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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

WITH REPORTS.

1878.

IN CONVENTION.

JANUARY 7, 1878.

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

The certificate of the election of HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1878, is read by the City Clerk, and the oath of office is administered by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court, to the Mayor.

The roll of the Board of Aldermen is read, and all the members are present, and present their certificates of election.

A protest of Henry S. Smith, against the admission of Edmund W. Raynsford, as alderman from the tenth ward, and claiming his seat, is presented and read.

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

FIRST WARD,	-	-	-	ELISHA C. MOWRY.
SECOND WARD,	-	-	-	GEORGE I. CHACE.
THIRD WARD,	-	-	-	BENJAMIN W. PERSONS.
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,	-	-	-	EDMUND W. RAYNSFORD.

The roll of the Common Council is called, and all the members being present, the oath of office is administered to them by the Mayor, as follows :

COMMON COUNCIL.

FIRST WARD :

STILLMAN WHITE,
ELISHA S. ALDRICH,

JOHN P. COONEY,
JOSEPH WHELDEN.

SECOND WARD :

CHARLES P. ROBINSON,
JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE,

J. CARTER B. WOODS,
JEREMIAH S. PARISH.

THIRD WARD :

THOMAS A. MILLETT,
ARTHUR F. DEXTER,

JAMES C. GOFF,
ARNOLD GREEN.

FOURTH WARD :

CHARLES F. SAMPSON,
GEORGE A. STEERE,

HENRY B. FRANKLIN,
JAMES McNALLY.

FIFTH WARD :

JOHN W. BRIGGS,
THOMAS J. HILL,

CHARLES E. CARPENTER,
WILLIAM CYRUS BARKER.

SIXTH WARD :

DANIEL E. DAY,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,

THOMAS M. ROUNDS,
STEPHEN C. ARNOLD.

SEVENTH WARD :

JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY,
ANDREW WINSOR.

FREDERICK M. BALLOU,
JAMES B. WINSOR,

EIGHTH WARD :

RAYMOND G. PLACE,
SILAS A. SWEET.

EDMUND S. HOPKINS,
LEONARD F. JOSLIN.

NINTH WARD :

HENRY R. BARKER,
WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,

GEORGE A. RICKARD,
WILLIAM W. BRAYTON,

TENTH WARD :

JOSEPH F. BROWN.
JOHN M. BRENNAN,

JOHN BEHAN,
HARRISON G. MACOMBER.

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

Prayer is offered by Rev. Lemuel Osler.

Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor, delivers his Inaugural Address.

The following city officers are elected for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, A. D. 1878, 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,	Charles M. Smith.
Overseer of Bridges,	(Passed.)
City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes.
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	Franklin Olds.

Presidents of the Fire Department:

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

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.

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground: (Passed.)

Pound Keeper at the Asylum,	John M. Knowles.
“ “ in Ninth Ward,	William W. Austin.
“ “ in Tenth Ward,	Daniel K. Angell.

Advising Committee on Bridges, Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseers of the Hospital, Mayor and Aldermen.

Overseer of the City Pumps,	Oliver E. Greene.
Public Administrator,	Daniel Burrows.
Viewer of Fences,	George H. Pettis.

Trustees of the Providence Reform School :

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

Port Wardens :

Shubael H. Cady,	Philander Crosby,
	William Franceville.

City Auctioneer :	Francis J. Sheldon.
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Persons to Superintend the building of Chimneys, and the placing of Stoves and Pipes. (Passed.)

Coroners :

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

Undertakers :

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

Constables : (Passed.)

Packers of Fish :

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

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Salæratas 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, Darwin R. Mowry,
 Thomas S. Battey, John Medley,
 Stephen Brooks, Theodore V. Mateson,
 Samuel B. Bullock, Jabez C. Olney,
 Charles D. Cobb, Eden Perrin,
 Elam H. Gates, Esek H. Pierce,
 Christopher L. Holden, Lucian W. Palmer,
 James S. Hudson, Theodore W. Read,
 Samuel W. Hartshorn, Edwin L. Spink;
 Stephen P. Henry, Franklin A. Steere,
 Robert Manchester, Thomas E. White,
 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,
 Russell Greene, Alfred Stone,
 Charles F. Griffin, Niles B. Schubarth,
 Henry A. Grimwood, John A. Townsend,
 Isaac N. Hallett, Thomas E. White,
 Charles F. Wilcox.

 Measurers of Grain, Salt and Sea Coal :

Shubael B. Crowell, George W. S. Potter,
 Gauger: Edward G. Farmer.

Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law :

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

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,
Charles Dyer,	Frank M. Mathewson,
Samuel C. Davenport,	Nathaniel W. Pierce,
Morris B. Deming,	Theodore B. Pierce,
James Herbert Foster,	Henry K. Potter,
George A. Folger,	James G. Peck,
Joseph Hanlon,	George W. Ray,
Edward B. Hamlin,	Samuel R. Simmons,
Oliver A. Lockwood, Jr.,	Frank L. Sheldon,
	Stephen Tripp.

 No. 1. Commissioner of Sinking Funds.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 7, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Daniel E. Day, is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds, for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1878.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 7, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Daniel E. Day is hereby elected commissioner of sinking funds, for the term of three years ensuing the first Monday in January, 1878.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 2. Justices of the Police Court.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 7, 1878.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 7, 1878.

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 7, 1878.]

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 7, 1878.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 7, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Day, Millett, Brown, Ballou and Cooney, 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 7, 1878.]

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 7, 1878.

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.

SAMUEL W. BROWN Clerk.

City Debt:

Mr. Jerothmul B. Barnaby.

City Engineer's Department:

Mr. George H. Burnham.

City Property:

Messrs. George H. Burnham, Leonard F. Joslin,
 J. Carter B. Woods, James McNally,
 Alderman Persons.

Claims:

Messrs. Frederick M. Ballou, William Cyrus Barker,
 Arnold Green, Alderman Mowry.

Education:

Messrs. Henry R. Barker, Elisha S. Aldrich,
 James Lewis Peirce. James C. Goff,
 Alderman Chace.

Finance:

Messrs. Charles F. Sampson, J. Carter B. Woods,
 Daniel E. Day, Charles E. Carpenter,
 Alderman Wilcox.

Printing :

Messrs. Thomas A. Millett,	Henry B. Franklin,
John Behan,	Alderman Persons.

Railroads :

Messrs. James Lewis Peirce,	James B. Winsor,
John P. Cooney,	Alderman Spicer.

Sewers :

Messrs. John W. Briggs,	Harrison G. Macomber,
Thomas A. Millett,	Alderman Raynsford.

Water :

Messrs. Elisha S. Aldrich,	Jeremiah S. Parish,
Daniel E. Day,	Alderman Wilcox,
Thomas J. Hill,	Alderman Chace.

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

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

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

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

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Millett, Behan and Franklin, of the common council, with Alderman Persons, are hereby appointed a committee to wait on his honor the mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the address

this day delivered by him to the city council : and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they shall deem expedient.

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

No. 7. Resolution to print certain Reports.

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

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

The annual report of the gauger.

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

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

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

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

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

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

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

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

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

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 1877.

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

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 1877, 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 1877, with a proper list of contents, to be bound for the use of the city.

No. 11. Resolution appointing a Special Committee upon Verbatim Reports.

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Peirce, Hopkins and McNally, of the common council, with Aldermen Raynsford and Persons, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to inquire

and report upon the expediency of having verbatim reports of the doings of the city council, for the year ensuing.

No. 12. Resolution appointing a Special Committee upon Pauperism.

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Dexter, Carpenter and Aldrich, of the common council, with Aldermen Chace, are hereby appointed a joint special committee, to whom is referred that portion of the message of his honor the mayor, relating to pauperism, together with the report of the overseer of the poor, with instructions to report on the recommendations contained in said message, and make such recommendations upon the subject of pauperism and its relief by the city, as they may deem advisable: and further, to inquire into the subject of the committals by the city to the county jail, and to recommend such changes therein as they may deem desirable.

No. 13. Declination of Hon. Zachariah Allen, Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

[Presented January 7, 1878.]

PROVIDENCE, January 7, 1878.

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

After a service of more than thirty years as commissioner of the north burial ground, I respectfully decline a re-election to this office, trusting that it will be filled by a more able successor.

Very Respectfully,

ZACHARIAH ALLEN.

No. 14. Resolution of Thanks to Hon. Z. Allen,
Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

[Approved January 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council are hereby tendered to the Hon. Zachariah Allen, for his long continued and faithful services as commissioner of the north burial ground.

No. 17. Quarterly Report of the Special Committee
on the Brook street District.

[Presented January 7, 1878.]

PROVIDENCE, January 3, 1878.

