges, fourteen thousand dollars.

For expenses attendant upon elections, including the pay of wardens and ward clerks, twenty-five hundred dollars.

For rent of land and buildings, one thousand dollars.

For water for the use of the various departments and public buildings, including public hydrants and fountains, fifty thousand dollars.

For the city engineer's department, including the salary of the city engineer, thirty-five thousand 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 care and maintenance of sewers, fifteen thousand dollars.

For care and maintenance of the water works, seventy thousand dollars.

For school houses and lots, nine thousand dollars.

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, forty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No. 412. Message of the Mayor, returning with his objections, a Resolution authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, to lease the City Building.

[Presented September 22, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
September 22, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

I cannot approve of the resolution which passed the common council on the 15th inst. and was concurred in by the board of aldermen on the 18th inst., authorizing the committee on city property to lease, at their discretion, the old city building for a term of ten years, and therefore return it herewith.

I object to the resolution because it proposes to lease valuable public property at the discretion of a committee, a mode of procedure open to the most serious objections, and which in other cities has been a source of public corruption.

A valuable estate belonging to the public should only be disposed of by public auction, and after proper notice of the time and place of sale.

This course has been followed by the commissioners of the Dexter Donation in the leasing of the property in their charge, situated on business streets, with the most satisfactory results.

The real estate belonging to the city, and which is in the control of the city council, has been leased in a different manner, and with entirely different results.

I am aware that one valuable parcel of property was leased by public auction, by order of the city council, but the former tenants were in possession, at the time of sale, and they secured the property under the new lease, at a very low rent, from the unwillingness of other parties to bid against them. The commissioners of the Dexter Donation have required their property to be absolutely vacated by the tenants, before the

time of sale, and thus have had no difficulty in obtaining a proper rent therefor.

The city building is empty, and if leased at public auction for a term of twenty years, with the rent renewable on terms of five years, will undoubtedly bring a rent commensurate with the great value of the estate, as the length of the term will enable the lessee to make alterations and improvements in the building, which would not be done under the shorter term proposed in the resolution.

If the building be leased by public sale, whatever the rent realized may be, there can be no charge of favoritism alleged in the disposal thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1879.

Ordered: That the following be indefinitely postponed, viz.:

Memorial of F. H. Richmond and others against the use of Exchange place by military and other organizations for parades.

Petitions of E. S. Conkling, John B. Fitzpatrick, Peter Haley, Zebedee Howland, John B. Lane, Henry J. Leonard and Joseph F. McElroy, severally, to be appointed constables, with power to serve civil process.

Resolution to advertise for proposals for a police station on Martin street.

Resolution directing the joint committee on police to report relative to a reduction in the expenses of the police department.

Resolution instructing the joint committee on police to examine into the expediency of reducing the number of men upon the police force.

Resolution instructing the joint committee on ordinances to

report an ordinance reducing the number of the police force to one hundred and eighty.

Resolution referring the annual report of the chief of police to the joint committee on police.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 413. Resolution transferring \$25,000 to the appropriation for School Houses and Lots, in the Ninth and Tenth Wards, and Third School District.

[Approved September 30, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, be hereby transferred from the appropriation for interest, to the account of school houses and lots, for the ninth and tenth wards, and the third school district, comprising the fourth and seventh wards.

No. 414. Resolution granting permission to James Leach, to raise a building.

[Approved September 30, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Leach, to raise a certain building located at No. 16 B street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 415. Resolution granting permission to Luther Brothers, to raise a building.

[Approved September 30, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Luther Brothers, to raise a certain building, located on the corner of Oxford and Harriet streets, pursuant to their petition.

No. 416. Resolution granting permission to Christopher H. Quinn and wife, to raise a building.

[Approved September 30, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Christopher H. Quinn and wife, to raise a certain building, located on Eiswald street, near Harrison avenue, pursuant to their petition.

No. 417. Resolution granting permission to George W. Whitford, to raise a building.

[Approved September 30, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to George W. Whitford, to raise a certain building located on Barnes street, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 2, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum and monthly report of the overseer of the poor are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Edwin Cole,.....	\$38 57	Earl Carpenter & Sons,....	\$96 60
Janitor's pay-roll,.....	280 20	J. H. & J. B. Sweet,.....	22 60
Louis W. Clarke,.....	54 54	John C. Payne,.....	66 90
J. E. Sturdy,.....	33 99	T. W. Rounds & Co.,.....	13 90
C. H. Hunt,.....	54 93	Bugbee & Hall,.....	92 79
Billings Bros.,.....	12 75	Pay-roll for September,....	14,117 00
Bugbee & Kelley,.....	36 15	William H. Palmer, M. D...	150 00
Mason & Moran,.....	9 67		

LAMP DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Lewis Najac,.....	\$829 12	Labor pay-roll,.....	66 97
Providence Gas Co.,.....	249 53	Pay-roll,.....	2,221 02

BRIDGE BILLS.

Pay roll,.....	\$101 23	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.,....	10 82
Pay-roll Point street bridge, 277 50		James A. Potter & Co.,.....	45 25
Edward R. Andrews,.....	1,314 00	Francis S. Turner,.....	55 80
Belcher Bros.,.....	17 81	William D. Sherman,.....	78 75
Arthur C. Williams,.....	14 08	B. F. Greene,.....	28 95
Winsor & Brown,.....	239 61	L. W. Clark,	4 54
George W. Harris,.....	6 00	Benjamin F. Hawkes,.....	75 00
F. W. Moseley,.....	3 50	Gearhard & Darley,.....	550 00
George E. Boynton,.....	5 43		

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

George W. Wightman, sup- port of the poor,.....	\$1,395 85	Geo. W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard,.	2 03
William H. Palmer, M. D., post mortems,.....	30 00	E. E. Calder, inspector of milk,.....	50 00

Mildred Leary is granted a license to keep a victualling house at No. 1004 High street.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second hand articles are severally granted to the following persons, viz.: Lawrence Duffy, William Jones, William Kelly.

Permission is granted to Aaron B. Curry to connect his estate with the old drain in Lockwood street.

A resolution is adopted, directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on Falls place and Bowen street.

The following are elected constables, viz:—George H. Bucklin, Samuel Whitney.

Charles H. Thurber is elected special constable under the dog law in place of William E. Whiting, resigned.

A resolution discontinuing the quarterly dinners at the Dexter Asylum, is read and not passed.

A communication of the superintendent of health upon a resolution directing him to report what portion of the Field's Point farm it is necessary to retain as a quarantine station, is read and received.

Ordered, That the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

John Bamford, to keep a tavern at No. 301 Broadway.

William Y. Potter, for compensation as secretary of the joint special committee to furnish the city hall.

Barstow Stove Company, for the remission of certain sewer taxes and for the payment of \$950 for damages by the reflux and overflow of sewage from the sewers in certain streets.

William Woodward for the return of the assessment paid by him in the lay out of Broad street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

CHAPTER CXLI.

No. 418. An Ordinance permitting the Union Railroad Company to lay rails in Aborn street.

[Approved October 7, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to the Union Railroad company, to lay rails with suitable turnouts in Aborn street, from Fountain street, north, about five hundred feet; said rails to be laid under the supervision and control of the joint standing committee of the city council on railroads, with all the privileges, and subject to all the conditions of this ordinance and of the several ordinances by which the Union Railroad company are permitted to lay rails in the streets of the city of Providence.

SEC. 2. The permission granted by the foregoing section is subject to the condition, that the rails shall be laid within one year from and after the passage of this ordinance, and to be used for the conveyance of passengers only.

No. 419. Resolution directing the Joint Committee on the Harbor to contract for Dredging.

[Approved October 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on the harbor are hereby authorized and directed to contract for the dredging of the harbor for the ensuing year, upon such terms as they shall deem for the interest of the city, the sum to be expended for said work not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

No. 420. Resolution transferring \$75 to the appropriation for Bath Houses.

[Approved October 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for bath houses, said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 421. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District to Wheeler M. Blanding.

[Approved October 7, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Wheeler M. Blanding, lot No. 192 on assessors' plat No. 18, and a lot of land situate on the northerly side of Cole street, whose westerly line is 103.25 feet easterly of the easterly line of Brook street, purporting on plat A, to contain 1,690.25 feet, whenever said Wheeler M. Blanding shall convey to the city of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, said lot No. 192 and the easterly half of lot No. 215 on assessors' plat No. 18, and whenever Elizabeth Blanding (or Shearman)

shall release to the city of Providence her life lease or interest in said lot No. 192 and the easterly half of lot No. 215 on assessors' plat 18, and whenever said Wheeler M. Blanding shall convey to said Elizabeth Blanding, or Shearman, a life lease or interest in the above named lots conveyed to him by the city of Providence.

No. 422. Resolution establishing an Evening School in the School House on Fountain Street.

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be, and they are hereby instructed to establish an evening school in the school building on Fountain street, instead of the chapel on America street, as designated by the city council.

No. 423. Resolution to Curb Lippitt Street, from Camp Street to Dwight Street.

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Lippitt street, from Camp street to Dwight street; provided, the cost thereof, shall not exceed the sum of two thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for highways, for new work.

No. 424. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District, to Francis M. and Charles M. Smith, Trustees.

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Francis M. Smith, and Charles Morris Smith, trustees, under the last will and testament of Amos D. Smith, late of Providence,

deceased, to be held subject to the provisions and directions of the trusts contained in said will; reference to said will on record in the municipal court of the city of Providence, being hereby had, a certain lot of land situate in said district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of lot, at a point in the northwesterly corner of India street and Brook street; thence in a westerly direction in the northerly line of the said India street, for a distance of one hundred and forty-five one-hundredths (100.45) feet; thence in a northerly direction, making an interior angle of eighty-six (86) degrees, and fifty-one (51) minutes, for a distance of eighty-four and ninety-nine one hundredths (84.99) feet; thence in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, to a point in the westerly line of the said Brook street, for a distance of one hundred and three-tenths (100.3) feet; thence in a southerly direction in the said westerly line of Brook street, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of seventy-nine and forty-seven one hundredths (79.47) feet, to the point of beginning; being lots numbered one hundred and forty-five (145), and one hundred and forty-six (146), on assessors' plat number eighteen (18).

No. 425. Resolution making Additional Appropriations.

[Approved October, 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-eight hundred and eight-nine dollars and eighty-five cents, is hereby transferred from the reserved fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1879, to the following accounts for the same year :

To Roger Williams park	\$1 83
To care of the city hall.....	46 11
To health department.....	659 33
To sewer maintenance.....	1,769 53
To salaries.....	1,212 50
To water supply.....	200 55

No 426. Resolution relative to supplying Pawtuxet
Water to the Institutions at the State Farm.

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed to contract with the board of state charities and corrections, to furnish water from the mains at Pettaconset, through the pipes already laid at the cost of the state, for a period of five years; the state to pay for such service, eight hundred dollars per annum, in quarterly installments of two hundred dollars.

Provided, that the water department, may at any time run the water through a meter, and charge five cents for each one thousand gallons, instead of eight hundred dollars per annum; and,

Provided, further, that no liability to damages shall be incurred by the city from any temporary failure of supply, occasioned by accident or the shutting off for repairs.

No. 427. Message of the Mayor relative to the transfer of the Appropriation for the purchase of a Stone Crusher.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
October 13, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By a resolution of the city council, approved July 2d, 1879, the highway commissioners were authorized "to purchase a stone crusher and engine, with the necessary appurtenances, to be paid for out of the appropriation for highways, for cleaning the streets of snow and setting curbing."

As this resolution did not order a transfer to be made from the highway appropriation, no sum could be reserved at the

close of the fiscal year to pay for the work contracted for, but not completed at that date, and the balance of the account will, on the closing of the books, be covered into the treasury. To meet this emergency it is necessary that a transfer be ordered by the city council, and a resolution to that effect is herewith presented, the passage of which I recommend.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 428. Resolution transferring \$600 to the Appropriation for Highways, for purchase of a Stone Crusher.

[Approved, October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to transfer the sum of six hundred dollars from the appropriation for highways, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1879, to the appropriation for highways for the current fiscal year, for stone crusher, engine and appurtenances.

No. 429. Message of the Mayor relative to expenditures for the care of the City Hall.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 13, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The city hall has been occupied for nearly one year, and up to this time all expenditures upon the building have been charged to the original construction account, and the money required to meet these, has been raised by the issue of notes and bonds. I recommend that this practice cease with the close of the last

fiscal year, on the 30th ultimo, and that all expenditures for any purpose hereafter required upon the building or furniture, be charged to the care of the city hall, and be paid from the current receipts in the same manner as all other expenses for the maintenance of the government are defrayed.

A resolution in relation to the matter is presented herewith, and I recommend its adoption by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 430. Resolution charging bills for expenses or repairs on the City Hall to the Appropriation for "Care of the City Hall."

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That all bills hereafter allowed for expenses or repairs on the city hall, or the furniture thereof, shall be charged to the appropriation "for care of the city hall," and all ordinances or resolutions inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

No. 431. Message of the Mayor relative to rescinding a Resolution relative to interest on money hired for Water Works and Sewers.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
October 13, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By a resolution approved December 28, 1874, the city auditor was directed to charge all sums paid for interest on temporary loans, made for the extension of the water works and the construction of sewers, to the respective accounts, so that the interest would thereby become a part of the general expendi-

ture, to be provided for by the issue of bonds. The passage of the municipal indebtedness act prevented a continuance of this policy, and no such charge has been made since the year of the passage of the act.