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

The joint special committee on the Brook street district, present this, their fourth quarterly report of receipts and expenditures:—

Receipts for quarter ending December 31, 1877:

Rents,	-	-	-	\$4,321 48
Sale of houses, &c.,	-	-	-	5,402 60
Ballast and filling,	-	-	-	262 90
J. H. Wright, assessments and land,				425 00
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				\$10,411 98

Approved bills and drafts on the city treasurer
for quarter ending December 31, 1877:

Grading land,	-	-	-	\$37,476 64
Making streets, highway labor,	-	-	-	6,828 47
Land and buildings,	-	-	-	20,416 21
Buildings removed, relocated and refitted,				12,781 80
Repairs, carpenters, masons and plumbers,				389 01
Repairs, hardware and lumber,	-	-	-	93 62
Repairs, papering and painting,	-	-	-	20 00
Water,	-	-	-	34 75

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Cleaning privies and cesspools, -	55 00
Professional services, - -	300 00
Auctioneers services, &c, -	30 72
Stationery, - - -	17 31
Rent of office and care of office, -	217 00
Iron pipe, &c., for pile driver, -	46 30
Salaries, - - -	625 00

 \$79,331 83

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

 No. 20. Annual Report of the Inspector of Kerosene.

[Presented January 7, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:—

In accordance with section ten, of an ordinance, in relation to inflammable and explosive articles, herewith please find my report for the year ending December 31, 1877.

I have inspected and branded 10,460 barrels of kerosene oil ; the fees received from which amounted to \$1,569.00. Deducting from this \$411.00 for expenses, leaves an income of \$1,158.00.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE A. COLE.

PROVIDENCE, January 5, 1878.

 No. 21. Annual Report of the Gauger.

[Presented January 7, 1878.]

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

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

From January 1, 1877, to January 1, 1878, the whole number of casks gauged by myself and my deputies was 38,572; of which number 21,841 contained oils of different kinds; 7,552 contained molasses and syrups; 7,654 contained whiskey, rum, gin and other liquors; 1,525 contained turpentine and alcohol. The amount of fees received, was \$3,857.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

No. 25. Annual Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented January 10, 1878.]

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this, their fourth annual report of the condition of the several sinking funds under their control, on the thirty-first day of December, 1877.

Sinking fund to redeem the bonds due in 1885, (General purposes.) This fund amounts to \$479,272.84, 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 notes, due in 1878,	127,200 00
Cash on hand,	72 84
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	\$479,272 84

Sinking fund to redeem the bonds due in 1893, (War expenses.) This fund amounts to \$176,555.89, 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 notes due in 1878,	30,500 00
Cash on hand,	55 89
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	\$176,555 89

Sinking fund to redeem the bonds due in 1895, (City Hall and Sewers, Sterling loan.) This fund amounts to \$78,265.54, and is invested as follows :—

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	\$36,000 00
City of Providence notes, due in 1878,	42,200 00
Cash on hand, - - -	65 54
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	\$78,265 54

Sinking fund to redeem the water loan. This fund amounts to \$98,046.65, and is invested as follows :—

City of Providence bonds due in 1895,	\$75,000 00
City of Providence notes due in 1878,	23,000 00
Cash on hand, - - -	46 65
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	\$98,046 65

North burial ground sinking fund. This fund amounts to \$3,369.70, and is invested as follows :—

City of Providence notes due in 1878,	\$3,300 00
Cash on hand, - - -	69 70
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	\$3,369 70

Brook street district sinking fund. This fund amounts to \$17,196.63, and is invested as follows:

City of Providence note due in 1878,	\$6,700 00
Cash on hand, - - -	10,496 63
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	\$17,196 63

The increase in the several sinking funds since the thirty-first day of December, 1876, has been as follows :

In the fund of 1885, - - -	\$35,387 03
In the fund of 1893, - - -	13,569 54
In the fund of 1895, - - -	40,212 96
In the water loan fund, - - -	4,828 29
In the north burial ground fund, - - -	869 19
In the Brook street district fund,	17,196 63
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	\$112,063 64

Whole amount of the several sinking funds December 31, 1877, \$852,707.25.

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

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

BENJAMIN TRIPP, City Treasurer.

JAMES M. CROSS, City Auditor.

CHARLES F. SAMPSON, Chairman Com. Finance.

DANIEL E. DAY.

O. A. WASHBURN, jr.

JESSE METCALF.

No. 29. Annual Report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

[Presented January 24, 1878.]

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

The commissioners of the north burial ground, make this their annual report, for the year ending December 31, 1877.

During the past year several tracts of land containing about ten acres, lying in the northerly part of the ground, has been brought to a grade, and made available for burial purposes.

• The steep slopes adjacent to the lots of Governor James Fenner, Philip Allen and Nicholas Brown, have been made very desirable terraced burial lots. On the easterly side, a portion of the ground has been graded and filled to a certain extent, but requires a large amount of earth and funds to finish the same.

The avenues and paths are in very good order, and require the constant care of the superintendent, owing to the washing out of avenues on the hill sides from heavy rain falls.

The various improvements have given a general satisfaction to the lot owners.

By a resolution of the city council, the commissioners were directed to set apart a burial lot for the Home for Aged Men. A very desirable terraced burial lot has been located, and the committee on the part of the Home, are perfectly satisfied with the same.

The income from the sale of lots has been considerably less than was anticipated at the commencement of the year, owing to the continued stagnation of business.

The following exhibits show the receipts and expenditures of the commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1877 :

RECEIPTS.		
Balance January 1, 1877,	-	\$2,614 41
From sales of fifty-six burial lots, containing 12,557 square feet of land,		3,101 99
From George Perry, balance due on burial lot, sold by		
N. Smalley, Superintendent,	-	\$41 25
From exchange of Jane Congdon lot,	-	1 00
		42 25
From rents of buildings,	-	\$1,358 00
From tomb rent,	-	722 50
		2,080 50
From improvement of lots,	-	\$1,022 86
From interments,	-	2,031 00
From bricking graves,	-	452 00
		3,505 86
From certificates,	-	54 00
Total	-	\$11,399 01

The commissioners have expended for the following purposes :—

LABOR.		
Graveling and cleaning avenues,	-	\$2,779 83
Grading and filling low lands,	-	2,390 05
On interments,	-	765 80
		5,935 68*
REPAIRS.		
On Corliss houses and barns,	-	\$315 25
On tomb, concreting the top, stone bounds, pipe, carts, harnesses, &c., &c.,	-	367 98
On fence, flagstone, lime, cement, brick, tools, &c., &c.,	-	476 81
On account books, stationery, &c., &c.,	-	51 17
		1,211 21
SUNDRIES.		
For trees, earth, turf, blacksmithing, &c.,	-	\$269 30
For horse and cattle feed,	-	474 30
For teams fixed,	-	36 75
For privies for the ground,	-	50 00
For wheeling plank and stakes,	-	28 87
Salaries of superintendent and treasurer,	-	1,800 00
		2,659 22
Total expenses,	-	\$9,806 11

Paid commissioners of sinking funds, five cents a foot on 12,557 square feet of land sold, - - -	\$627 85	
Balance in city treasury, subject to commissioners' order, - - -	965 05	
		<u>1,592 90</u>
Total, - - - - -		\$11,399 01
Inventory of property on hand, - - - - -		\$1,264 40

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM EARLE, for Commissioners.

No. 30. Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented January 21, 1878.]

PROVIDENCE, January 12, 1878.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

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

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

A. R. Whitney, - - - - -	\$12,334 97
H. G. Macomber, - - - - -	4,451 74
O. C. Williams, - - - - -	3,520 00
P. & J. Tierney, - - - - -	3,520 00
John Mack, - - - - -	9,040 00
S. P. Brown, - - - - -	500 00
Davidson & Mars, - - - - -	5,277 95
Morton & Chesley, - - - - -	2,000 00
Cape Ann Granite Co., - - - - -	6,336 00
G. W. F. Lewis, - - - - -	920 00
J. B. & I. M. Cornell, - - - - -	2,240 00
S. J. F. Thayer, - - - - -	1,750 00
Pay rolls, - - - - -	1,075 26
Coal account, - - - - -	496 10
Sundries, - - - - -	1,271 57
Total amount of expenditures last quarter, - - - - -	\$54,733 59
Total amount of expenditure, - - - - -	702,263 81½
Amount of appropriation, - - - - -	710,000 00
Unexpended balance, - - - - -	7,736 18½

Respectfully submitted,

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

No. 31. Resolution appropriating \$50,000. for the
Brook street District.

[Approved January 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 32. Resolution relating to an amendment to the
Joint Standing Rules.

[Approved January 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances, are hereby directed to report to the next meeting of the common council, a rule, to be made one of the joint rules of the city council, which shall provide that all joint special committees shall report to the city council, at least once in three months, the condition of the matter referred to them; and shall at some meeting of the council in the month of January of each year, make a full report of their doings under the resolution referred to them; and that said committees upon making said January report, shall be discharged from the further consideration of the matter referred to them, unless they shall by joint resolution, be continued as such special committee.