As the resolution is in conflict with the statute, and the auditor, by a non-compliance therewith, is acting contrary to the instructions of the city council, I recommend the adoption of a resolution rescinding the former vote.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 432. Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 1,178,
Approved December 28, 1874.

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That resolution number 1,178, approved December 28, 1874, "relative to interest on money hired for water works and sewers," be hereby rescinded.

No. 433. Nineteenth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board, June 30, 1879, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$528,361 85
Of the fund of 1893.....	200,952 68
Of the fund of 1895.....	123,820 01
Of the water loan.....	105,771 70
Of the north burial ground.....	4,303 20
Of the Brook street district.....	44,531 22
Of the city hall and sewer loan of 1899.....	15,540 00

Whole amount.. .. \$1,023,280 66

The amount on hand September 30, 1879, was—

Of the fund of 1885.....	\$553,171 12
Of the fund of 1893.....	206,070 11
Of the city hall and sewer loans of 1895-99....	181,021 79
Of the water loan.....	108,458 48
Of the north burial ground.....	5,206 58
Of the Brook street district.....	48,566 41
Whole amount.....	\$1,102,494 49

The increase in the several funds has been :

In the fund of 1885.....	\$24,809 27
In the fund of 1893.....	5,117 43
In the city hall and sewer loans of 1895-99....	41,661 78
In the water loan.....	2,686 78
In the north burial ground.....	903 38
In the Brook street district.....	4,035 19
Whole increase.....	\$79,213 83

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners,
 THOMAS A. DOYLE,
 Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, October 4, 1879.

No. 434. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to print the proceedings at the Dedication of the City Hall.

[Approved October 15, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That alderman Mowry, and Messrs. Carpenter, Peirce and Hamill, of the common council, be, and they are hereby appointed a joint special committee to cause the proceedings at the dedication of the city hall to be printed, together with such other matters connected therewith as they may deem expedient, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 13, 1879.

The weekly reports of the Dexter Asylum, monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers, and quarterly reports of the inspector of milk and chief of police are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Labor pay-roll, lamp department	\$65 10	Schooner Pulaski, bridge department.....	18 00
William D. Sherman, bridge department.....	641 10		

The bond of Samuel Whitney, constable is read and approved.

Licenses are granted as follows : To William H. Freeman to keep a victualling house at No. 71 Richmond street ; to Francis R. Niles to buy and sell junk and second hand articles ; to Sylvester Eastman to keep a pawnbroker's shop at No. 200 Westminster street.

Permission to build barns is granted to the following persons, viz. : Frank Lahew at No. 23 Webster street ; Louisa D. Martin on Walker street.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Frank P. Barrows for damages to his estate on Richardson street.

Joseph G. Johnson for remission of tax on real estate.

Bernard McCulla for abatement of tax.

Francis W. Furman to keep a tavern at No. 1 Jackson court.

Charles Hausenstein to keep a tavern at No. 98 Eddy street.

Mrs. G. W. Lee to keep a victualling house at No. 95 South Water street.

George E. Weeden to keep a tavern at No. 60 Washington street.

An order is passed directing the highway commissioners to suspend further proceedings relative to concreting the sidewalks on Thayer street, from Angell street to the junction of Hope and Thayer street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

OCTOBER 13, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Stephen G. Smith, for compensation for damages to his estate on Shelden street, caused by the over-flow of surface water upon the same.

Stephen G. Smith, and others, for refunding of tax.

Anson W. Aldrich for compensation for injuries to his estate on Washington street, caused by the change of grade, and the removal of the old sewer.

D. J. Burgess and Son, and others, in relation to certain restrictions in hawking and peddling in the street.

John B. F. King for admission of daughter to high school.

Thomas Lewis for compensation for damages received by his wife on Calais street.

Horace Hopkins for compensation for damages to his estate on Potter's avenue.

Olin Hill for damages to wagon.

A resolution to allow Fanny Noel, to attend the high school free from charge for tuition, having passed the board of aldermen, is read, and the council do not concur therein.

Upon the petition of Rufus Sprague for damages to his estates on Colwell and Richardson streets, it is ordered that the further consideration of petition be indefinitely postponed.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 435. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

City council file, October 16, 1879.

No. 436. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer, on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

City council file, October 16, 1879.

No. 437. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of
the Fire Department.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

City council file, October 16, 1879.

No. 438. Monthly Report of the City Messenger.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11 of chapter xxxvi. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of September, last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now, in good condition, I have been compelled to cause considerable work to be done on the sidewalk during the past month. The joints between the heavy blocks of granite were not properly filled, and the cement used

for the purpose having been displaced, it was necessary to renew it to prevent injury to the sidewalk from frost and ice during the winter season. The whole work has been thoroughly done at a cost of \$102, and there now seems to be no reason why it will not last for many years. A room has been fitted up for the janitors and for the storage of supplies, at an expense of \$59. A gas bill of \$160.88 for the quarter ending September 30, 1879, and a bill for ice, from January 1st to September 30th, amounting to \$115.50 have been presented.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 439. Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging
the Harbor, from September 1st to 30th.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

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

The harbor master makes the following report of dredging the harbor, from September 1st to 30th, done by George Gearhard :

8,812 cubic yards of earth removed from the bed of the river,
at 12 cents per yard..... .. \$1,057 44

This dredging was done as follows :

6,654 cubic yards taken from the so called Green Jacket,
east side of Fox Point ;

2,158 cubic yards taken from the sewer at the foot of Elm
street.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL JOSLIN,

Harbor Master.

Providence, October 13, 1879.

No. 440. Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District, relative to the conveyance of land therein.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

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

GENTLEMEN: The joint special committee on the Brook street district, herewith submit their eleventh quarterly report of the receipts and expenditures, and beg leave to say that there still remain twenty five of the original owners of estates in said district, whose property has neither been paid for by the city, or re-conveyed to them.

Of these, your committee has been authorized to cause to be re-conveyed to seven or eight their respective estates, and your honorable body will soon be asked to give authority to cause to be conveyed to most of the others their estates.

The valuation placed by the commissioners upon the estates of the said twenty-five owners, was about four hundred thousand dollars.

Your committee expect to be able to get the greater portion of these owners to have their estates re-conveyed to them.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 441. Eleventh Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District, relative to the Receipts and Expenditures of the same.

[Presented October 13, 1879.]

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

GENTLEMEN: The joint special committee on the Brook street district herewith present their eleventh quarterly report of the receipts and expenditures :

Receipts for quarter ending September 30, 1879 :

Rents	\$2,766 73
Sale of houses, old lumber, etc.....	262 75
Total.....	<u>\$3,029 48</u>

Expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 1879 :

Land and buildings.....	\$8,400 00
Relocating and refitting buildings.....	803 51
Repairs to buildings.....	132 46
Concreting.....	347 10
Water.....	4 22
Grading land.....	276 95
Making streets.....	92 39
Dredging.....	31 00
Salaries.....	200 00
Total.....	<u>\$10,287 63</u>

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

Providence, October 1st, 1879.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER 16, 1879.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Gearhard and Dailey.....	\$116 00	Pay Roll.....	\$228 26
Arthur C. Williams.....	7 86		

J. A. D. Joslin is elected auctioneer.

Licenses to keep victualling houses are severally granted as follows: To Elizabeth Johnson, at the corner of Brook and Arnold streets; to Mrs. George W. Lee, at No. 95 South Main street.

The following are appointed and designated to remove swill and offal, viz.:

Peter Creegan, Charles H. Swan, Jacob Friedrick.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows:

To John Fitzgerald, at No. 13 Chambers street; to C. H. Hodges, on Aldrich street; to Warren G. Slack estate, in rear of No. 650 High street.

Resolutions are passed as follows:

Directing the highway commissioners to reset the curbing on the north side of Wickenden street, near Hope street, in accordance with the plan of the city engineer.

Requesting the highway commissioners to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid on the westerly side of Dexter street, from Durfee street to Waterloo street.

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on Chad, Brown and Tefft streets.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Stephen G. Smith and others, for damages to estate by overflow of water from Traverse street.

Jane L. Clarke, remonstrating against the removal of trees on Bond street.

Michael Carlin and others, to have a grade established on Vanderwater street.

Otto C. Lenz and others, for grading Cypress street.

James O. Sullivan and others, to have Amy street received.

The following are severally read and passed:

Order discharging the street committee from the further consideration of the proposed grade of Ashton street.

Resolutions severally changing the grade of the following named streets :

Dover street, from Mount Pleasant avenue to Academy avenue.

Middle street, from Dorrance street to Orange street.

Middle street, from Eddy street to Dorrance street.

Trenton street, from Governor street to Ives street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

COMMUNICATION OF THE NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

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

Respectfully represents the New York and New England Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the several states of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, and successor to, and owning and operating the road of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

That on the 29th day of March, 1852, certain resolutions were passed by your honorable body whereby said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company was authorized to fill in and use for railroad purposes, certain lands in said city known as "cove lands," upon certain conditions and under certain limitations in said resolutions contained. That some of said conditions and limitations were subsequently modified by other resolutions of said city council. That most of the resolutions and agreements relating to said subject matter are incorporated with, or annexed to, the report of the commissioners of the cove lands made pursuant to resolution of the board of aldermen of the city of Providence, passed May 14, 1874, to which report, for convenience your petitioners crave leave to refer.

That by one of the conditions of said grant, said railroad company was required to fill in and improve at its own cost, certain other adjoining lands to be used for highway and other public purposes, and that by another condition of said grant the whole of the filling to be done by said company was to be completed before the first day of January 1857.

That in pursuance of said grant and of said conditions, said corporation proceeded to and did fill in the greater part of the lands described in said resolutions, within the time limited, and in so doing expended of its own moneys in improving and filling lands not used by said railroad, but used for highway and other public purposes, the aggregate sum of \$12,478.16, of which the city of Providence has ever since had the benefit and which constitutes, as this petitioner respectfully claims, a valuable consideration for the grant to fill and use for railroad purposes the other lands described in said resolution.

That some time during the year 1855, the said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, or some one acting or assuming to act on its behalf, deposited with the treasurer of said city of Providence, six bonds for one thousand dollars each, of its authorized issue of seven per cent. mortgage bonds, as security for the fulfillment by said corporation of its agreement to fill said lands, and of its further agreement to construct a freight station thereon, which last agreement was duly and faithfully fulfilled; and that said bonds, or the proceeds thereof, are still in the hands of said city treasurer.

That before the time limited for the completion of said filling, owing to the increased cost of constructing its road and other exceptional circumstances beyond its control, said corporation became financially embarrassed, and by reason thereof, and without any wilful or voluntary default or neglect on its part, was unable to fulfill its agreement to fill the land so granted it for railroad purposes, at the time specified, unless it had used for such purpose monies needed to pay the accruing interest on its mortgage bonds, which would have involved great loss to the city of Providence, which then held the whole

issue of the bonds of said corporation secured by mortgage on its road and property in the state of Rhode Island.

That the latter part of the year 1857 was a period of great business depression, and large numbers of able-bodied men were thrown out of employment and became a charge upon the public; that for the purpose of relieving the necessities of this class of citizens, the surveyor of highways was instructed by a resolve of the city council, passed December 14th, 1857, "to employ laborers under the supervision of the standing committee on highways in filling up the wet and marshy lands adjoining the Cove Park, at such price and to such an amount as to that committee may seem advisable, and to draw upon the city treasury for the cost."

That under the authority of said resolve a small part of the area which said railroad company had agreed to fill for public uses, as also a small part of the premises granted to said company for its own use, was filled at the cost of said city, but not to the height or level which was required of said company in said original grant.

That said filling was undertaken for the sole purpose of giving work to needy laborers and without any design on the part of the city to prejudice thereby any rights, equitable or otherwise, which said corporation might possess in the granted premises and as evidence thereof your petitioner shows that on the same day when said filling was authorized, the city council, by another resolve directed the standing committee on city property to examine and report at the next meeting of the council, whether or not, said railroad corporation had complied with the conditions of the contract entered into between the city and said company for filling the land granted to said corporation for railroad purposes, which said committee, as appears by the records of said council, has never made any report upon the matters so referred to them, nor has the city ever taken any definite action with respect thereto; so that your petitioner claims, that the question of the right of said corporation and its successor to

reimburse said city for the cost of said filling, and to use said land for railroad purposes still remains open and unadjusted.

And your petitioner further shows that at the time of said original grant by said city, said unfilled flats were claimed by the state of Rhode Island, and that said grant was made in pursuance of act of the general assembly of said state, passed at the May session, A. D. 1845, and of another act passed at the May session, May, 1848, whereby said city was authorized to grant to any railroad terminating therein the right to occupy and use for railroad purposes certain portions of said flats, but reserving to the state all lands not so appropriated, and your petitioner respectfully claims that, when said city had exercised the limited authority conferred upon it by said act and had granted the use of said lands for railroad purposes, its powers with respect thereto were exhausted and that it could not fill in and use for its own purposes any of the land so appropriated, but could only fill the same as agents of or on account of the railroad companies to whom the same had been granted, and said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company and this corporation as its successor have ever been willing, and still are, to refund to said city the monies expended for so much of said filling as was done upon the lands embraced in the original grant to said company.

And your petitioner further represents, that the business of the road operated by this company as successor to said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, has already outgrown its existing terminal facilities in the city of Providence, and that the early extension of the road to the Hudson river and other business connections are contemplated, which will greatly increase the volume of traffic and will imperatively require extended depot and yard accommodations; all of which was foreseen and provided for in said original grant to said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company; and that unless such accommodation can be obtained, the increased traffic which would otherwise find its way over said road to tide water at the city of Providence, cannot be economically undertaken

and will be forced into other channels to the great detriment of said city and of your petitioner.

And your petitioner further represents, that on or about June 3, 1879, by joint resolution of your honorable body, permission was granted to the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, (so far as the city of Providence could confer the right,) to occupy and use for the purposes of tracks and freight station, certain lands described in said resolution and in a plat accompanying the same, until such time as said permission should be revoked by said city; said lands being part of the flats heretofore granted to said Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, as aforesaid. And your petitioner shows that, if said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company shall avail itself of such permission, and shall lay its tracks and construct its freight house and other buildings, in the manner contemplated by such resolution and the plat accompanying the same, this petitioner will be forever cut off from any use of said adjoining lands, and will be restricted to its present insufficient terminal accommodation.

And your petitioner believes and avers that the terminal business in said city of said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, can be done with entire safety, convenience and economy, by the joint use with this corporation of tracks and of freight depots to be constructed and maintained by your petitioner upon said lands, and with very much less cost to said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company than will be involved in the laying of its own tracks and the construction of its own buildings and the maintenance of a separate staff of employees therein; and your petitioner is ready and willing to enter into such an arrangement with said corporation, and to lay such additional tracks and erect such buildings as may be needed therefor. And your petitioner avers that the joint use of tracks and buildings so to be constructed and maintained, will afford ample accommodation for the existing business of both of said roads, and permit suitable provision to be made for

a large increase of traffic in the future, whereby the interests of the city of Providence will be greatly promoted.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that your honorable body will inquire into the matters set forth herein and take such further action that justice may be done in the premises.

And your petitioner is ready and willing, and hereby offers to submit the question of its equitable right to the use of the land so originally granted to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, to three or more disinterested men to be agreed upon, whose award, or the award of a majority of whom shall be final.

NEW YORK & NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD CO.

By WM. T. HART.

No. 442. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to examine and report upon the communication of the New York and New England Railroad Company.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the communication of the New York and New England Railroad Company, in relation to "Cove Lands," is hereby referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Burnham, Peirce and Green, of the common council, and aldermen Hayward and Mowry together with His Honor the Mayor, to examine and report thereon.

No. 443. Resolution requesting the City Solicitor to urge the immediate trial of the bill in equity, Providence Land Company vs. City of Providence, and authorizing the employment of additional counsel.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be, and he is hereby requested to urge the immediate trial of the Bill in Equity, Providence Land Company vs. City of Providence; and that

the city solicitor with the approval of the mayor and the joint standing committee on ordinances, be authorized to employ such additional counsel as he may deem necessary, to assist him in the trial of said cause.

No. 444. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District, to Patrick May.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Patrick May, certain lands in the Brook street district bounded and described as per description marked A, hereunto annexed, whenever said Patrick May shall convey to the city of Providence, certain lands in the Brook street district, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, bounded and described as per description marked B, hereunto annexed; and the city solicitor shall cause the title of said lands to be examined before the transfer thereof.

DESCRIPTION A.

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of lot, at a point situated in the easterly line of Traverse street, and twenty-five and twenty-two one hundredths (25.22) feet, in a northerly direction, from the northeasterly corner of said Traverse street and Shamrock street; thence in a northerly direction in the said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of seventy-five and twenty-two one hundredths (75.22) feet; thence in an easterly direction, at right angles to said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of fifty and three-tenths (50.3) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of seventy-five and twenty-two one hundredths (75.22) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of fifty and three-tenths (50.3) feet, to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION B.

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of lot at a point situated in the easterly line of Traverse street, and twenty-five and twenty-two one hundredths (25.22) feet, in a northerly direction, from the northeasterly corner of said Traverse street and Shamrock street; thence in a northerly direction in the said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of seventy-five and twenty-two one hundredths (75.22) feet; thence in an easterly direction, at right angles to said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of fifty and fifteen one hundredths (50.15) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of seventy-five and twenty-two one hundredths (75.22) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of fifty and fifteen one hundredths (50.15) feet, to the point of beginning.

No. 445. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain land in the Brook Street District, to Francis McLoughlin.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Francis McLaughlin, certain land in the Brook street district bounded and described as per description marked A, hereunto annexed, whenever the said Francis McLaughlin shall convey to the city of Providence, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, certain land in the Brook street district, bounded and described as per description marked B, hereunto annexed; and the city solicitor shall cause the title of said land to be examined before the transfer thereof.

DESCRIPTION A.

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Ives street and Bower street, thence in a southerly direction in the westerly line of

said Ives street, for a distance of fifty (50) feet; thence in a westerly direction, at right angles to said westerly line of Ives street, for a distance of forty-four and ninety-three one hundredths (44.93) feet; thence in a northerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety-one (91) degrees and twelve (12) minutes, for a distance of forty-nine and five one hundredths (49.05) feet, to a point in the southerly line of said Bower street, thence in an easterly direction in said southerly line of Bower street, for a distance of forty-five and ninety-seven one hundredths (45.97) feet, to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION B.

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Ives street and Bower street, thence in a southerly direction, in the westerly line of said Ives street, for a distance of fifty (50) feet; thence in a westerly direction at right angles to said westerly line of Ives street, for a distance of forty-five (45) feet; thence in a northerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of fifty (50) feet, to a point in the southerly line of said Bower street, thence in an easterly direction in the said southerly line of Bower street for a distance of forty-five (45) feet to the point of beginning.

No. 446. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in the Brook Street District, to the Providence Gas Company.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to the Providence Gas Company, certain lands in the Brook street district bounded and described as per description marked A, hereunto annexed, whenever said Providence Gas Company, shall convey to the city of Providence by deed, satisfactory to

the city solicitor, certain lands in the Brook street district, bounded and described as per description marked B, and the city solicitor shall cause the title to said lands to be examined before the transfer thereof.

DESCRIPTION A.

I. Lots at the southeasterly corner of Traverse and Pike streets.

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly corner of Traverse street and Pike street; thence in an easterly direction in the southerly line of said Pike street, for a distance of one hundred fifty and six-tenths (150.6) feet; thence in a southerly direction, at right angle to said southerly line of Pike street, for a distance of one hundred and three-tenths (100.3) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees for a distance of twenty-five and eight one hundredths (25.8) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of two hundred and seventy (270) degrees, for a distance of one hundred and three-tenths (100.3) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of one hundred twenty-five and fifty-two one hundredths (125.52) feet, to a point in the easterly line of the said Traverse street; thence in a northerly direction, in the said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of two hundred and six-tenths (200.6) feet, to the point of beginning.

II. Lot at the northeasterly corner of Traverse and Shamrock streets.

Beginning at a point in the northeasterly corner of Traverse street and Shamrock street, thence in a northerly direction in the easterly line of said Traverse street, for a distance of twenty-five and twenty-two one hundredths (25.22) feet; thence in an easterly direction, at right angles to said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of fifty and three-tenths (50.3) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior

angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of twenty-five and twenty-two one hundredths (25.22) feet, to a point in the northerly line of said Shamrock street; thence in a westerly direction, in the said northerly line of Shamrock street, for a distance of fifty and three-tenths (50.3) feet, to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION B.

I. Lots at the southeasterly corner of Traverse and Pike streets.

Beginning at a point in the southeasterly corner of Traverse street and Pike street; thence in an easterly direction in the southerly line of said Pike street, for a distance of one hundred and fifty and forty-five one hundredths (150.45) feet; thence in a southerly direction at right angles to said southerly line of Pike street, for a distance of one hundred and three-tenths (100.3) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of twenty-five and eight-one hundredths (25.08) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of two hundred and seventy (270) degrees, for a distance of one hundred and three-tenths (100.3) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of one hundred twenty-five and thirty-seven one hundredths (125.37) feet, to a point in the easterly line of the said Traverse street; thence in a northerly direction, in the said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of two hundred and six-tenths (200.6) feet, to the point of beginning.

II. Lot at the northeasterly corner of Traverse and Shamrock streets.

Beginning at a point in the northeasterly corner of Traverse street and Shamrock street; thence in a northerly direction in the easterly line of said Traverse street, for a distance of twenty-five and seven one hundredths (25.07) feet; thence in an easterly direction, at right angles to said easterly line of Traverse street, for a distance of fifty and fifteen one hundredths

(50.15) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of twenty-five and seven one hundredths (25.07) feet, to a point in the northerly line of said Shamrock street; thence in a westerly direction in the said northerly line of Shamrock street, for a distance of fifty and fifteen one hundredths (50.15) feet, to the point of beginning.

No. 447. Resolution crediting the New York and New England Railroad Company with \$108.25.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to give the New York and New England Railroad Company, credit upon his books for the sum of one hundred and eight dollars and twenty-five cents, against the payment due from said railroad company January 1, 1879, of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, under section six of the ordinances passed January 11, 1864, allowing the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company to lay rails in certain streets in the city of Providence; and if the said payment, due January 1, 1879, of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, has already been made, then the city treasurer is directed to refund said sum of one hundred and eight dollars and twenty-five cents to said railroad company, charging said payment to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 448. Resolution refunding to Henry C. Bushnell \$25.47 of Sewer tax paid by him.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Henry C. Bushnell, of Cranston, the sum of \$25.47, being the amount of a tax laid on his lot, on Vernon street, lot num-

ber 84 on assessors' plat 28, for the sewer in Vinton street before the passage of general statutes of Rhode Island, chapter 635, of May 31, 1877, and paid by him into the city treasury, February 14, 1878; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for sewers.

No. 449. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Handy street.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Handy street, about two hundred and eighty feet north from Amherst street.

No. 450. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of October, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 451. Report of the Joint Special Committee, upon the division of the Tenth Ward into two Voting Districts.

[Presented, October 18, 1879.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council appointed by resolution No. 367, approved September 6, 1879, "to define and divide the tenth ward into two voting districts," respectfully report :

That in discharging the duty assigned to it, the endeavor has been made to select a line of division that would accommodate the greatest number, be nearly straight, and divide the ward into two voting districts of nearly equal voting population.

Believing as the committee unanimously do, that a line drawn through the center of Smith street, from the first ward line, to the North Providence line, would accomplish the object specified, the recommendation is made by your committee, that said line of division be adopted, and for that purpose the accompanying bill for an ordinance is presented, the passage of which, the committee recommends.

For the committee,

JAMES McNALLY, Chairman.

No. 452. Resolution authorizing the employment of five additional Primary School Teachers.

[Approved October 18, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be, and they are hereby authorized, to employ not to exceed five assistant primary school teachers, in addition to the number prescribed by ordinance; and that the authority granted in said resolution, date from September 1st, 1879.

No. 453. Resolution to hire Elmwood Hall for one year, from July 1st, 1879, for school purposes.

[Approved October 21, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education be, and they are hereby authorized to hire of Messrs. C. A. and W. F. Gladding, Elmwood hall, so called, for one year, from July 1st, 1879, at a rental not to exceed six hundred dollars; said hall to be used for school purposes.

 IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

 OCTOBER 20, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

Licenses to buy and sell junk and second-hand articles, are severally granted to the following persons, viz. :

Levi Boudry, Samuel A. Cooley.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted as follows :

To Martin Hogan, at the Worcester Railroad repair shop ; Providence Pile Driving Co., on the cove lands, west of the city yard.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

 OCTOBER 20, 1879.

Upon the petition of Thomas Lewis and Margaret Lewis, for compensation, for injuries received by said Margaret Lewis on Calais street, it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

 IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 454. Resolution to lease the City Building.

[Passed in Common Council September 29, 1879. Passed in Board of Aldermen, October 2, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, October 20, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby authorized to lease at its discretion, for a term of ten years from October 1, 1879, the city building on Market square.

No. 455. Monthly Report of the City Auditor for
September.

[Presented October 20, 1879.]

City council file, October 23, 1879.

No. 456. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of
certain lands in the Brook Street District, to Mary
A. Gerald.

[Approved October 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Mary A. Gerald, certain lands in the Brook street district, bounded and described as per description marked A, hereunto annexed, whenever the said Mary A. Gerald shall convey to the city of Providence by deed, satisfactory to the city solicitor, certain lands in said district, bounded and described as per description B, hereunto annexed, and the city solicitor shall cause the title of said lands to be examined before the transfer is made.

DESCRIPTION A.

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly corner of India street and Grosvenor street, as established in a new layout, approved November 13, 1876; thence in a westerly direction in the northerly line of said India street, for a distance of seventy-seven and sixty-eight one hundredths (77.68) feet; thence in a northerly direction, at right angles to said northerly line of India street, for a distance of seventy-four and eighty-eight one hundredths (74.88) feet: thence in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of one hundred and seven (107) degrees and forty-five (45) minutes, for a distance of seventeen and forty-six one hundredths (17.46) feet; thence continuing in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of one hundred sixty-two (162) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes, for a distance of sixty-one and five one hundredths (61.05) feet;

to a point in the westerly line of said Grosvenor street; thence in a southerly direction, in the said westerly line of Grosvenor street for a distance of eighty and two tenths (80.2) feet, to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION B.