No. 33. Resolution relating to Park Commissioners.

[Approved January 24, 1877.]

RESOLVED, That the standing committees on ordinances and parks, are hereby appointed a joint special committee, and directed to inquire into the expediency of placing some or all of the city parks under the charge of commissioners; and to report by draft of a bill to be enacted by the general assembly, establishing such commission, if in the opinion of the committee, such change in the management of the parks is advisable.

 No. 34. CHAPTER CVI.

AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC URINALS.

[Approved January 25, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. All public urinals now erected or hereafter erected in the city of Providence, are placed under the care and control of the chief of police.

SEC. 2. Every person who shall deface or defile, or in any way wilfully injure or damage, any public urinal in the city of Providence, or any pipes leading thereto or therefrom, shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar, and not more than five dollars for every act of defacement, defilement, injury and damage, committed by him.

No. 35. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 21, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Rickard be appointed a member of the joint standing committee on printing: and that Mr. J. B. Winsor, be appointed a member of the joint standing committee on claims, on the part of the common council.

No. 36. Annual Report of the Viewer of Fences.

[Presented January 24, 1878.]

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor most respectfully to report, for the information of your honorable body, that during the year 1877, I have been called upon to adjudicate on four cases of dispute, and have been consulted on twelve or fourteen other cases. Amount of fees received twenty-two dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. PETTIS, Fence Viewer.

PROVIDENCE, December 31, 1877.

No. 37. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to inquire into the claim of Walter S. Burges.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Chace and Spicer, with Messrs. Brayton, Arnold and Joslin, of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to inquire into and report upon the subject of the claim of Walter S. Burges, for compensation for damages alleged to have been done by the city of Providence to his estate at Long pond.

No. 38. Report of Special Committee to set apart a lot in the North Burial Ground for the Home for Aged Men.

[Presented January 24, 1878.]

The commissioners of the north burial ground and the joint standing committee on the north burial ground, who were directed by resolution of the city council passed September 24th, 1877, to lay out and designate a lot of land as a burying ground for the society called "Home for Aged Men," respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have marked out a plat of ground, adjoining on the south, the tomb lot of the late Governor Fenner: said lot containing thirty-three hundred and twenty square feet, more or less: and a plat of the same accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

ANDREW WINSOR, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, January 21, 1878.

No. 39. Resolution to pay the Teachers of Sewing.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the persons employed as teachers of sewing, in the public schools, for services rendered and to be rendered during the remainder of the present school year, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for like services in the year 1877.

No. 40. Resolution relating to the Ordinance and Rules relative to Police.

[Approved February 4, 1778.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to examine and report what changes or modifications, if any, are required in chapter XXXIX. of the ordinances, and chapter v. of the rules and regulations of the board of aldermen, to make them conform with section eight, clause one, of the city charter.

No. 41. Resolution to pay Susan McKenna \$100.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Susan McKenna the sum of one hundred dollars, being in full of all demands for damage to her estate caused by cutting down Steuben street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, and a discharge therefor of all claims against the city: the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 42. Report of the Joint Special Committee on
Pauperism.

[Presented February 4, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint special committee of the city council, appointed under resolution No. 12, current series, have considered so much of the matter referred to them as relates to a temporary home for destitute women. After careful inquiry and examination, they are unanimously of the opinion that such a home should be established. They believe that a place where poor women, seeking employment or temporarily detained, from any cause, in the city, might remain for a few days, and receive proper care, would be not only a worthy charity, but the means of saving no inconsiderable number from ruin. The home should be under the immediate care of the overseer of the poor, who should have his office in the building. If near his office and in communication with it, a suitable room was provided, where the agents and representatives of charitable associations as well as benevolent individuals, might meet and confer with one another and with the overseer of the poor, it would offer facilities for a more thorough and complete organization of the city charities, public and private, than without such a centre of information and intelligence is possible. Upon the absolute necessity of organization for the wise and effective distribution of charity, the committee need not enlarge.

They are further of the opinion that with these two objects, a third might be advantageously combined. In the basement of the tenement occupied by the women there might be a room with a side entrance, where homeless men, whether vagrants or persons honestly seeking employment, might obtain single meals, after having earned them, by work of some kind, for the city. Such a provision, it is believed, would rapidly reduce the number of applicants for assistance. It

would also afford a ready means of discriminating between the mere tramp and the poor man really looking for work, but not finding it. While the latter would in every way, deserve our sympathy and aid, the proper place for the former would be the workhouse in Cranston, where he could have administered the kind of medicine which his case requires. It is chiefly owing to the large number of the vagrant class, constantly under treatment at that institution, that Rhode Island has suffered in comparison with the neighboring states, so little from their depredations and crimes.

The existence of a place in the centre of the city, where all the really needy could go and be temporarily provided for, would remove all excuse for the mischievous and dangerous habit of giving food in the kitchens, or at the doors of private houses. The most tender-hearted and sympathetic man or woman might then, without any doubts or misgivings, without any fret or wear of conscience, without the thought of Dives and Lazarus even presenting itself, send the sturdy beggar, whether clamorous or whining, away to quarters to provided for him by the city. This would be no slight relief many of our citizens.

The committee are of the opinion that a temporary home for destitute women, with the additional provision above indicated, besides accomplishing the beneficial objects immediately contemplated, would in the end, reduce the cost of the city's charities through their wiser and more systematic distribution. They therefore recommend the establishment of such an institution.

All which is respectfully submitted, by the order and in behalf of the committee.

GEORGE I. CHACE, Chairman.

No. 43. Resolution to establish a Home for Destitute
Women.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the overseer of the poor, acting under the advice and direction of the joint special committee on pauperism, appointed by resolution No. 12, current series, is hereby authorized and directed to hire and furnish a suitable tenement for the purpose of establishing therein a temporary home for women ; and also a place where tramps and destitute men can be fed in return for work done by them for the city ; and to continue the same in operation for the purpose above-named, during the remainder of the present municipal year ; the expense of hiring, furnishing and supporting said institute to be paid from the appropriation for the support of the poor, and drawn in the same manner as now provided for by ordinance, for the expenditure of said appropriation, and not to exceed the sum of four thousand dollars for the entire municipal year.

No. 44. Resolution appropriating \$2,300 for Evening
Schools.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,300) be hereby added to the amount authorized to be expended by the school committee for the maintenance of evening schools : to be paid out of the appropriation for public schools.

No. 45. Resolution appropriating \$20,000 for the
High School on Summer street.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is

hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

No. 46. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, Teacher of French.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates, the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of January, 1878; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 52. Report of the Joint Special Committee to consider the subject of Verbatim Reports.

[Presented February 4, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The joint special committee of the city council appointed by resolution, No. 11. approved January 7, 1878, to inquire and report upon the expediency of having verbatim reports of the doings of the city council, respectfully report, that the important consideration would be the cost of such reports, and no definite fixed sum for the year could be obtained at price named per newspaper column. Your committee estimate the total cost per annum, about three thousand dollars. This estimate is reported without any recommendation, and the committee ask to be discharged.

For the committee,

JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE, Chairman.

No. 53. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Improvement of Narragansett Bay.

[Presented February 4, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 4, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Preliminary action has been taken in the United States Senate, on the motion of Senator Anthony, of this state, in reference to the improvement of Narragansett bay and the harbor of this city, and it is reported that the harbor commissioners of this state have taken measures to endeavor to secure an appropriation from congress for said purpose.

It would seem that in a matter of such great importance to the growth and prosperity of this city, the city council should see that all proper steps are taken to lay before congress full information in regard to the commercial, manufacturing and railroad interests of Providence, and its present and prospective importance as a port of entry.

To secure a due attention to this important matter, I recommend that a committee be appointed by the city council, to be composed of leading citizens of this city, who are proper representatives of its varied interests, to visit Washington and appear before the committees of congress who may have in consideration the subject of the improvement of the harbor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 54. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated February 4, 1878, relative to the appointment of a committee of citizens to appear before the proper committees of con-

gress, for the purpose of obtaining the necessary legislation for the improvement of Narragansett bay and the harbor of this city, be hereby referred to the joint committee on the harbor to examine and report thereon.

No. 55. Message from the Mayor relating to Snow in the streets.

[Presented February 4, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 4, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The heavy fall of snow, which occurred a few days since, has obstructed the streets to an unusual degree, and yet the highway commissioners have but slightly increased the force in their employ. At the present time, there are great numbers of persons anxious for work, and to whom even a few days employment would be a great benefit.

The streets occupied by the railroad company are cleared by them as rapidly as practicable, a large force of men and teams being used for the purpose; and but for this work, there would be great difficulty in moving the fire apparatus with sufficient facility to properly protect the city from a large conflagration. It is also certain, that in case of a storm of rain within a few days, sidewalks and cellars will be flooded to the annoyance of the public and damage to property.

I recommend that the highway commissioners be instructed to increase their force to at least three hundred men, to be employed in leveling the snow and opening the gutters on streets in the compact portion of the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 56. Resolution to employ men in leveling
Snow etc.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be directed to hire not exceeding three hundred men, to be employed in leveling the snow and opening gutters in the compact portion of the city, in accordance with recommendations contained in the message of the mayor.

No. 57. Resolution of Inquiry relating to the School
Ordinance.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances are hereby instructed to report to the city council at as early a day as possible, what changes, if any, they deem necessary or advisable, in chapter 49 of the ordinances relating to the public schools.

No. 58. Resolution to pay the Police.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the members of the police department, for services in the month of January, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 59. Resolution to pay A. Fiske & Co. \$400 for
damage caused by flooding.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to A. Fiske & Co., wholesale grocers and commission mer-

chants, of No. 42 Exchange place, Providence, the sum of four hundred dollars, (\$400), whenever the said A. Fiske & Co. shall execute to the city of Providence a full release of all claims for damage arising from the flow of water from Exchange place and neighboring streets into the store and cellar on Exchange place; said release to be satisfactory to the city solicitor, and said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 60. Resolution to pay Thomas Furlong, \$56.75.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Furlong the sum of fifty-six dollars and seventy-five cents, whenever the said Furlong shall execute a full release to the city of Providence of all claims arising from damage to his real estate on Whelden street, caused by work done by the city on Shove street: said release to be satisfactory to the city solicitor, and the above payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 61. Resolution to pay Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay to Amasa S. Westcott, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars, for his services as judge of the municipal court, for the year ending on the first Monday in January, 1878, in addition to the salary ordered by chapter 103, (approved October 18, 1877,) entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ending the first Monday in January, 1878."

No. 62. Resolution relating to Money due George B
Inman.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor, if in his opinion such action shall be consistent with the interests of the city, is directed to bring a bill of interpleader against the various parties claiming certain moneys now in the city treasury, which moneys are due either to one Inman, formerly a contractor in Providence, or to his assignees, or to his attaching creditors.

No. 63. Resolution granting permission to raise a
building.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to J. M. Corcoran to raise a certain building, located at corner of Potter's avenue and Oakland avenue, pursuant to his petition.

No. 64. Resolution granting permission to move a
building.

[Approved February 4, 1878.]

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

No. 65. Deputy Gaugers.

[Appointed February 4, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

I hereby nominate for deputy gaugers for 1878, Zechariah C. Farmer and Robert Sherman, and request that they be confirmed.

Most respectfully,

EDWARD G. FARMER, Gauger.

PROVIDENCE, January 3, 1878.

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

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 4, 1878.

Nathaniel C. Bushee is elected Surveyor of Lumber.

No. 67. The following resolution is read and passed:

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances are hereby instructed to inquire into, and report upon, the subject of the election of constables, commissioners of the north burial ground, and highway commissioners; and upon their tenure of office.

No. 68. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the Providence Reform School. (City Document, No. 5.)

[Approved February 11th, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the trustees of the

Providence Reform School, this day presented, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council.

No. 69. Resolution to pay the claim of John Cassidy.

[Approved February 11th, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer pay John Cassidy the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, for services rendered and materials furnished in the building of a bank wall, and filling in on the lots abutting on Printery street, belonging to the estate of Patrick Reid; the same being done under a contract made with the committee on streets, of the board of aldermen, upon the said Cassidy giving a receipt satisfactory to the city solicitor; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 70. Resolution appropriating \$88,498.00 for the City Hall.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eighty-eight thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars, being balance of proceeds from the sale of the city hall bonds, is hereby added to the appropriation for the city hall: fifty thousand dollars of the same to be expended under the direction of the committee for furnishing the same, as per resolution approved September 30, 1875.

No. 71. Resolution to pay Angell, Hammett & Co. for binding proceedings at Roger Williams Monument.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the bill of Messrs. Angell, Hammett &

Co., for binding the volumes containing the proceedings at the dedication of the Roger Williams monument ; the same to be paid from the appropriation for public printing.

No. 72. Resolution to pay Ellen D. Carney, Teacher of Drawing.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay Ellen D. Carney the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation, for her services as teacher of drawing, from September 1, 1877, to February 1, 1878 ; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 73. Resolutions relating to the suit of Boynton & Perkins.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby empowered and authorized to make such settlement of the case No. 8,639, court of common pleas, Providence county, Boynton & Perkins vs. Benjamin Tripp, city treasurer, as the said solicitor shall think for the best interest of the city.

RESOLVED, Further, that on the said Boynton & Perkins executing a full release of all claims against the city of Providence, satisfactory to the city solicitor, the city treasurer is directed to pay to them the amount for which said case may be settled, provided that the amount for which such settlement is made, shall be certified to said treasurer, by the city solicitor in writing ; and that such certificate shall bear the approval of the chairman of the committee on finance endorsed thereon ; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 74. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Thayer Street.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to lay water pipes in Thayer street, between John and Arnold streets.

No. 75. Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL 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, Robert Carlisle, Frank S. Roberts, William G. Burtis, John B. Winship, John H. White. Robert Manchester for ship timber.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL C. BUSHEE, Surveyor of Lumber.

PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878.

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

No. 76. Resolution relating to Constables.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the joint standing committee on ordinances, be and they hereby are directed to examine into, and report some plan for the appointment, regulation and duties of constables in the city of Providence.

No. 77. Resolution to transfer the Property in the hands of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the joint committee on the north burial ground, are hereby instructed to transfer all books, papers and property, in the hands of the late commissioners of the north burial ground, to the newly elected commissioners.

No. 78. Resolution of thanks to William Earle, late Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the city council be hereby tendered to William Earle Esq., commissioner of the north burial ground and treasurer of the commission, for the services so many years rendered by him, and the unceasing interest he has taken in the welfare of the north burial ground.

No. 79. Resolution of thanks to Andrew Winsor late Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

[Approved February 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the city council be and they are hereby tendered to Andrew Winsor, Esq., for the able and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of commissioner of the north burial ground.

No. 80. Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, (City Document No. 3.)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, }
PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned, superintendent of public buildings, in

conformity with the ordinances of the city council, has the honor of presenting his ninth annual report, showing the condition of the public buildings, and the nature and amount of expenditures made thereon during the year 1877. For details of expenditures, the attention of the council is invited to the printed copies herewith submitted.

Very respectfully,

OBADIAH SLADE,

Supt. of Public Buildings.

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 11, 1878.

No. 81. Resignation of Andrew Winsor, Commissioner of the North Burial Ground

PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

I hereby tender my resignation as commissioner of the north burial ground.

Very respectfully yours,

ANDREW WINSOR.

Read, whereupon it is ordered, that the same be accepted.

No. 82 Declination of William Earle, Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878.

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

GENTLEMEN :—I hereby decline a re-election to the office of commissioner of the north burial ground, for the ensuing year.

The city council will please appoint a committee to receive and receipt for the trust funds, which I hold as treasurer of the commissioners.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM EARLE.

The following persons are elected Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, viz :

Robert H. I. Goddard, Augustus Hoppin,
Oren Westcott.

Resolution of the Common Council relative to Expenditures by the several Departments, with Reports in reply.

[Passed February 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That each joint standing committee of the city council having charge of a department of the municipal administration, for which an appropriation has been made by the city council, for the financial year 1877-78, is hereby directed to report in writing, at the next meeting of the common council, what, if any, changes are required in the management of the department under its charge, in order to bring its expenses for the financial year 1877-78, within the limits of the appropriation already made.

No. 83. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on city property, in obedi

ence to resolution of February 4, respectfully report, that in their opinion, no changes "are necessary in the management in order to bring its expenses within the limits of the appropriation." One third of the financial year has already passed, and less than that proportion of the appropriation expended. The application of the fire department for room for storage of reserve apparatus and better accommodations for Hose Co. No. 2, and referred to this committee, will, if granted, require a probable expenditure of about \$3,000. Estimates of the cost of this change are now in preparation, and will be presented to the council at an early day. Should this work be undertaken, it is probable that a small appropriation may be asked for before the close of the year, as the sum appropriated to the use of this department, was seven thousand dollars less than the amount estimated by the committee to be necessary to pay its expenses. The committee are of the opinion that for the *ordinary* expenses of the department, the current year, so far as can be known without omniscience, no further appropriation will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

No 84. Report of the Joint Committee on the Fire
Department.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on the fire department, to whom on the fourth day of February, 1878, was referred resolution relative to expenditures by the several departments of the city government, would respectfully report no change necessary.

STILLMAN WHITE,
For the Committee.