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of lot, at a point situated in the northerly line of India street and thirty-one and fifty-eight one hundredths (31.58) feet, in a westerly direction from the northwesterly corner of said India street and Grosvenor street, as originally laid out; thence in a westerly direction in said northerly line of India street, for a distance of seventy-eight and twenty five one hundredths (78.25) feet; thence in a northerly direction, at right angles to said northerly line of India street, for a distance of seventy-four and eighty-eight one hundredths (74.88) feet; thence in an easterly direction making an interior angle of one hundred seven (107) degrees and forty-five (45) minutes, for a distance of seventeen and forty-six one hundredths (17.46) feet; thence continuing in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of one hundred and sixty-two (162) degrees and fifteen (15) minutes, for a distance of sixty-one and sixty-two one hundredths (61.62) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of eighty and two tenths (80.2) feet, to the point of beginning.

No. 457. Message of the Mayor, returning with his objections a bill entitled "An Ordinance dividing the Tenth Ward into two Voting Districts."

[Presented October 20, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
October 20, 1879. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I am compelled to return without my signature the bill, enti-

ted, "An ordinance dividing the tenth ward into two voting districts," which passed the common council on the 13th inst., and the board of aldermen on the 16th inst.

There is no doubt that the ward should be divided as proposed, but I am forced to object to the passage of this bill, because there is no statutory provision for the organization of the two districts, or the election of wardens and clerks therefor.

Section 2, of chapter 382, of the public laws, (book of ordinances, page 237,) passed April 3, 1874, authorizes the city council to divide any ward into two or more voting districts, but section 4 of the same act provides only for the election of ward officers for such districts as might have been established prior to the second Wednesday of November, 1874.

There being no authority to make the voting lists for the proposed election districts, the passage of the ordinance will disfranchise the voters of the tenth ward; hence the matter must remain until the general assembly can provide for the election of officers for voting districts, established by the city council.

I suggest that a resolution be adopted, directing the city solicitor to apply for such legislation.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CHAPTER CXLII.

No. 458. An Ordinance dividing the Tenth Ward into two voting districts.

[Approved, October 18, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. The tenth ward is hereby divided into two voting districts, to be known as the first district and second district,

SECTION 2. The first district shall comprise all that portion of said ward, that lies south and west of a line drawn through the centre of Smith street, from the line dividing the first and tenth wards to the North Providence line; and the second district shall comprise all that portion of said ward, which lies north and east of said line.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OCTOBER, 23, 1879.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :—

M. C. Grier & Co., bridge department,.....	\$21 11	Providence & Worcester Railroad Co., bridge department	\$4 08
--	---------	--	--------

William Hughes is granted a license to buy and sell junk and second hand articles.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted as follows :—

To Olmsted Light Co., at the corner of Westminster and Union street; to A. Crawford Greene & Son, at No. 22 Canal street.

Permission to build barns is severally granted as follows :

To Hiram C. Clark, at No. 17 Willow street; to Mary O'Brien, at No. 39 Bates street; to Patrick Rogers, at No. 45 Putnam street.

The following are severally read and passed :

Resolution changing the grade of South Water street, from James street to Transit street.

Resolution establishing the grade of Sovereign street, from South Main street to South Water street.

Resolution directing the city clerk to register the names of voters, between the hours of seven and nine o'clock each Saturday evening, from November 15, to December 31, 1879.

OCTOBER 27, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received. License is granted to Martin V. Newton to keep a tavern at No. 15 College street.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Alpheus Fenner, for remission of tax.

James Haggarty and wife, for compensation for damages to estate on Blackstone street.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the November term of the United States Circuit Court.

NOVEMBER 3, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum and monthly report of the inspector of steam boilers are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Charles H. Hunt.....	55 13	L. Wright.....	\$13 00
Billings Bros.....	10 25	Edwin Cole.....	36 00
George W. Sabre.....	171 37	William C. Hammond.....	6 97
U. T. A. Flute Band.....	33 00	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	93 13
W. E. & T. C. Gladding ...	35 00	Janitor's pay-roll.....	286 50
D. O. Ring.....	5 00	Pay-roll.....	14,519 16
William H. Reynolds.....	16 25		

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Inspector of Steam Boilers.	\$5 00	Barker, Chadsey & Co.....	\$33 95
C. J. Claffin & Co.....	7 32	James A. Potter & Co	105 59
Potter & Gardiner.....	3 78	Francis S. Turner.....	98 51
W. E. Lawton & Co.....	4 23	Pay-roll, Point street bridge,	286 85
A. C. Eddy & Studleys.....	10 62	Belcher Bros.....	105 67
Henry Staples & Co.....	18 75	Labor pay-roll.....	136 27
George E. Boynton.....	26 70	W. H. Miller & Co..	19 78
Henry M. Angell & Co....	33 21	W. H. Fenner & Co.....	14 50
B. F. Greene.....	23 55	A. C. Williams.....	19 72
Winsor & Brown.....	85 61		

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

A. E. Field & Son, health department.....	\$550 00	Labor pay-roll, lamp department.....	\$125 52
Pay-roll lamp department.	2,397 48		

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Thomas J. Hudson on Sayles street, and to John Sallesses, at No. 40 McKenna street.

Permission is granted to John R. Read, to operate a steam boiler at No. 276 Dyer street,

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Designating places for holding ward meetings for the city election.

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on Acorn, Oak, Peace, and Silver Spring streets, and on street running from Woodward road to Veazie street.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

NOVEMBER 3, 1879.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

A. R. Darling & Co., for damages caused by obstructions on Benefit street; and Kenrick Walker, et al., for a relay of Borva street

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 459. Resolution for making Cypress Street passable.

[Approved November 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they

are hereby directed to make Cypress street, between North Main and Camp streets, passable, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and twenty dollars; to be charged to repairs on unpaved streets.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER 6, 1879.

A bill of William Duffy, coroner, amounting to three dollars, is examined and allowed.

Licenses are granted as follows :

To Anna Rosenfield, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles, at No. 201 South Main street; and to Hiram L. Freeman, to keep a victualling house, at No. 93 Bridgham street.

The following are read and passed, viz. :

Resolution authorizing the highway commissioners to repair with asphalt blocks, the roadway running from Custom House street to Post Office court, between the custom house and the Vaughan building.

Order changing the names of the following streets, viz. : Railroad street, (ninth ward), to Byfield street; Abbott's lane, (first ward), to Abbott street.

Permission is granted to the American screw company to build a barn on Stampers street.

The bond of George H. Bucklin, constable, is approved.

Ordered that the following be indefinitely postponed, viz. : Resolution directing the building of chutes on Gano street. Resolution authorizing certain changes in the stables of fire stations numbers ten and fifteen.

Upon the petition of William H. Robinson, to be appointed

a weigher of coal and other merchandize; it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Jurors are drawn to serve at the December term of the court of common pleas.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

CHAPTER CXLIII.

No. 460. An Ordinance fixing the Salary of the Mayor from and after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1880.

[Passed in Common Council, October 20, 1879. Passed in Board of Aldermen, October 23, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, November 10, 1879.]

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

SECTION 1. From and after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1880, the mayor shall receive a salary, payable monthly, of thirty-three hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 2. All ordinances, and parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

No. 461. Resolution for Paving Sovereign street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed, to pave Sovereign street, between South Water and South Main streets, with cobble stones; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 462. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Powdermill street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Powdermill street, about three hundred and seventy feet northerly from West River street, as a public highway.

No. 463. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Capwell street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Capwell street, from West River street to Powdermill street, as a public highway.

No. 464. Resolution granting permission to H. C. Moulton, to raise a building.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to H. C. Moulton, to raise a certain building located on the south side of Welcome avenue, pursuant to his petition.

No. 465. Resolution relative to bills for labor on the new Crusher building.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby authorized to charge to the appropriation for unpaved streets, all bills for labor contracted on account of the new crusher building.

No. 466. Semi-Annual Report of the City Solicitor.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

City document No. 31.

No. 467. Message of the Mayor relative to purchasing of land for the North Burial Ground.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 3, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The North Burial ground contains upward of one hundred and twenty acres of land, a portion of which, say about fifteen acres, is so swampy as to be unfit for burial purposes, unless filled to a sufficient depth to permit graves to be dug therein.

On the west of and adjoining the railroad bed of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company and the Boston and Providence Railroad Company is a tract of land, containing about two and three-quarter acres, belonging to Hon. Edward P. Knowles, which he will sell to the city on proper terms. This parcel of land adjoins land recently purchased by the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, and upon both tracts there is a considerable elevation of sand excellent for filling the low portion of the cemetery, and is so near thereto as to be easily available for the purpose.

The quantity of earth which can be removed from the land of Mr. Knowles will be from eighty thousand to one hundred thousand cubic yards, and will be determined by the grades which may be hereafter established on the streets in the vicinity thereof.

This earth will make about five acres of saleable lots in the burial ground, which, at present selling prices will yield upwards of seventy-five thousand dollars.

The removal of the earth will also furnish employment during the winter season for the unemployed, who, as usual, will be pressing the overseer of the poor for aid or work.

I recommend the purchase of the land by the city, and that in the resolution giving authority therefor there be included a provision that when the land has been graded it shall be sold under the direction of the committee on city property, and the proceeds thereof returned to the city treasury, to balance the outlay therefor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 468. Resolution referring the message of the Mayor, relative to the purchasing of land for the North Burial Ground.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message dated November 3, 1879, relative to the purchase of land for the purpose of filling certain swampy portions of the north burial ground, be referred to the joint committee on the north burial ground to examine and report thereon.

No. 469. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

City council file, November 6, 1879.

No. 470. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

City council file, November 6, 1879.

No. 471. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee
on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

City council file, November 6, 1879.

No. 472. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer, on
the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

City council file, November 6, 1879.

No. 473. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of
the Fire Department.

Presented November 3, 1879.]

City council file, November 6, 1879.

No. 474. Monthly Report of the City Messenger, for
October.

[Presented November 3, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of October last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept and are now in good condition.

Bills for the month, including pay rolls, have been presented and paid, amounting to five hundred dollars and forty-nine cents.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,
City Messenger.

No. 475. Resolution approving of the Appointments and Compensation of certain employees of the Water Department.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the list of certain employees of the water department, communicated to the city council April 14, 1879, is hereby approved, together with the compensation named for each in said list.

COMMUNICATION OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS IN RELATION TO SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 14, 1879.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The undersigned, to whom, on March 31, 1879, was recommitted their communication of March 15, 1879, "to revise the list and report a new bill," respectfully present the following list of employees, whose compensation exceeds the sum of \$1,000 per annum, for approval of appointments and compensation by your honorable body:

Andrew B. Purdy, superintendent of pipe work, compenstion, \$1,400 per annum, being a reduction of two hundred dollars.

S. Horace Wheeler, superintendent of service pipe work, compensation, \$1,200 per annum, being a reduction of one hundred dollars.

Simeon Noell, pumping engineer at Pettaconsett, compensation, \$1,400 per annum, being a reduction of two hundred dollars.

Charles B. Smith, pumping engineer at hope station, compensation, \$1,200 per annum, being a reduction of three hundred dollars.

Joseph F. Plant, pumping engineer at hope station, compensation, \$1,100 per annum, being a reduction of one hundred dollars.

Allen Aldrich, superintendent of cleaning and repairs of sewers, compensation, \$1,300 per annum, being an increase of two hundred dollars.

Agreements have been made with the above named parties, subject to the approval of the city council, to take effect on the first instant.

The remainder of the list of employees sent to the city council, March 15, 1879, whose compensation exceeds the sum of \$1,000, having been previously approved, is not now reported, as no change is recommended.

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

No. 476. Resolution to pay James D. Collins ten dollars and forty cents for gravel taken from Gesler Street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay James D. Collins, the sum of ten dollars and forty cents, whenever said Collins shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a release satisfactory to the city solicitor of all claims against said city, for gravel taken from Gesler street, so called, a private way in said city; said payment to be charged to the highway appropriation for unpaved streets.

No. 477. Resolution to pay John B. Hennessey One Hundred dollars for gravel taken from his land on Fillmore Street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to make to John B. Hennessey, a formal and legal tender of one hundred dollars, in full satisfaction of all claims of said Hennessey against the city of Providence, for gravel taken from his land on Fillmore street; said tender when accepted, to be charged to the highway appropriation for unpaved streets.

No. 478. Resolution referring the petition of Edwin M. Snow, relative to Sewer Assessments, to the City Solicitor, for his opinion thereon.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the petition of Edwin M. Snow, with the accompanying papers relative to the remission and repayment of certain sewer assessments, be submitted to the city solicitor.

tor, with instructions to return the same with his opinion and recommendation thereon, after the supreme court shall have decided the pending actions involving the validity of sewer assessments.

No. 479. Resolution making an Appropriation for Sewers.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the construction of sewers; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 480. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Asia Street and in Gesler Street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six inch water pipes to be laid in Asia street, between America street and Tefft street; and in Gesler street, about eighty feet westerly from its present termination in said street.