No. 85. Report of the Joint Committee on the Harbor.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on the harbor, to whom was referred a resolution directing them to report what changes if any, were required in the management of the department under their charge, to enable them to finish the present financial year without any additional appropriation, report, that they believe that no additional appropriation will be needed for work to be done in the harbor, during the present financial year.

For the committee,

ARTHUR F. DEXTER, Chairman.

No. 86. Report of the Joint Committee on Highways.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

The joint committee on highways to whom, on the fourth day of February, 1878, was referred the resolution of the common council of the same date, report that they have given the subject careful consideration, and find there is an unexpended balance of the highway appropriation, of eighty-five thousand dollars. The ordinary cleaning of the streets for the balance of the fiscal year, will cost say twenty thousand dollars. The graveling and ordinary repairs will cost some forty thousand dollars more. If this council should see fit to suspend all work already ordered, and order no new work for the coming year, there would be an unexpended balance of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878.

No. 87. Report of the Joint Committee on Lamps.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

In accordance with resolution of the common council passed February 4, 1878, directing "each joint standing committee of the city council to report, what, if any changes are required in the management of the department under its charge, in order to bring its expenses for the financial year 1877-78, within the limits of the appropriation already made," the joint committee on lamps report, that no changes are required in the management of the lamp department, as from present appearances the expenses will come within the appropriation made.

For the committee,

THOMAS M. ROUNDS, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 8, 1878.

No. 88. Report of the Joint Committee on Parks.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on parks, who by resolution approved February 4, 1878, were directed to report in writing what changes, if any, are required in the management of the department under their charge, in order to bring its expenses for the financial year within the limits of the appropriation already made, respectfully report, that if in the opinion of this council, the exercise of the most rigid economy, such as will admit of no improvement, and only of bare maintenance, is a policy the best for the interests of the city to pursue, no changes are necessary.

For the committee,

WM. H. SHATTUCK, Chairman.

No. 89. Report of the Joint Committee on Police.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

The joint standing committee on police, to whom was referred resolution relative to expenditures by the several departments of the city government, beg leave to report: that they have given the subject their careful consideration, and they find that the department cannot be managed as it now is, for the year, for less than the estimate made by the committee on police, March 13, 1877, namely \$230,000. By a reduction in the force of thirty-five men, or a reduction in the pay of the men, the expense of management of the department may be reduced to less than the appropriation; but your committee would not recommend to the council the adoption of either of these courses.

For the committee,

EDMUND S. HOPKINS, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878.

No. 90. Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeable to resolution passed by your honorable body February 4, 1878, asking what changes if any, are necessary in order to keep the expenses of the various departments within the appropriations for the current fiscal year, the joint committee on printing would respectfully report, that they know of no change to be made for the present year, and they expect to keep within the appropriation, providing the other departments use due care in the ordering of printing, advertising and the use of stationery, and the city council does not put upon this department many

such extraordinary expenses as the one just voted, viz: that of publishing the proceedings of the dedication of the Roger Williams monument, at a cost of nearly a thousand dollars. Your committee are of the opinion, however, the appointment of a superintendent of printing and stationery, would save the city expense in the future, so that true economy would dictate such a course.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

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No. 91. Report of the Joint Committee on the City
Engineer's Department.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

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

The committee on the city engineer's department in obedience to a resolution of the common council passed on the fourth instant, make this their report. The committee at their first meeting for organization, carefully examined the work of the department, and the balance of the appropriation remaining at their disposal. As the result of this examination, they ascertained that the city engineer, in making his estimate for the present fiscal year, had supposed that the balance which would remain of the appropriation for the last fiscal year, would be added to the appropriation for this year. In consequence of this, there will be a deficiency of some \$2,200. in the appropriation for the use of the committee. If the city council and the various departments having authority to order work to be done by the city engineer, do not enlarge their orders, the committee are satisfied that they will only require the additional sum already mentioned; but if the work of the department is more than the expectations of

the committee, the expense of the department will in like manner be increased.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 11, 1878.

No. 92. Report of the Special Committee on Furniture for the City Hall.

[Presented February 11, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

In compliance with the resolution adopted in common council, February 4, 1878, the joint special committee to procure furniture for the city hall, appointed under resolution No. 589, approved Nov. 30, 1875, make this report. In answer to the question, "what contracts, if any, have been made by said committee, and for what purpose?" the committee answer that two contracts have been made; one with Mr. S. J. F. Thayer, architect, to make designs for such articles of furniture or fixtures as in the judgment of the committee require special designs, and to advise with and assist the committee in their work; the other with E. Howard & Co., of Boston, for the clock and electric dials. To the second question: "what furniture, if any, has been purchased?" We reply, none. In answer to the further question, "what designs for furniture have been adopted by said committee, and what action has been taken by said committee relative to the object of its appointment?" the committee say, no designs for furniture have been adopted as yet; its work so far, has consisted in the proper disposal of the several matters referred to it from time to time, by the city council; in the making of the two contracts enumerated above, and in deciding upon the proper location

of various articles of fixtures or furniture, and their general character ; in the preparation of designs, and to the obtaining of such information about the matter committed to their charge, as will, they believe, be of value to the city. No moneys have been drawn from the city treasury on account of this committee.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

February 11, 1878.

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No. 93. Message from the Mayor relating to a Seal for the Recorder of Deeds.

[Presented February 18, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
February 18, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The recorder of deeds is frequently required to furnish for use without the state, certified copies of papers, to which an official seal is necessary. As there is no seal attached to his office, I recommend that an ordinance be adopted establishing such a seal.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

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No. 94. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved February, 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated February 18, 1878, recommending the adoption of an ordinance establishing a seal for the office of the recorder of deeds, be hereby referred to the joint standing committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 95. Joint Committee on the Fire Department.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 18, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Mr Parish be appointed a member of the joint standing committee on the fire department, in place of Mr. White, who has been excused from further service.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 96. CHAPTER CVII.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XIII OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL."

[Approved February 25, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. The fourth section of chapter XIII of the ordinances of the city of Providence is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Every joint committee to whom any subject shall have been referred, shall report thereon within four weeks, to the branch making such reference, or shall ask for further time ; and all joint special committees shall report to the city council at least once in three months, the condition of the matter referred to them ; and shall, also, annually in the month of January, make to the city council, a full report of the matter referred to them, and shall thereupon be *ipso facto* discharged from the further consideration of the matter referred to them, unless they shall by joint resolution, be continued as such special committee.

No. 97. Resolution to pay P. & J. Tierney for work on the City Hall.

[Approved February 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay the

bill of P. & J. Tierney, for extra plumbing on the city hall, amounting to five hundred eighty-nine dollars and nine cents : to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 98. Resolution to pay the permanent members of the Fire Department.

[Approved February 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of February, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 99. Resolution to pay the call men of the Fire Department.

[Approved February 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department for services rendered during the quarter ending February 28, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding quarter in the year previous.

No. 100. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved February 21, 1878.]

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

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

No. 101. Resolution to pay B. A. Whitcomb \$100 for Gravel.

[Approved February 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be and is directed to allow and audit the accompanying bill of B. A. Whitcomb for gravel \$100, and that the amount of said bill be charged to the highway appropriation.

No. 103. Message from the Mayor relating to Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court.

[Presented February 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
February 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

By an error in drawing the resolution in relation to the salary of the judge of the municipal court, No. 330, approved June 4, 1877, a deficiency of twenty dollars and eighty-four cents was made in his salary for the year. I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution directing the payment to him of that sum.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 104. Resolution referring the foregoing message.

[Approved February 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the message of the mayor, dated February

21, 1878, in relation to the salary of the judge of the municipal court, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 105. Message from the Mayor relating to the High School Estate.

[Presented February 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
February 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

As the new high school building will undoubtedly be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the school year in September next, I recommend the passage of a resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of the present high school estate to the State of Rhode Island, at the close of the present school year, so that the building may be fitted for the Normal school, during the summer vacation.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 106. Resolution to convey the High School Estate to the State of Rhode Island.

[Approved February 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the mayor is hereby directed to execute and deliver, at the close of the present school year, for the consideration of thirty thousand dollars, a deed to the State of Rhode Island of the high school estate so called, on Benefit street in the city of Providence, in accordance with, and subject to the provisions of the contract made by said city with said state, dated May 28, 1877, and filed with the city auditor, and containing a condition that said estate shall, after possession thereof is delivered, be occupied by the state for a normal school.

No. 107. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Bogman street.

[Approved February 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Bogman street, as a public highway, from Plane street to Prairie avenue.

No. 109. Resolution to pay the Police.

[Approved February 28, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the members of the police department, for services in the month of February, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 110. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Prairie Avenue.

[Approved February 28, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Prairie avenue, from Dudley street to Broad street, as a public highway.

No. 111. Resolution to suspend the Construction of a Sewer in Greene street.

[Passed February, 28, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby instructed to suspend the construction of the sewer in Greene Street, from Westminster street to Washington street, until further orders from the city council.

No. 112. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved February 28, 1878.]

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

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

No. 113. CHAPTER CVIII.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 1879.

[Passed March 4, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. From and after the first day of April next, for the balance of the year ending the first Monday in January, A. D. 1879, the police officers of the city of Providence, shall be allowed and paid monthly, for their services, the following sums per annum, viz : to the deputy chief of police, fifteen hundred dollars ; to each captain of police and clerk of police, three dollars and twenty-five cents per day ; to each sergeant of police three dollars per day ; to each detective of police, three dollars and fifty cents per day ; to the superintendent of hacks, three dollars per day ; to each patrolman who has served less than two consecutive years, two dollars and fifty cents per day ; to each patrolman who has served two or more consecutive years, two dollars and seventy-five cents per day ; to all patrolmen appointed after the passage of this act, two dollars and twenty-five cents per day.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

No. 114. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for an Act relating to Constables.

[Approved, March 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be instructed to request the passage of the accompanying act, by the general assembly, being an act in amendment of public laws, chap. 598, enacted January, 1866, known as the amended charter of Providence.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES
IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Providence, by concurrent vote, shall annually, in the month of April and whenever a vacancy shall occur, elect one constable in and for said city, to be called constable of Providence ; which constable so elected, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond to the treasurer of said city, with two sureties to be approved by the board of aldermen of said city, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the due and faithful execution of his office according to law.

SEC. 2. Said constable may appoint as many deputies, not exceeding ten in number, as he may deem necessary for his assistance in the due performance of the duties of his office ; such deputies to be confirmed by the board of aldermen ; and every deputy shall, before entering upon his duties, give a bond, with good and sufficient sureties to said constable, in the sum of three thousand dollars, for the faithful execution of his office according to law.

SEC. 3. The appointment of every deputy shall be in writing, under the hand and seal of the constable of Providence, and shall be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose in

the office of the city clerk of said city, or lodged to be so recorded, previous to his entering on the duties of his office.

SEC. 4. The said constable of Providence shall have power to revoke any deputation by him given, provided such revocation be entered in the office of the city clerk, in the book for recording deputations as aforesaid.

SEC. 5. The constable of Providence and each of his deputies, shall have and possess all the powers, and be subject to all the liabilities, now given or imposed upon constables by law. No constable appointed in any other town of this state, shall have power to serve any civil process in said city.

SEC. 6. The constable of Providence shall be responsible and accountable for any neglect or misfeasance in office of his deputies; and in all cases when any person shall be entitled to an action for any neglect or misfeasance in office of any deputy, he shall have his election to bring the same either against the constable of Providence appointing him, or against such deputy.

SEC. 7. The city council of said city may, by ordinance, make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the state governing the said constable and his deputies, as may be deemed necessary; and for the infringement of any of the rules or regulations so made, the board of aldermen of said city may revoke the appointment of said constable at any time, after due hearing of all parties interested.

SEC. 8. In case of the death, resignation, or removal of said constable of Providence, his deputies shall continue in office and shall execute the same in the name of said constable, until another constable shall be appointed, and sworn and have given bond as before prescribed; and the neglect or misfeasance in office of such deputies in the mean time, as well as before, shall be a breach of the condition of the bond given as before directed by the constable who appointed them.

SEC. 9. Any person injured by the breach of the bond of the constable of Providence, may, after recovering judgment against said constable, his executors or administrators, in an

action brought for the default, misfeasance or non-feasance of such constable or his deputy, cause a suit to be instituted upon such bond, at his own cost, in the name of the treasurer of said city, to his own use.

SEC. 10. Any person injured by the breach of any deputy-constable's bond may, if he so elect, after recovering judgment against such deputy-constable, his executors or administrators for the default, misfeasance or non-feasance of such deputy-constable, cause a suit to be instituted upon the bond of such deputy at his own cost, in the name of the constable of Providence, to his own use.

No. 115. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates,
Teacher of French.

[Approved March 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of February, 1878 ; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 116. Report of the Joint Committee on the Harbor upon the action of Congress relative to improving Narragansett Bay and Providence River.

[Presented March 4, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on the harbor, to whom on the fourth day of February, 1878, was referred a message from his honor the mayor, presented on that day, in which the attention of the city council was called to the report of some

action said to have been taken in relation to the presentment of a petition to Congress, asking an appropriation for the improvement of Narragansett bay and Providence river, report: that they find the board of state harbor commissioners have presented such a petition to the present Congress, and that it has been referred to a committee before whom those interested are invited to appear. Your committee believe that of all interested in this petition, the city of Providence stands first; as the improvement of the harbor is of vital importance to the growth and prosperity of the city, for by such improvement and the development of its commercial interest, this city will relieve itself from its present too great dependence upon a single industry, that of manufactures. Any wise measure to secure such improvement should receive encouragement and assistance from the city government, and your committee think the action of the state board in presenting this petition should have the hearty approval of the city council, and that as strong a presentment as possible of the city's interest therein should be made to Congress. They are of opinion that a committee should be appointed to represent the city before Congress in the matter of said petition, and therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

ARTHUR F. DEXTER, Chairman.

No. 117. Resolution appointing a Committee of Citizens to visit Washington in behalf of an Appropriation for improving the Bay and Harbor.

[Approved March 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, that Henry Lippitt, Harvey E. Wellman, Elisha H. Rockwell, Henry W. Gardner and the chairman of the joint standing committee on the harbor, are hereby appointed a committee to visit Washington, as representatives of this

city, for the purpose of securing, if possible, favorable action upon a petition now pending before Congress, asking an appropriation for the improvement of Narragansett bay and Providence river. And the chairman of said harbor committee is hereby authorized to draw upon the city treasurer for the necessary expenses of this committee.

No. 122. Resignation of Henry L. Parsons.

PROVIDENCE, March 4th, 1878.

C. P. ROBINSON Esq., President of the Common Council.

DEAR SIR:—Being unable to attend to the duties, as a member of the committee of the city council, on city hall furniture, I tender you my resignation,

Yours respectfully,

HENRY L. PARSONS.

No. 123. CHAPTER CIX.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XII. OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE. CITY SEAL.

[Approved March 11, 1878.]

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

The following is added to chapter XII. of the ordinances of the city of Providence, as section 5 thereof:

SECTION 5. The following shall be the device of the seal of the recorder of deeds of said city, to wit: a raised circle containing the words "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," and within the same, another circle containing the words "City of Providence," and within the last named circle the words "Recorder of Deeds;" and the recorder of deeds of said city shall, whenever requested, affix the imprint of said seal, to any certificate by him given, without making any additional charge therefor.

No. 124. Resolution of Inquiry relating to the Charge of Bridges.

[Approved March 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Joslin, Cooney and Goff of the common council, and Messrs. Smith and Mowry of the board of aldermen, be and they hereby are appointed a special committee with instructions to inquire into, and report at the next meeting of the city council, upon the expediency of placing all public bridges in this city, and the care thereof, under the charge of the superintendent of public buildings,

No. 125. Resolution to pay Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

[Approved March 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Amasa S. Westcott the sum of twenty and eighty-four one hundredths dollars, being the balance due him on account of his salary as judge of the municipal court, for the year 1877 : to be paid from the appropriation for salaries.

No. 126. Resolution to allow the bill of G. & C. P. Hutchins.

[Approved March 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to audit and allow the bill of G. & C. P. Hutchins for \$54.97 for articles furnished to the city for the third police station, on Wickenden street ; the amount of the bill to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 127. Resolution to pay Alfred Mundell, \$56.00.

[Approved March 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to

pay Alfred Mundell the sum of fifty-six dollars, whenever the said Mundell shall give a full release, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims against said city arising from work done, or materials furnished by him for said city: said payment to be charged to the sewer appropriation.

No. 128. Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to purchase pipes, etc.

[Approved March 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are authorized, to purchase, for the construction and extension of the water works during the coming season, one thousand tons cast iron water pipes, sixty tons special castings, and one hundred water gates.

Resolution granting permission to raise
Buildings.

[Approved March 7, 1878.]

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

- No. 129. Henry M. Angell & Co., No. 14, Westfield street.
130. Jacob Remlinger, No. 36 Sutton street.

No. 131. Message from the Mayor relating to damages to the Richmond Mfg. Co., alleged to have been caused by the Cove dam.

[Presented March 7, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
March 7, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received a communication from the Richmond

Manufacturing Company, in which they state they have been constantly subjected to "trouble and expense" during the time that the dam at the outlet of the cove basin has been maintained at its present height; that the freshet on the night of the 22d ultimo caused them "serious damage and loss of property, in consequence as they believe" of the height of said dam; that they shall, as soon as practicable, present a claim for the amount of said damage to the city council; and they also state that they shall "hold the city responsible for the damage to which they are now and may hereafter be subjected" until said dam shall be "restored to its proper level." In view of this notice, and of the claims of a similar character for a large amount already presented to the city council, I recommend that some action be taken by the city council to ascertain by whose authority the dam in question was constructed and is now maintained, and what responsibility, if any, attaches to the city therefor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 132. Resolution to pay certain accounts for raising the grade of Dyer, Pine and Custom House streets.