No. 481. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of November, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 482. Quarterly Report of the Highway Commissioners.

[Presented November 6, 1879.]

City document, No. 30.

No. 483. Resolution for Curbing Dover Street.

[Approved November 11, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Dover street, from Academy avenue to Carleton street, at a cost not to exceed fourteen hundred and seventy five dollars; to be paid out of the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 484. Message of the Mayor relative to the Election of Wardens and Ward Clerks in the Tenth Ward.

[Presented November 10, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
November 10, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The general assembly, at the special session on Saturday last, passed an act dividing the tenth ward into two voting districts, and providing for the election by the city council, in convention, of wardens and clerks for said districts.

I, therefore, recommend that the two branches of the city council meet in convention this evening, for the election of these officers.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CONVENTION.

NOVEMBER 10, 1879.

The following officers are elected, viz. :

Pound keeper at the sixth police station, in the tenth ward,
Michael Queenan.

Warden of the the tenth ward, first district, Joseph N. B.
Meegan.

Warden of the tenth ward, second district, James W.
Skees.

Clerk of the tenth ward, first district, John B. Kennedy.

Clerk of the tenth ward, second district, Thomas J.
Halliday.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER 10, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and
received.

Thomas N. Barr is granted permission to connect his estate
with the old drain in Bacon street.

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Rescinding so much of the resolution passed November
3, 1879, which directs the ward meeting for the city election,
in the tenth ward, to be held in the school house on Orms street.

Directing the ward meetings in the tenth ward, for the
city election on the fourth Tuesday in November, 1879, to be
held at the following places, viz. :

First district, at the engine house on Putnam street ;

Second district, at the school house on West River street.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER 11, 1879.

A resolution requesting the highway commissioners "to remove the wooden posts placed in the streets by the water department, to protect hydrants from being damaged, and place instead sufficient amount of curbing to protect said hydrants," is passed.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salary of the city engineer from and after the first Monday in January, 1880," having passed the common council, is read, and the board do not concur therein.

NOVEMBER 13, 1879.

James H. Staples is granted a license to keep a victualling house, at No. 159 Canal street; and Joseph K. Dexter is granted permission to connect with old drain in Doyle avenue.

The following are severally granted permission to build barns, viz.:

James Brennan, at the corner of South Water and Cent streets; John Fitzgerald, at No. 84 Blackstone street.

Resolutions are passed as follows:

Requesting the highway commissioners, to cause concrete sidewalks to be laid as follows:

On Chapin avenue, from No. 13 to Parade street;

On the north side of Meeting street, from Hope street to Congdon street;

On the west side of Parade street, from Wood street to Chapin avenue.

Directing the highway commissioners, to cause Park street bridge to be closed to travel.

Directing the city clerk to notify the railroad companies interested in the Orms street bridge, of the unsafe condition of the same, and request immediate attention thereto.

Establishing the grade of Pacific street.

The street committee, to whom was referred the following matters, report thereon without recommendation; whereupon it is ordered that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, viz. :

Petition of Sarah A. and Frank G. Allen, relative to Knight street ;

Petition of J. Doherty and others, for change of grade of Earle's lane ;

Resolution to consider the subject, relative to the sidewalk on Dyer street, adjoining the estate of Alexander Duncan ;

Petition of George W. Hall, relative to a shed at the foot of Planet street ;

Resolution relative to the report of the committee, to lay out South Main street, from James street to Transit street ;

Resolution referring the matter of bringing Pawtucket avenue to grade ;

Resolution relative to Westminster street in front of the Beckwith estate.

Ordered, that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Thomas Conway, for damages to his estate on Senter street ;

William B. Crowell, for damages to his estate by a change of grade of Bower street ;

Hugh Trainor, for amount of claim for grading Wickenden street.

The following are indefinitely postponed, viz. :

The further consideration of a communication of the city engineer, relative to the lines of South Water street ;

A resolution relative to alterations in the Fountain street school building.

The following policemen are appointed, viz. :

Chester H. Blood,	Welcome W. Foye,
Frederick A. Daniels,	Isaac B. Lovell.

NOVEMBER 17, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.
 Permission is granted to John Leddy, to build a barn at
 No. 98 Douglas avenue.

The following accounts are allowed, viz. :

Louis W. Clarke, lamp de- partment.....	\$6 95	Labor pay-roll, lamp depart- ment.....	\$61 49
--	--------	---	---------

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Directing the city clerk to print eight thousand ballots "for"
 and eight thousand "against the granting of licenses for the
 sale of intoxicating liquors";

Resolution directing the highway commissioners to repair
 Dorrance street near the corner of Weybosset street.

A message from the mayor relative to the charges preferred
 by Henry C. Clark against the police department, is presented,
 read and ordered to be placed on file.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 485. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Ashburton
 Street.

[Approved November 13, 1879]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed
 to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Ashburton street,
 about four hundred and thirty feet north-westerly from Web-
 ster street.

No. 486. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in George Street.

[Approved November 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in George street, between Ives and Gano streets.

No. 487. Resolution to curb Gallup Street.

[Approved November 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Gallup street, from Plane street to Ocean street, at a cost not to exceed five hundred and sixty-four dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 488. Resolution remitting a Personal Property Tax of \$70, erroneously assessed against Edwin Munsey.

[Approved November 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the tax of \$70 assessed against Edwin Munsey, on personal property in 1879, be remitted; said Munsey being domiciled in the State of Massachusetts when such assessment was erroneously made.

No. 489. Resolution to Curb Printery Street.

[Approved November, 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Printery street, from Nash lane to Thurber's lane;

at a cost not to exceed fourteen hundred and three dollars : to be paid out of the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 490. Resolution granting permission to John Bennis to raise a building.

[Approved November 17, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Bennis to raise a certain building located at No. 27 Abbott's lane, pursuant to his petition.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER, 20, 1879.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

BRIDGE BILLS.

Winsor and Brown,.....	\$21 03	James H. Tower,.....	\$247 78
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co.,.....	11 75	William D. Sherman,	513 67
Eben Allen.....	118 25	The Prov. Steam Engine Co.,	94 63
Volney W. Mason & Co.,.....	47 51	J. L. Peirce & Co.,.....	12 84
Wood & Winsor,.....	43 92	James A. Potter & Co.,.....	83 78

S. R. Weeden & Son, are granted permission to operate a steam boiler at the Randall mill, on Branch avenue.

The report of the committee to lay out Ashburton street, from Martin street to Borva street, is rejected.

Upon the report of the committee to lay out South Main street, from James street to Transit street, it is ordered that the same be approved, received and recorded.

Resolutions changing the grade of the following streets are passed, viz. :

Greenwich street, from Carter street to Reservoir avenue ; Reservoir avenue, from Greenwich street to the Providence and Stonington railroad bridge.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 491. Resolution to amend Section 4, of Chapter 89, of City Ordinances, relative to Employees of Water Department.

[Passed in Common Council November 3, 1879. Passed in Board of Aldermen November 6, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, November 24, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on ordinances be, and they are, hereby instructed to report an ordinance, so amending section four, of chapter eighty-nine, of city ordinances, as shall provide that annually, in the month of March, all employees of the water department, whose compensation shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per year, shall be approved, and their salaries confirmed, by the city council.

CHAPTER CXLIV.

No. 492. An Ordinance establishing the Salaries of certain Officers of the City of Providence, from and after the first Monday in January, 1880.

[Passed in Common Council, November 3, 1879. Concurred with an amendment, in Board of Aldermen, November 6, 1879. Amendment concurred, in Common Council, November 10, 1879. Became a law upon the adjournment of the Common Council, November 24, 1879.]

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 hereinafter named, from and after the first Monday in January, 1880, shall be at the following rates per annum, payable monthly, unless otherwise ordered :

To the city treasurer, thirty-two hundred dollars.

- To the city auditor, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars.
 To the judge of the municipal court, two thousand dollars.
 To the chief of police, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars.
 To the overseer of the poor, fourteen hundred dollars.
 To the harbor master, twelve hundred dollars, including the duties of superintendent of dredging.
 To the city messenger, sixteen hundred dollars.
 To each water commissioner, five hundred dollars.
- SEC. 2. All ordinances, and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

NOVEMBER 24, 1879.

Upon the petition of Lloyd B. Simmons, executor, for remission of tax, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NOVEMBER 26, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum, and monthly report of the overseer of the poor, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

E. T. Burbank, street signs..	\$36 05	Edward S. Rhodes, summoning witnesses	\$41 50
William Mason, health department	123 00	George W. Wightman, support of poor	254 85
Edwin E. Calder, inspector of milk.....	50 00	George W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard...	2 33

J. Oscar Burgess is granted permission to give a masquerade ball at No. 34 North Main street, December 8, 1879.

Frank M. Munroe is appointed a police constable, without power to serve civil process.

Permission to build barns is granted as follows :

To Ira Hopkins, on Wood street ; James J. Newman, at No. 19 Wilson street.

The votes cast at the city election held on the fourth Tuesday in November, 1879, are counted in open board meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish to each of the persons declared to be duly elected thereat, a certificate of their election.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 493. Resolution authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Sewers, to arrange with Henry C. Clark et al., relative to an Outlet for the Dorrance Street Sewer.

[Approved November 28, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on sewers, acting under the advice and approval of the city solicitor, is hereby authorized to arrange with Henry C. Clark and others, for an outlet for the sewage from the Dorrance street sewer across Dorrance street wharf into tide water, and for a settlement of all suits and claims against the city, or others in any way growing out of the construction of said sewer, or the discharging of sewage into Dorrance street dock, by the conveyance to said Clark of the two lots of land on said wharf which were conveyed to the city in 1872, or otherwise, in accordance with a report of said committee upon said matters presented to the board of aldermen, July 24th, 1879.

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, when advised thereto by the joint standing committee on sewers, are hereby directed to construct an outlet for the sewage from Dorrance street sewer across Dorrance street wharf into tide water, in accordance with plans proposed therefor, by the city engineer, and approved by the council, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the construction of sewers.

No. 494. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Asia street.

[Approved November 28, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Asia street, from America street to Tefft street, as a public highway.

No. 495. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Carpenter street.

[Approved November 28, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Carpenter street, from Federal street to Knight street, as a public highway.

No. 496. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Greenland street.

[Approved November 28, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Greenland street, from Ashburton street to Charles street, as a public highway.

No. 497. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Hendrick street.

[Approved November 28, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Hendrick street, from Academy avenue to Mt. Pleasant avenue, as a public highway.

No. 498. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to relay Westminster street.

[Approved November 28, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to relay Westminster street, on the south side of said street, from Greene street to High street.

No. 499. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer for October, 1879.

[Presented November 24, 1879.]

City council file, November 26, 1879.

No. 500. Report of the Joint Committee on the Harbor, upon the Mayor's Message of September 1, 1879, relative to Dredging in the Harbor.

[Presented November 24, 1879.]

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

The joint standing committee on the harbor, to whom was referred the mayor's message of September 1, 1879, suggesting the deposition of material dredged by the contractor with the general government, upon the west side "flats," hereby report :

That the Atlantic Dredging Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., now engaged for the general government in deepening the channel between Fox Point and Sassafras Light, is provided with scows suitable only for conveying the dredged material into deep water, and its plans cannot well be changed without cost to the company, and hindering its operations. It is there-

fore considered impracticable at present to deposit the material referred to upon the "flats."

The delay in this report has arisen from the fact, that until within a few days the committee had been unable to confer with the agent of the dredging company.

Respectfully submitted for the committee.

CHARLES E. CARPENTER, Chairman.

No. 501. Resolution to pay Susan J. H. Bongartz
\$16.75, for damages to her Estate.

[Approved November 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Susan J. H. Bongartz, the sum of sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents, in full settlement of all claims for damages to the Bongartz building, No. 275 High street, by the city fire alarm telegraph, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 502. Resolution to pay Central Baptist Society
\$200 for use of Bell and Tower for fire alarm.

[Approved November 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to pay to the Central Baptist Society, the sum of two hundred dollars, in full settlement of their claim for use of bell and tower for fire alarm purposes, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 503. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Milk street.

[Approved November 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause six-inch water pipes to be laid in Milk street, between Public and Peace streets, a distance of about five hundred and eight feet.

No. 504. Resolution to lay out Audrey street.

[Approved November 29, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Audrey street, from Bowdoin street to Delaine street, as a public highway.

No. 505. Resolution to pay Patrick Shanley \$135, in full for all claims.

[Approved December 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick Shanley the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars, whenever said Shanley shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence, a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims against said city arising from any work heretofore done, or caused to be done, by said city upon Jackson avenue.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 2, 1879.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

Samuel O. Aborn.....	\$29 80	Thomas J. Lucas.....	\$107 25
Barker, Chadsey & Co.....	5 50	John Underwood.....	75 00
A. J. Magoon & Co.....	9 00	Billings Bros.....	9 50
Charles H. Hunt.....	43 72	Janitors' pay roll.....	283 00
C. W. Clapp & Co.....	42 50	J. H. & J. B. Sweet.....	120 40
Wm B. Cranston.....	27 50	Charles H. Hunt.....	50 66
James W. Sanders.....	123 75	Pay roll.....	14,004 00

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT BILLS.

James A. Potter & Co.....	\$9 38	Pay roll (Point street bridge)	
J. L. Peirce & Co.....	4 33	for November.....	\$277 50
Fuller Iron Works.....	12 20	G. M. Freeborn & Co.....	44 56
Pay roll (labor) for Novem-		R. I. Locomotive Works....	16 15
ber.....	80 16	A. C. Williams.....	13 48
Belcher Bros.....	10 35	Wood & Winsor.....	16 90

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Narragansett Hotel.....	\$17 00	George S. Knutton & Son,	
A. E. Field & Son, health		use of wardroom.....	\$75 00
department.....	550 00	Pay rolls, lamp depart-	
		ment.....	2,412 24

Licenses are granted to the following persons, viz :

To Felix McCollun, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles at No. 76 South Water street; Albert T. Carr, to give a masquerade ball at the old church building on Wickenden street on December 16, 1879.

John L. James is granted permission to build a barn on Alma street.

Resolutions are passed as follows :

Directing the superintendent of lights to set up lamps on Elmwood avenue, Greenwich, Middle, North and Pekin streets, and Tannery court.

Directing the police committee to examine and report upon the expediency of increasing the length of furlough allowed to each member of the police force.

James Major is appointed a police constable, without power to serve civil process.

Ordered, that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Stephen Smith, for a lamp on Camp street.

Thomas O'Donnell, for a lamp on Teft and Trainor streets.

Michael Killian, for a lamp on Chad Brown and Oregon streets.

Charles A. Phillips, for a lamp on Pekin street.

John Clark, to buy and sell junk and second hand articles.

An order is passed directing that the plat, accompanying resolution No. 507, series of 1879, relative to increased freight accommodations for the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co., on the cove lands, be certified by the city clerk, and placed on file in his office.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 506. Message of the Mayor calling a meeting of the City Council for the election of Inspector of Kerosene, in place of George A. Cole, deceased.

[Presented December 2, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
December 2, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Captain George A. Cole, who, since June, 1869, has held the office of inspector of kerosene, died on the 28th ultimo, and the chief of the fire department has, at my request, been performing the duties of inspector since that date.

As it is important that the office should be filled at the earliest practicable day, I have convened the city council at this time to take action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CONVENTION.

DECEMBER 2, 1879.

The following officers are elected, viz. :
Inspector of kerosene, William D. Child.
Weigher of cotton, James McManus.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 507. Resolution in relation to increased Freight Accommodations for the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co., on the Cove Lands.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, is hereby permitted to remove the Charity building wood yard fences and sheds, from the location now occupied by them, to the location indicated upon the plat accompanying its petition, by the lines lettered A, B, C, D, E, A ; said work to be done under the direction of the joint standing committee on city property, and to the satisfaction of said committee, and in consideration of said removal to the satisfaction of said committee and of the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum, to be paid the city of Providence by said railroad company, the area of land as indicated on said plat by the *yellow* lines thereon, lettered N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, N, may, so far as the city of Providence is concerned, remain open and free of ingress and egress, to and from Gaspee street, to all persons having business with said railroad at its freight station and cars, provided, that all rights granted under and by this resolution, shall cease, determine, and become void, upon the order of the city council of the city of Providence.

No. 508. Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

[Presented December 2, 1879.]

City council file, December 2, 1879.

No. 509. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during

the quarter ending December 31, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the quarter next preceding.

No. 510. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of December, 1879, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1878.

No. 511. Resolution to pay certain Firemen.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay Thomas Atkinson, Frank M. Munroe, and John P. Fuller, call members of the fire department, who were injured at the fire July 22d, 1879, at the same rate of compensation as other call members of the fire department are paid.

No. 512. Resolution granting the use of the City Building to the Post Office Department.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the resolution directing the joint standing committee on city property to lease the city building for ten years, from October 1, 1879, is hereby suspended, and that said committee is hereby authorized to grant to the post office department the use of said building, during the term occupied in making its contemplated alterations in the Providence post office, upon such terms as to said committee may seem expedient.

No. 513. Resolution to pay Police Officer Alfred H. Gates \$25.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Alfred H. Gates, a police officer of the city of Providence, the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25,) being the amount expended by him under the advice of the city solicitor, to settle the case Frank Kenny vs. Alfred H. Gates, in the court of common pleas, an action against him for an arrest made in the performance of his duty, and under orders from his captain; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for police.

No. 514. Resolution appropriating \$1,000 for rebuilding Park Street Bridge.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the rebuilding of the bridge over the Woonasquatucket river, at the foot of Park street; said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary therefor, to be expended under the direction of the advising committee on bridges, and charged to the appropriation for public bridges.

No. 515. Resolution to procure and place on No. 6 Fire Station, on Benevolent street, a Bell for Fire Alarm purposes.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers, under the direction of the joint committee on the fire department, be authorized to procure and place in position on No. 6 fire station, Benevolent street, a suitable bell for fire alarm purposes, the cost not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 516. Resolution making an additional appropriation for Bridges.

[Approved December 3, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That in addition to the amount authorized under resolution No. 233, approved May 20, 1879, for repairs on the Point street bridge, the advising committee on bridges are hereby authorized to expend the further sum of twelve hundred dollars; the same to be charged to the appropriation for bridges.

No. 517. Monthly Report of the City Auditor.

[Presented December 8, 1879.]

City council file, December 11, 1879.

No. 518. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.

[Presented December 8, 1879.]

City council file, December 11, 1879.

No. 519. Monthly Report of the Finance Committee on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented December 8, 1879.]

City council file, December 11, 1879.

No. 520. Monthly Report of the City Treasurer, on the issue of Registered Bonds.

[Presented December 8, 1879.]

City council file, December 11, 1879.

No. 521. Monthly Report of the City Messenger, for
November.

[Presented December 8, 1879.]

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

In accordance with section 11, of chapter XXXVI. of the ordinances, the city messenger reports, that during the month of November last, the city hall and the sidewalks around the same have been kept, and are now in good condition. On account of a continued leakage in the valve of the elevator which former repairs had failed to obviate, it became necessary in order for the proper working thereof, to put in a new valve of an improved pattern ; this has been done at an expense of \$223.77. A defect occasioned by the manner in which the top stones over the porticoes of the basement doors were set, thereby creating in times of rain and snow a dampness on the inner walls, has been remedied.

Bills have been allowed and paid amounting to \$1,133.99.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,

City Messenger.

No. 522. Resolution to pay John O'Connor, Agt., \$25,
for occupation of his premises by Bath House.

[Approved December 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John O'Connor, agent, the sum of twenty-five dollars in full of all claims of said O'Connor to date, for occupation of any of his premises by the bathing house or its appurtenances, north side of Point street bridge, whenever said O'Connor shall give satisfactory receipt therefor ; said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 523. Resolution to lay water pipes in Alma street.

[Approved December 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed to lay about two hundred and fifty feet of six-inch water pipe in Alma street, westerly from the main in Candace street.

No. 524. Resolution granting permission to the American Screw Co., to build a bridge across Hewes street.

[Approved December 13, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That permission is hereby granted to the American Screw Co., to construct an iron railway bridge across Hewes street, to connect their Bay State mill with their warehouse, which are on opposite sides of said Hewes street, provided, said American Screw Co. shall at all times indemnify and save harmless and defend the city of Providence, of and from all damages, costs and expenses to which said city may be subjected or made liable, by any proceedings at law, or in equity or otherwise, growing out of the grant or continuance of the permission and privileges granted to said company by this resolution, or out of the exercise and enjoyment of the same by such company; said bridge to be built to the satisfaction of the city engineer; and provided, also, that before proceeding to do any work under this resolution, the said American Screw Company shall file in the city clerk's office their acceptance in writing of the conditions of this resolution; provided, further, that the said railway shall be removed at any time by order of the city council.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 11, 1879.

The monthly reports of the inspector of steam boilers, overseer of the poor, and quarterly report of the city clerk, are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Lemuel S. Harris, streets... \$24 00	George W. Wightman, sup-	
Henry V. A. Joslin, " ... 12 00	port of poor.....	\$576 05
Edward S. Rhodes, " ... 12 00	Franklin C. Clark, post mor-	
	tem.....	10 00

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

E. Winsor & Co..... \$11 17	Harper Steam Lubricator Co. \$25 00
Hopkins, Pomroy & Co 11 40	James A. Potter & Co..... 11 79
Francis S. Turner..... 9 50	Walter Coleman & Sons... . 5 80

Licenses are severally granted as follows: To Henry Yager, to keep a victualling house at No. 395 High street; to William McGuiirk, to buy and sell junk at No. 268 Dyer street; to Patrick McKenna, to buy and sell junk at No. 39 Burrington street; to Alonzo T. Farnum, to keep a bowling alley at No. 1 Lafayette street.

Permission to operate steam boilers is granted to the following persons, viz.: George M. Gerhard & Son, on Promenade street; Edward Pearce, at the corner of Clifford and Page streets; Charles F. Wagenseil, at No. 156 Pine street.

Resolutions are severally passed as follows:

Declaring Watson street to be useless as a public highway.

Amending rule 9 of the rules and regulations, relative to the time of making reports by the superintendent of lights.

Amending the order of the board of aldermen passed February 27, 1879, so as to provide that notices of applications to operate steam boilers, shall be advertised at the expense of the applicants in the papers employed to do the city printing.

Policemen are appointed as follows :

James P. Scott, to be sergeant of police; George Crane, Jr., to be a patrolman.

The joint standing committee on highways are discharged from the further consideration of the petition of C. A. C. Foster, relative to Williams street.

The findings of the board of aldermen upon the charges of Henry C. Clark against the police department are presented and read, and it is,

Ordered that the charges of Mr. Clark, and the stenographer's report of the testimony taken during the investigation, and all papers connected therewith, together with said findings, be placed on file in the office of the city clerk, and that said findings be recorded in the records of the board of aldermen.

DECEMBER 18, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

Providence Gas Co., lamp department.....\$540 02 Pay-roll, bridge department. 104 55	}	Labor pay-roll, lamp department.....\$79 20
---	---	---

The following are severally granted permission to build barns, viz. :

Comer A. Waterman, at No. 37 Federal street; George W. Wightman, in the rear of No. 38 Robinson street.

Albertus C. Sanford is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal from the saloon at the corner of Dorrance and Pine streets.

The following are severally granted permission to operate steam boilers, viz. :

Lorenzo Vaughn, in the building at the head of Washington court ; McWilliams Manufacturing Co., in the building at the corner of Orange and Clifford streets.

John C. Knowles is granted permission to connect his estate with the old drain in Fountain street.

Resolutions are severally passed as follows :

Changing the grade of John street, from Hope street to Thayer street ; North Main street, from Randall street to Cypress street : Thayer street, from Arnold street to Williams street.

Requesting the railroad companies in interest, to place and maintain suitable gates at the railroad crossings on Dale and Gaspee streets.

Directing repairs to be made on the Delaine street bridges in accordance with the estimates of the city engineer.

Instructing the committee appointed to lay out Brown street, to establish the lines of said street, so far as practicable, as will be satisfactory to the abutting owners thereon.

Ordered, that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Elisha M. Brown, executor, for remission of personal property tax.

Henry Childs, for refunding to him of sewer tax.

Amasa S. Westcott and others, remonstrating against concreting Thayer street.

Jane Murphy, for compensation for damages caused by the change of grade of Trenton street.

William McElroy, for compensation for damages caused by change of grade of Shove street.

John Boyle, for compensation for damages caused by the change of grade of Royal street.

Margaret Noon, for the establishment of a grade for Calder street.

P. B. Stiness and others, for compensation for damages caused by the change of grade of West River street.

John Gainer and others, for the establishment of a grade for Duffy street.

Edgar D. Burrill, to be appointed auctioneer.

The street committee are discharged from the further consideration of the following matters, viz. :

Resolution directing the city engineer to report the best and most economical plan for opening Ashburton street at the north-erly end.

Communication of Henry Staples, railroad commissioner, relative to the railroad crossings at Brayton avenue and Dale street.

Communication of the city engineer relative to the lines of Cedar and Tefft streets.

Upon recommendation of the lamp committee, the following resolution is passed :

WHEREAS, In view of the report of the superintendent of lights, this day received, as to the probable cost of extending the electric lighting system, and the probable savings in gas ; also his report under date of November 26th, as to the cost of maintaining the present electric district, so called, therefore

RESOLVED, That it is inexpedient to further extend the electric lighting system at this time, or incur further expense upon the present district, and the superintendent of lights, acting under the direction of the committee on lamps from this body, be, and he is, hereby directed (as soon as possible) to discontinue the present electric lighting, at the same time attach four (4) foot burners on all lamps in this district, except on the principal streets ; to return to the district lighted by the phases of the moon all lamps not absolutely required to be lighted every night ; also to discharge one man from the force of men employed by the Providence Gas Company, who have charge of the gas cocks and burners.

A supplementary police rule is adopted as follows :

126. Furloughs for one week in each municipal year may be granted to members of the police force, the same to be taken at such time *within the year* as may be determined by the chief of police. An extension of time, with loss of pay, may be granted by the board of aldermen, upon recommendation of chief of police.