[Approved March 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the accounts for work done on Dyer, Pine and Custom House streets, in raising the grade and curbing, and paving said streets, to be paid from the appropriation for highways as follows:

James S. Aborn & Co., (two bills,) - - -	\$676 50
Diamond Hill Granite Co., - . - -	63 75
Abram Crowell, - - - - -	147 00
James H. Tower, - - - - -	56 01
George W. Smith, - - - - -	255 85
S. A. Austin, - - - - -	57 55

Providence Builders' Association, - - -	\$21 50
John W. Briggs, (two bills,) - - -	233 62
Joshua R. Brown, (four bills,) - - -	610 45
D. H. Finlay, - - - - -	15 00

No. 134. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for
Asylum walls, &c.

[Approved March 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for the repairs of the asylum walls and buildings.

No. 135. Resolution appropriating \$20,000 for the
new High School.

[Approved March 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

No. 136. Resolution to pay the Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved March 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in February, 1878, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Walter Spencer, - - - - -	\$77.00
James H. Powers, - - - - -	77.00
Allen F. Grant, - - - - -	77.00

No. 137. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Washington Street.

[Approved March 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Washington street, as a public highway from Cove street to Dean street.

No. 138. Resolution adding to the Committee to procure furniture for the new City Hall.

[Approved March 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Raynsford, and Messrs. White, Peirce, Goff, Carpenter, J. B. Winsor and Sweet, of the common council, be added to the committee to procure furniture for the new city hall, provided that the committee as thus constituted, shall consist of the mayor, with one representative from each of the ten wards of the city.

No. 139. Message from the Mayor relative to lighting the Public Urinals.

[Presented March 18, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
March 18, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It is impossible to keep the public urinals in proper condition, or to prevent injury thereto, in consequence of want of light therein during the night time. It was supposed that by placing them near a public street lamp, they would be lighted sufficiently, but such is not the fact; and I therefore recommend that a lamp be placed over each urinal and kept burning throughout the entire night.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 140. Resolution referring the foregoing message.

[Approved March 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated March 18, 1878, relative to the lighting of the public urinals, be referred to the joint standing committee on city property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 141. Message from the Mayor with the declination of R. H. I. Goddard and Augustus Hoppin, Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

[Presented March 18, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
March 18, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I regret to announce to you that Messrs. Robert H. I. Goddard and Augustus Hoppin, who were elected Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, by the city council on the 11th ultimo, have declined to accept the office. I transmit herewith their letters of declination and suggest that the vacancies be filled at an early day.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, March 16, 1878.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor:

DEAR SIR:—It is impossible for me to accept the position of Commissioner of the North Burial Ground, to which I was elected February 11, 1878, and I beg most respectfully to decline the same.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. I. GODDARD.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, City Clerk:

DEAR SIR:—I hereby most respectfully decline the position as one of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground. An indisposition, of some days, has prevented me from acknowledging the receipt of this commission, and from taking definite action thereon.

I am very respectfully, your obedient servant,

AUGUSTUS HOPPIN.

PROVIDENCE, 8th March, 1878.

No. 142. Resignation of Dexter B. Lewis.

[Accepted March 21, 1878.]

C. P. ROBINSON, Esq., President of the Common Council of Providence :

DEAR SIR :—I hereby resign my position as a member of the special committee of the city council to furnish the new city hall, and remain,

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

D. B. LEWIS.

PROVIDENCE, March 17th, 1878.

No. 144. Communication from the Trustees of the Providence Reform School in relation to the Meeting-House on Wickenden Street.

[Presented March 18, 1878.]

PROVIDENCE, March 18, 1878.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The trustees of the reform school respectfully present the following statement.

The city owns the meeting-house at the corner of Wickenden and Hope streets. Examination shows that it is a very heavily framed and substantial building, with no weakness from decay. If sold, it must be taken to pieces, as it could not be moved through the streets, and would therefore bring a very insignificant sum. It is understood that the committee on the Brook street district would be glad to be relieved of it.

There are nearly four acres of land in the reform school estate, and the trustees would be glad to have the building re-

moved on to the estate, near the southeast corner, and fitted up for the accommodation of the girls in the school. Plans of the proposed arrangement of the building have been prepared, and have been examined by a large portion of the members of the city council. Without entering into particulars, the trustees believe that the building will make comfortable, safe and convenient accommodations for seventy-five to eighty girls, or nearly double the number now in the school. They would propose to have the building fitted up plainly, simply making it comfortable and safe, without any expense for architectural display. The carpenter who has made the plans, estimates the total expense, including additions if necessary, at between eleven and twelve thousand dollars. The trustees would suggest that the work be done under the advice and direction of a committee of the city council.

The benefits to the school from the proposed plans are briefly and in part as follows :

1. The girls would all be removed from the buildings occupied by the boys, and thus a serious trouble of which the trustees and others have complained for years past, will be removed.

2. The girls can be better managed, disciplined and instructed, and can be taught housework and cooking, and perhaps some profitable trades, which cannot be done with their present accommodations.

3. The proposed plan will permit the separation and classification of the boys, putting the small boys by themselves in the part now occupied by the girls, and with separate playground. This the trustees consider of the very highest importance.

4. The plan will also provide accommodations for an increased number of boys, which are very much needed immediately ; it being necessary at present to place beds in the halls and passage ways.

In view of these facts, and others which might be given, the trustees respectfully request that the building may be

placed on the reform school lot, as proposed, and that the money may be appropriated for fitting it up.

By order and in behalf of the board of trustees.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, March 18, 1878.

No. 145. Resolutions to move the Church Building on Wickenden Street and repair and alter the same for use of the Providence Reform School.

[Approved March 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the Brook street district be authorized to remove the church building on the corner of Wickenden and Hope streets to such place on the reform school estate as may be designated by the board of trustees of the Providence Reform School.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. White, Briggs and Franklin of the common council, with aldermen Persons and Fenner, be a committee to cause the above building to be enlarged and altered for the purposes of the reform school, in accordance with such plans as may be adopted and approved by said board of trustees.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense of said enlargement and alteration.

No. 146. Resolution relating to funds for completing the City Hall.

[Approved March 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the city debt are

hereby instructed to report a plan for procuring the funds necessary for the completion of the city hall.

No. 147. Resolution to pay the members of the Fire Department.

[Approved March 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of March, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved March 21, 1878.]

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

- No. 148. Isaiah Bacon, No. 7 Grove street.
 - 149. Frank P. Barrows, No. 344 Prairie avenue.
 - 150. John F. Daly, No. 83 India street.
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No. 151. Resolution to convey certain land in the Brook Street District, to Ellen L. Potts.

[Passed March 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby directed to cause to be conveyed to Ellen L. Potts, wife of John S., lot of land on the corner of Front street and a new street east of Ives street, whenever she shall convey to the city of Providence the lot of land on

the east side of Gano street, formerly owned by her, and either pays or signs an agreement to pay for betterments to said lot on Front street.

No. 152. Report of the Joint Special Committee relative to laying out a street on the westerly side of Long Pond.

[Presented March 18, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint special committee, consisting of the members of the joint standing committee on highways and sewers, to whom on the 19th and 26th days of February, 1877, was referred the petitions for a street on the westerly side of Long pond, from Dexter street to Potter's avenue, respectfully report : that we are satisfied that in order to the proper drainage and sewerage of the territory embraced in the petitions, as well as to the better accommodation of the general public and especially that portion of the same resident near or upon said territory, it is necessary to lay out a street from Dexter street to Potter's avenue, in accordance with the resolutions herewith submitted.

Said improvement would not only be carrying into effect a portion of the plan determined upon as a system of sewerage for the ninth ward, but it would also furnish a proper terminus, and facilitate communication with main thoroughfares to all streets running to Long pond, there being at present no through avenue from Cranston street to Greenwich street in all that territory. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

For the committee,

JOHN W. BRIGGS, Chairman,

By GEO. E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

PROVIDENCE, March 18, 1878.

No. 154. Resolution to pay Harrison G. Macomber \$4,200 for work on the City Hall.

[Approved March 28, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Harrison G. Macomber, the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars, whenever the said Macomber shall execute a discharge to the city of Providence, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims and demands against said city, arising from his contract with said city, dated January 18, 1875, for laying granite and bricks in the city hall structure ; said payment to be charged to the city hall appropriation.

No. 155. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out and receive Maple Street.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and receive Maple street, as a highway, from Beacon street to Plane street.