The following is read and passed :

RESOLVED, That the resolution passed December 11, 1879, amending rule 9, of chapter x, of the rules and regulations of the board of aldermen, relative to the superintendent of lights, be hereby rescinded, and that said rule be hereby amended so as to read as follows :

9. He shall make a written report to the board of aldermen of the business of the lamp department on the first Mondays in April, July, October and January in each year, and an annual report in January.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

DECEMBER 22, 1879.

The following are indefinitely postponed, viz. :

Memorial of Amos Perry and others in regard to laying rails in Gano street ;

Petition of S. G. Woodrow for school room for semi-minutes ;

Request of the committee on qualifications of the school committee for additional primary and intermediate school rooms in the seventh district ;

Report of the joint committee on city property upon the request for rooms for a German school ;

Report of the joint committee on highways upon the message of the mayor relative to the drainage of Greenwich street ;

Report of the joint committee on claims upon the claim of Edward Pearce for damage to his estate near the Dorrance street dock by the Dorrance street sewer ;

Report of the joint special committee upon the petition of Agnes P. Hovey relative to drainage of the district bounded by Hidden and Congdon streets ;

Resolution to purchase a lot in the western district of the ninth ward for grammar school purposes.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Providence and Springfield railroad company, to extend their track from Gaspee street ;

Patrick Kenney, to have the rails of the Union railroad company removed from Mill street.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 525. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District, to Edward J. Blanding.

[Approved December 23, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to Edward J. Blanding, a certain lot of land in the Brook street district, bounded and described as follows, viz. :—

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of lot at a point in the westerly line of Brook street, situated sixty-six and two-tenths (66.2) feet southerly from the southwesterly corner of said Brook street and Pike street ; thence in a southerly direction in the said westerly line of Brook street, for a distance of thirty-four and one-tenth (34.1) feet ; thence in a westerly direction making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of fifty and fifteen one hundredths (50.15) feet ; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of ninety

(90) degrees, for a distance of thirty-four and one-tenth (34.1) feet; thence in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of fifty and fifteen one hundredths (50.15) feet to the point of beginning, whenever the said Blanding shall convey to the city of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor the above described lot. The city solicitor to cause the title of said lot to be examined.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

DECEMBER 26, 1879.

The weekly report of the Dexter asylum is read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

George W. Millard, reporting police investigation.....	\$501 30	Geo. W. Wightman, charity building and wood yard....	\$1 33
---	----------	---	--------

Thomas F. Butler is designated and appointed to remove swill and offal from No. 156 Westminster street.

Thomas H. Early is granted permission to build a barn at No. 161 Thurber's avenue.

License to give a masquerade ball is granted to Ives Post No. 10, G. A. R.

The mayor is authorized to pay the rent for armories for the year 1879, amounting to \$1,100, upon the receipt of the same from the state of Rhode Island.

Rules and regulations relative to the health department are read and adopted as follows :

1. Every physician having knowledge of the existence of any case of contagious, infectious, or epidemic disease within the city of Providence shall immediately make report thereof in writing to the superintendent of health of said city, with such particulars as the said superintendent may indicate on blanks furnished for that purpose.

2. The diseases referred to in the preceding section shall, among others, include especially small pox, diphtheria, typhoid fever, typhus fever, scarlet fever or scarlatina, cerebro-spinal meningitis or spotted fever, measles, and whooping cough.

3. Any physician who shall fail to comply with the preceding rules and regulations shall be fined not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for each day of such neglect, after having knowledge thereof as aforesaid.

A resolution to refer the message of the mayor relative to the Pneumatic Electric Lighting System, having passed the common council, is read and the board of aldermen do not concur therein.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

No. 526. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to relay Greene street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to relay Greene street from Washington street to Fountain street.

No. 527. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to relay Fountain street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to relay Fountain street from Aborn street to Dean street.

No. 528. Resolution to Curb Pacific street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are

hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Pacific street, from Broad street to Emerson street, at a cost not to exceed five hundred and sixty-four dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for highways for new work.

No. 529. Resolution granting permission to C. H. Chapman to raise a building.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to C. H. Chapman to raise a certain building located at the corner of Oriole and Butler avenues, pursuant to his petition.

No. 530. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Dexter street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Dexter street, from Cranston street to Long Pond, as a public highway.

No. 531. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Diamond street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Diamond street, from Cranston street to Superior street, as a public highway.

No. 532. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out George street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are

hereby requested to lay out George street, from Benefit street to Governor street, as a public highway.

No. 533. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Middle street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Middle street, from Eddy street to Union street, as a public highway.

No. 534. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Public street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to lay out Public street, from Broad to Eddy street, as a public highway.

No. 535. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to relay Mathewson street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to relay Mathewson street, from Broad street to Washington street.

No. 536. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District to Ann A. Ives and Hope B. Russell.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to

Ann A. Ives and Hope B. Russell, certain land in the Brook street district, bounded and described as per description marked A, hereunto annexed, whenever the said Ann A. Ives and Hope B. Russell shall convey to the city of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, certain land in the Brook street district, bounded and described as per description marked B hereunto annexed. The city solicitor shall cause the title of said land to be examined before the execution of the deed.

DESCRIPTION A.

Beginning at a point in the southwesterly corner of Front street and Hope street, being the northeasterly corner of lot; thence in a southerly direction, in the line adopted by the joint special committee on the Brook street district for the westerly line of said Hope street, which line at the corner of said Hope street and said Front street is six and eighty-eight one hundredths (6.88) feet westerly in the line of said Front street, from the true line of said Hope street, and intersects the true line of said Hope street at the angle in the westerly line of the same, and a continuation of the same for a distance of one hundred eighty-five and fifty-eight one hundredths (185.58) feet, to a point in the northerly line of India street; thence in a westerly direction in the said northerly line of India street, making an interior angle of seventy-five (75) degrees and fifty-eight (58) minutes, for a distance of two hundred forty-four and seventy-nine one hundredths (244.79) feet; thence in a northerly direction, making an interior angle of eighty-eight (88) degrees and fourteen (14) minutes for a distance of one hundred eighty-six and eleven one hundredths (186.11) feet, to a point in the southerly line of said Front street; thence in an easterly direction in the said southerly line of Front street, for a distance of one hundred ninety-four and fifteen one hundredths (194.15) feet, to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION B.

I. Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Hope street and

Front street; thence in a southerly direction, in the westerly line of said Hope street, for a distance of thirty-two (32) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of eighty-four (84) degrees and thirteen (13) minutes, for a distance of forty and one-tenth (40.1) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of two hundred seventy-five (275) degrees and forty-seven (47) minutes, for a distance of one hundred sixty-eight and seventy-seven one hundredths (168.77) feet, to a point in the northerly line of India street; thence in a westerly direction, in the said northerly line of India street, for a distance of one hundred ninety-eight and sixteen one hundredths (198.16) feet; thence in a northerly direction, in a line through the center of Watson street, for a distance of one hundred eighty-six and eighty-nine one hundredths (186.89) feet; thence in an easterly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees, for a distance of twenty and five one hundredths (20.05) feet, to a point in the southeasterly corner of said Watson street and said Front street; thence in an easterly direction, in the southerly line of said Front street, for a distance of one hundred seventy-six and forty-four one hundredths (176.44) feet, to the point of beginning, comprising lots numbers 290, 296, 297 and 302, on assessors' plat number eighteen (18), also one-half of said Watson street adjoining lots numbers 290 and 302.

II. Beginning at the southwest corner of Hope street and Coles street; thence in a southerly direction, in the westerly line of said Hope street, for a distance of forty and one-tenth (40.1) feet; thence in a westerly direction, making an interior angle of ninety (90) degrees and six (6) minutes, for a distance of sixty and six one hundredths (60.06) feet; thence in a southerly direction, making an interior angle of two hundred seventy (270) degrees and two (2) minutes, for a distance of eighty-eight and eight one hundredths (88.08) feet, to a point in the northerly line of Front street; thence in a westerly direction, in the said northerly line of Front street, for

a distance of one hundred and two tenths (100.2) feet, to a point in the northeasterly corner of said Front street and Watson street; thence in a westerly direction, for a distance of nineteen and sixty-one one hundredths (19.61) feet; thence in a northerly direction, in a line through the center of said Watson street, for a distance of one hundred seventeen and forty-nine one hundredths (117.49) feet; thence in an easterly direction, for a distance of eleven and sixty-five one hundredths (11.65) feet, to a point in the southeasterly corner of said Watson street and said Coles street; thence in an easterly direction, in the southerly line of said Coles street, for a distance of one hundred fifty and thirty-eight one hundredths (150.38) feet, to the point of beginning, comprising lots numbers 284 and 286 on assessors' plat number eighteen (18), also one-half of said Watson street adjoining lot number 284.

No. 537. Resolution to pay Ebenezer Hirons the sum of \$195, for rent of lot on Oxford Street.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay Ebenezer Hirons, the sum of one hundred and ninety-five dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for public schools; the above payment being for nipe months' rent, from April 1, 1879, to January 1, 1880, of lot on Oxford street, (ninth ward,) occupied by the old school house, at a rental of \$260 per annum.

No. 538. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Douglas Avenue.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause eight-inch iron water-pipe to be laid in Douglas avenue, about two hundred feet southeasterly from its present termination at Vanderwater street.

No. 539. Resolution abating charge for Curbing furnished to Mary A. Kane.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to abate the charge for curbing, furnished by the city of Providence to Mary A. Kane on Armington avenue, amounting to thirty-seven dollars and sixty cents.

No. 540. Resolution to pay J. A. & R. A. Reid \$13.86.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay J. A. & R. A. Reid, thirteen dollars and eighty-six cents, the amount of their bill for printing blanks for the use of the weigher at the city scales, to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

No. 541. Message of the Mayor relative to Bean's Pneumatic Electric Lighting system.

[Presented December 22, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
December 22, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

At the last meeting of the board of aldermen held on the 18th inst., an order was passed to discontinue the use in this city of "Bean's Pneumatic Electric-lighting System," by means of which a number of the street lamps had been lighted and extinguished for some years.

On the day following I received a letter from Mr. Thomas Richardson, of Portsmouth, N. H., in which he requests to be informed upon what terms the city will sell and convey all its

right, title and interest in and to the said lighting system, "which the city acquired by purchase, with all the privileges of developing the same for lighting and extinguishing street lamps, telegraphic, telephonic, police, municipal and all other purposes of which the system is susceptible." A copy of the letter from Mr. Richardson is herewith transmitted.

I recommend that the matter of the sale of the apparatus be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon; and I suggest that the committee be instructed to make or cause to be made, by proper experts, a thorough examination of the Bean pneumatic system, in regard to its value for the other purposes claimed for it by its inventor and by the owners of the patent rights.

Thus far this city has only tested its value in regard to street lighting, which is only one of the least of the uses for which it is claimed to be of great value.

Before the city council decide to sell out the city's right, it would be well for the apparatus to receive a most thorough and careful examination, without prejudice, by men competent therefor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 19, 1879.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR:

DEAR SIR:—On what terms will the city of Providence sell and convey all their right, title and interest in and to the Bean Pneumatic Electric Lighting System, which the city acquired by purchase, with all the privileges of developing the same, for lighting and extinguishing street lamps, telegraphic, telephonic, police, municipal and all other purposes of which the system is susceptible; transferring thereby all their rights and privileges and granting to the purchasers, to stand in their stead to develop and maintain throughout the city of Providence as it now exists or may hereafter exist, any and all privileges, which the said city could by said purchase control.

Please state the terms on which a purchase can be made, based on the continuance or discontinuance of the system from this date.

Respectfully yours,

THOS. RICHARDSON,
of Portsmouth, N. H.

No. 542. Resolution to pay rent moneys under a lease to the city from the Point Street Iron Works.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

WHEREAS, certain rent moneys due under a lease to the city from the Point Street Iron Works, are now held by the city treasurer and are claimed by said Iron Works by the Peoples Savings bank for itself and as trustee, and by James Campbell, and James Campbell representing the estate of Henry C. Mathewson,

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the city solicitor, is authorized to pay out all moneys due or to be due from the city as rent, under said lease, either into the registry of the supreme court under a bill of interpleader, to be filed by the city solicitor for the city against all parties claiming said rents, or to the Peoples savings bank for the mortgagees of the premises described in said lease, on the order of the Point Street Iron Works, and after said bank shall have delivered to the city an agreement or bond of indemnity satisfactory to the city solicitor to hold the city secure against all loss or damage arising from such payment, such bond or agreement to be executed by the Peoples savings bank, the Mechanics savings bank and the Rhode Island Institution for savings.

No. 543. Resolution authorizing the conveyance of land in the Brook Street District to the Home for Aged Women.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to the "Home for Aged Women," certain lands in said district bounded and described as per description marked A, hereunto annexed; whenever the said Home for Aged Women, shall

convey to the city of Providence, by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor, certain lands in said district, bounded and described as per description marked B, hereunto annexed. The city solicitor shall cause the title of said lands to be examined before the execution of the deeds.

DESCRIPTION A.

I. Beginning at the northwesterly corner of Front street and East street, as laid out in an adopted layout of the Brook street district, approved November 13, 1876, at the southeasterly corner of lot; thence in a westerly direction in the northerly line of said Front street for a distance of one hundred forty and ninety-three one hundredths (140.93) feet; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of one hundred seven (107) degrees and fifty-two (52) minutes for a distance of ninety-one and one one hundredth (91.01) feet; thence in an easterly direction making an interior angle of eighty-eight (88) degrees and fifty-seven and one-half ($57\frac{1}{2}$) minutes for a distance of one hundred forty and thirty-two one hundredths (140.32) feet to a point in the westerly line of said East street; thence in a southerly direction in the said westerly line of East street making an interior angle of eighty-eight (88) degrees and twenty-one and one-half ($21\frac{1}{2}$) minutes for a distance of one hundred thirty-one and eighty-five one hundredths (131.85) feet to the point of beginning.

II. Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Front street and Hope street as laid out in an adopted layout of the Brook street district approved November 13, 1876, at the northwesterly corner of lot; thence in an easterly direction in the southerly line of said Front street for a distance of one hundred sixty-two and seventy-eight one hundredths (162.78) feet to an angle in the said southerly line of Front street; thence continuing in an easterly direction in the said southerly line of Front street for a distance of eighteen and eight one hundredths (18.08) feet; thence in a southerly direction making an interior angle of

one hundred nine (109) degrees and fifty-two (52) minutes for a distance of one hundred one and sixty-four one hundredths (101.64) feet, to a point in the northerly line of said Hope street; thence in a westerly direction in the said northerly line of Hope street making an interior angle sixty-four (64) degrees and forty-nine (49) minutes, for a distance of one hundred eighty-eight and seventy-six one hundredths (188.76) feet to a point in the said northerly line of Hope street; thence in a northerly direction in the easterly line of said Hope street for a distance of seventy and two tenths (70.2) feet to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION B.

I. Beginning at the northwesterly corner of East street and Front street as laid out previous to the adoption of a layout of the Brook street district, approved November 13, 1876, at the southeasterly corner of lot, thence in a westerly direction in the northerly line of said Front street for a distance of one hundred eighteen and eighty-seven one hundredths (118.87) feet; thence in a northerly direction making an interior angle of one hundred eleven (111) degrees and forty-one (41) minutes, for a distance of eighty-eight and seven one hundredths (88.07) feet; thence in an easterly direction making an interior angle of eighty-nine (89) degrees fifty-seven and one-half (57½) minutes, for a distance of one hundred fourteen and seventy-seven one hundredths (114.77) feet, to a point in the westerly line of said East street; thence in a southerly direction in the said westerly line of East street for a distance of one hundred thirty-one and eighty-five one hundredths (131.85) feet to the point of beginning, comprising lot number 110 on the assessors' plat number 17.

II. Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Hope street and Front street, as laid out previous to the adoption of a layout of the Brook street district, approved November 13, 1876, at the northwesterly corner of lot, thence in an easterly direction in the southerly line of said Front street, for a distance of

forty-eight and thirty-seven one hundredths (48.37) feet, to an angle in the said southerly line of Front street; thence continuing in an easterly direction in the said southerly line of Front street, for a distance of one hundred thirty-five and thirty-five one hundredths (135.35) feet; thence in a southerly direction making an interior angle of one hundred ten (110) degrees, for a distance of one hundred sixteen and sixty-two one hundredths (116.62) feet to a point in the northerly line of said Hope street; thence in a westerly direction in the said northerly line of Hope street for a distance of one hundred eighty-eight and seventy-six one hundredths (188.76) feet, to an angle in the said northerly line of Hope street; thence in a northerly direction in the easterly line of said Hope street, for a distance of eighty-nine and twenty-two one hundredths (89.22) feet to the point of beginning, comprising lots numbers 15, 16, 17 and 18 on assessors' plat number 17.

No. 544. Resolution setting apart a lot in the North Burial Ground, to the Providence Police Association.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the north burial 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 "Providence Police Association," to be held by said association subject to the ordinances of the city council, and all future legislation in relation thereto, and report their doings to the city council.

No. 545. Message of the Mayor relative to the contract for supplying the State Farm with Pawtuxet Water.

[Presented December 29, 1879.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, }
December 29, 1879.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

Resolution No. 426 of the current series, approved October 15, 1879, directs the water commissioners to contract with the board of state charities and corrections, for a supply of water for five years for the state farm, at a rate fixed by the city council.

Chapter XCI. of the ordinances requires that all contracts "made and entered into, by, or on behalf of the city, shall be signed and executed by the mayor, unless otherwise provided" by the city council. In discharging the duties imposed on the mayor by this ordinance, the executive signature is withheld until the law department of the city has certified that the paper to be executed is correct in form, and the proper committee, commission or head of department has in writing approved the same.

In pursuance of this rule, the contract drawn by the law department under said resolution was sent by me to the board of water commissioners for approval, and was returned with an endorsement in the following words :

"OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 4, 1879.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

The foregoing contract has been drawn by the city solicitor in accordance with resolution No. 426, series of 1879, and is forwarded to you without recommendation. The commissioners do not approve of the terms of the contract.

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

On receiving this action of the commissioners, I declined to execute the contract for the city, and it so remains.

It is perhaps proper to say that in adopting the original resolution, the board of water commissioners were not consulted in regard to its terms and conditions; that it is in direct violation of the provisions of chapter lxxxix. of the ordinances; contains no stipulation as to the power of the commissioners over the pipes and fixtures for an examination thereof, from time to time, and the city, at its own expense, will be compelled to put in a meter, costing some five hundred dollars. For these and other reasons the commissioners decline to approve the contract.

On the 26th inst. I received a letter in relation to the matter from the board of state charities and corrections, a copy of which I transmit herewith, and suggest that the whole subject receive further consideration by the city council, and that the purposes for which the water is to be supplied be stated in the resolution.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

PROVIDENCE, December 26, 1879.

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

DEAR SIR:—Acting under instructions from the board of state charities and corrections, I have the honor to forward to you the following preamble and resolutions, adopted unanimously at a meeting of the board held December 19, 1879.

WHEREAS, It has been agreed between the city of Providence, by resolution of the city council No. 426, series of 1879, and the state of Rhode Island, represented by the chairman of the board of state charities and corrections, duly authorized to act in its behalf, that the said city of Providence shall furnish water, through pipes laid by the state, to the several institutions at the state farm in Cranston, on certain specified conditions; and,

WHEREAS, It is understood that the city of Providence refuses to carry out said agreement, except under an additional condition, therefore

RESOLVED, That the board of state charities and corrections decline to accept any modification of the agreement, and that they hereby respectfully request the executive department of the city of Providence to exe-

cute the contract in accordance with the conditions agreed upon and set forth in the resolution above referred to.

RESOLVED, That the secretary of the board of state charities and corrections is hereby instructed to forward to His Honor the Mayor of the city of Providence, a copy of these resolutions.

Yours, very respectfully,

WM. W. CHAPIN, Secretary.

No. 546. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor, relative to supplying the State Farm with Pawtuxet water.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message dated December 29, 1879, relative to a supply of water for the state farm, be, with the accompanying papers, referred to the joint standing committee on water, to examine and report thereon.

No. 547. Report of the City Messenger upon the procuring of Furniture, &c., for the City Hall.

[Presented December 29, 1879.]

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

In accordance with resolution No. 210, current series, authorizing the city messenger to procure furniture and make repairs, I would report that I have performed the duty imposed upon me, with the exception of making repairs in the auditor's office, which it is deemed inexpedient to do at present.

Amount appropriated,	-	-	-	\$1,300	00
Amount expended,	-	-	-	1,039	56

The sum appropriated was transferred from the construction

account for the city hall, and that account having been exhausted, the sum of \$124.63 has been charged to the current expenses of the city hall.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES,
City Messenger.

CHAPTER CXLV.

No. 548. An Ordinance fixing the Salary of a Civil Engineer in the Assessors' Office.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

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

SECTION 1. The sum of four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the salary, during the year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1880, of such civil engineer in the office of the assessors of taxes, as the board of assessors may employ to perform engineer's duty in their office.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No. 549. Resolution abating certain uncollectable Taxes assessed in the years 1876 and 1877.

[Approved January 3, 1880]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and is hereby directed to abate the several taxes assessed in the years 1876 and 1877, reported by the treasurer as uncollectable, amounting to eight thousand and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents.

No. 550. Resolution accepting gift of Elizabeth Higginson Weeden, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Elizabeth Higginson Weeden 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 the said Weeden, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Elizabeth Higginson Weeden fund.

No. 551. Resolution accepting gift of Elizabeth Higginson Weeden, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Elizabeth Higginson Weeden 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 Stephen Arnold Aplin in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the Stephen Arnold Aplin fund.

No. 552. Resolution accepting gift of Harriet M. Remington, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved January 3, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Harriet M. Remington of one hundred dollars to the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, in trust, the income 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 William Henry Simmons in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the William Henry Simmons fund.

No. 553. Resolution authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on City Property to purchase a site for a Primary and Intermediate School House in the Seventh School District, near Olneyville.

[Approved January 6, 1880.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property is hereby authorized to purchase a suitable site for a primary and intermediate school house near Olneyville, in the seventh school district, at a cost not to exceed two thousand dollars, such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots; and the title to be satisfactory to the city solicitor.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

DECEMBER 29, 1879.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

RESOLVED, UNANIMOUSLY, That the thanks of the common council are due, and are hereby tendered to Hon. Henry R. Barker, for the able, impartial, and dignified manner in which he has presided over their deliberations during the municipal year now about to close.

RESOLVED, UNANIMOUSLY, That the thanks of this council are hereby tendered to the Hon. Joshua M. Addeman, clerk of the common council, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has performed his duties during the past year.

RESOLVED, That all business now pending before this common council and unfinished, be referred to the common council to meet on the first Monday in January next.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

JANUARY 1, 1880.

The weekly report of the Dexter Asylum and quarterly report of the inspector of milk are severally read and received.

The following accounts are examined and allowed :

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Louis W. Clarke, agent \$49 25	Billings Bros \$19 50
Charles H. Hunt 40 96	Alexander Buchanan. 19 00
John H. Eddy & Co. 5 97	Janitor's pay-roll. 286 50
G. B. White 9 75	T. W. Rounds & Co. 12 50
Thomas Roach. 10 50	Bugbee & Kelly. 30 45
Cairns & Williams. 4 05	Providence Gas Co. 984 16
J. E. Sturdy. 9 97	J. H. & J. B. Sweet. 61 78
J. H. Atwater. 24 90	Mason & Moran. 37 23
John C. Payne. 55 30	Wm. H. Palmer. 150 00
Chambers, Calder & Co. 6 65	Louis W. Clarke 17 59
James J. Monally. 36 00	Pay-roll for December. . . . 14,672 14
E. S. Metcalf. 90 00	

BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

Tug Fannie. \$4 00	R. E. Smith & Co \$5 25
G. E. Boynton. 45 85	H. D. Salisbury. 5 50
R. H. Purinton. 17 50	A. C. Eddy & Studleys. 7 00
B. F. Greene. 15 50	John Armstrong 59 70
Manchester & Hudson 16 10	Labor pay-roll. 216 11
Belcher Brothers 25 13	Providence and Worcester
W. H. Haskell & Co 23 46	Railroad Co. 7 43
J. L. Peirce & Co. 15 99	A. C. Williams. 19 26
H. M. Angell & Co. 114 88	James A. Potter & Co. 477 39
Pay-roll, Point street bridge. 286 75	J. Whelden & Co. 35 00
E. R. Andrews. 194 56	D. Gorton & Co. 15 00
W. H. Fenner & Co. 13 73	L. L. Fales. 4 50
Louis W. Clarke. 7 37	William H. Miller & Co. 17 72
Francis S. Turner. 22 00	Weybosset Land Co. 8 90
Wood & Winsor. 4 49	Hopkins, Pomroy & Co. 21 28

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Pay-roll of lamplighters for	Labor pay-roll for two weeks
December. \$2,513 18	ending December 27. \$65 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. E. Calder, inspector of milk. \$50 00	A. E. Field & Son, health de-
Charles H. Thurber, coroner. 12 00	partment. \$550 00

The mayor is authorized to pay the rent of armory for company C, 6th battalion of infantry from January 1 to June 9, 1879, amounting to \$44, upon the receipt of the same from the state of Rhode Island.

Harley W. Potter is granted permission to build a barn at No. 39 Ford street.

Ordered that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz. :

Francis M. Cross, for change of name of Hidden street ;

Reynolds & Co., for leave to set up drinking fountains in the streets ;

John Norton, for the revocation of the appointment of William P. Winslow as a constable ;

John O'Donnell, relative to street cleaning ;

Henry B. Ripley, for license to keep a tavern on Manton avenue ;

Nathan B. Capron, to be appointed constable without power to serve civil process ;

Kenrick Walker, to be appointed police constable without power to serve civil process.

The following resolutions are read and passed :

RESOLVED, UNANIMOUSLY, That the thanks of the board of aldermen be hereby tendered to the Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, mayor of the city of Providence, and to William S. Hayward, Esq., president of the board, for the dignity, ability and gentlemanly courtesy with which they have presided at the meetings of the board during the year now closing.

RESOLVED, UNANIMOUSLY, That the thanks of the board are due, and are hereby tendered, to the city clerk for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties as clerk of this board during the past year.

RESOLVED, That all unfinished business now pending before this board be referred to the next board of aldermen.