No. 156. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Shamrock Street.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are authorized to lay distribution pipes in Shamrock street, between Traverse and Benefit streets.

No. 157. Resolution to lay Water Pipes on Meeting street.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are authorized to connect the distribution pipes on Meeting street, below Congdon street, with those now laid in Congdon street.

No. 158. Resolution referring the Message relating to damage by the late flood on Woonasquatucket River.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, relative to the damage by the late flood on Woonasquatucket river, presented March 7, 1878, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Aldermen Raynsford and Spencer, with Messrs. Barnaby, Brayton and Behan of the common council, to examine into the fact bearing on the subject, and report thereon.

No. 159. Message from the Mayor relative to the custody of Original Papers.

[Presented March 28, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, March 28, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It is and has been customary heretofore to allow the original reports, petitions, resolutions or papers of any kind, presented to either branch of the city council, to be delivered

to committees of the city council, to heads of departments, or to parties interested in the matters referred to in such documents. In consequence of this custom, considerable inconvenience has been experienced of late, in several cases by the inability to find such papers when wanted for reference, and in more than one instance, has been of serious damage to the city in the trial of cases in the courts. Papers required by the city solicitor to establish the right of the city to do certain things, are found to be missing from their proper place, and the most dilligent search fails to discover them.

I therefore recommend the passage of an ordinance forbidding the city clerk and the clerk of the common council from delivering original papers, except under such restrictions as may be imposed by ordinance; and making it the duty of those clerks to see that the papers, when delivered, are subsequently returned to their proper place.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 160. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated March 28, 1878, relative to the security of original papers in the hands of the city clerk and the clerk of the common council, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, with instructions to report by bill.

No. 161. Message from the Mayor relative to the
Flag Staff on Eddy street.

[Presented March 28, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,)
City of Providence, March 28, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It has been supposed that the flag-staff at the junction of Ship and Eddy streets belonged to the city, but on investiga-

tion it was found that it has not been formally accepted by the city council, although the parties by whom it was erected had released all their claim therein to the city.

The staffs owned by the city are being repaired, and on examination it was found that the above staff, like the others, was somewhat decayed at the base, and I directed the topmast to be taken down and removed to the city yard.

As this staff can be repaired at a small outlay, I recommend that it be accepted by the city council, and hereafter be maintained as a city staff.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 162. Resolution accepting Flag-Staff on Eddy street.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the flag-staff at the junction of Ship street and Eddy street, be hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 163. Deputy Surveyor of Lumber.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE:

The undersigned surveyor of lumber presents the name of Esek A. Jillson for deputy surveyor of hard and ornamental woods, for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL C. BUSHEE, Surveyor of Lumber.

PROVIDENCE, March 18, 1878,

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

No. 164. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, Teacher of French.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of March, 1878; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 165. Message from the Mayor relating to Washington and Fulton streets.

[Presented April 1, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, April 1, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The sidewalk around the city hall, has been so constructed as to add considerable width to the roadway on both Fulton and Washington streets, while the location of the building renders it necessary to make a new lay out of these streets. As there seems to be no good reason why this lay out should be made at the expense of the tax payers, I recommend that application be made to the supreme court for commissioners of assessment to lay out the two streets, and assess the benefits thereof upon the estates benefited thereby.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 166. Resolution referring the foregoing message.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated April 1, 1878, relative to a new lay out of Fulton and Washington streets,

be referred to the joint committee on highways, to examine and report thereon.

No. 167. Resolution to pay the Police.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the members of the police department, for services in the month of March, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 168. Resolution to pay Arthur H. Armington.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be and hereby is directed to audit and allow the bill of Arthur H. Armington, amounting to \$541.67, for services in the assessors' office, from November 20th, 1876, to January 1st, 1878, the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 169. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

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

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

No. 170. CHAPTER CX.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XXXVI OF THE
ORDINANCES.

[Approved April 3, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. The words "an overseer of public bridges" are hereby stricken from section 2 of chapter XXXVI of the ordinances.

No. 171. CHAPTER CXI.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XXXVI OF THE
ORDINANCES.

[Approved April 3, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. Section 35 of chapter XXXVI of the ordinances is hereby repealed.

No. 172. CHAPTER CXII.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XIII OF THE
ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "COMMITTEES OF THE CITY
COUNCIL."

[Approved April 1, 1878.]

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

Section 1 of chapter XIII is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be annually appointed by the city council, immediately after the organization of the city government, the following joint standing committees, who shall hold their offices until the expiration of the current municipal year, viz.: A committee on finance; a committee on highways; a committee on education; a committee on the fire department; a committee on city property; a committee on police; a committee on ordinances; a committee on claims; a committee on printing; a committee on parks; each of which committees shall consist of four members of the common council and one alderman; also, a committee on the north burial ground; a committee on the harbor; a committee on railroads; a committee on sewers; a committee on lamps; each of which shall consist of three members of the common council and one alderman; a committee on water, to consist of four members of the common council and two aldermen; also a committee on the city debt, which shall consist of the mayor, the president of the board of aldermen, the president of the common council, the chairman of the joint standing committee on finance, and one member of the common council, to be appointed by the president thereof; and a committee on the city engineer's department, to consist of the mayor, the president of the board of aldermen, the president of the common council, the chairman of the joint standing committees on highways and sewers, and one member of the common council, to be appointed by the president thereof.

The board of aldermen shall constitute the advising committee on bridges, and the said board shall cause all the public bridges to be kept in good repair, but shall not build any new bridges nor expend in any one year on any bridge except a draw bridge, more than five hundred dollars, nor on any draw bridge more than seven hundred and fifty dollars, unless empowered so to do by the city council.

No. 173. CHAPTER CXIII.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XCV OF THE ORDINANCES.

[Approved April 3, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter xcv is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

“SECTION 4. Said engineer shall, under the direction of the advising committee on bridges, have the charge and control of all public bridges, and shall annually, and oftener if in his opinion it shall be necessary, or if required so to do by the advising committee on bridges, make a careful examination of all such bridges, and shall make to said committee such reports respecting the condition thereof as to safety and need of repair or renewal, as in his judgment may be required. Said engineer shall make a written report to the city council in the month of January in each year, stating the condition of all the bridges in the city or for which the city is in any way responsible, and shall also with such report present an estimate of the probable cost of repairs upon each of the same for the ensuing year.”

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 1, 1878.

The following officers are elected :

Commissioners of the North Burial Ground :

Gorham Thurber, John W. Briggs.

Special Constable under the Bird law—Jabez C. Potter.

No. 177. CHAPTER CXIV.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ORDINANCES PERMITTING THE SEVERAL COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE NAME OF THE UNION RAILROAD COMPANY, TO LAY RAILS IN CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

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 on Messer street, between High and Hudson streets, to connect with rails now laid on High street; said rails to be laid under the supervision of the committee on railroads; with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the conditions of the ordinances hereby amended.

No. 178. Message from the Mayor relative to the Act to limit indebtedness by Towns and Cities.

[Presented April 10, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 10, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The act to limit the indebtedness to be incurred by towns and cities has passed the general assembly, and will become a law within the next two weeks.

If the taxable value of the city, as fixed by the board of city assessors, is taken as the basis upon which the indebtedness is to be calculated, the city has already exceeded the limit fixed in the act.

Three public works are now in process, which have not been authorized by the general assembly, and for which, until now, it was not necessary to obtain such authority. These are the city hall, the new high school, and the dredging of the cove basin.

So far as contracts have been made therefor, the city can issue its notes to pay for what is done by the contractors under such contracts; but it is doubtful whether these notes can be negotiated, unless special authority for their issue can be obtained from the general assembly, on account of the questions which will be raised under the act.

It is certain that any work to be done on the city hall or high school, which has not been contracted for, cannot be done if the city has already reached the limit of indebtedness allowed by the new law.

I have therefore convened you this evening, in order that application may be made at once, to the general assembly for authority to complete the city hall and high school, and to issue notes therefor, and for the expense of dredging the cove basin.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 178. Resolution to apply for an act authorizing the completion of certain Public Works.

[Approved April 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to make application to the general assembly, at its present session, for such legislation as will authorize the city of Providence to complete the new high school, the city hall, and the dredging of the cove basin, and to provide for the payment thereof.

No. 180. Resolution appropriating \$500 for the Bath Houses.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on the harbor, to pay the running expenses of the city bath houses, for the bathing season of 1878.

No. 181. Resolution to put in order the Bath Houses.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

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 1878.

No. 182. Resolution accepting gift of Susan F. Carlisle to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Susan F. Carlisle, of the sum of two 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 said Carlisle in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of Susan F. Carlisle fund.

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

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to lay distribution pipes in Bernon street, from present end of the pipe westerly.

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

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to lay distribution pipes in Senter street, three hundred feet southerly from Smith street.

No. 185. Resolution to lay water pipes in Eva street.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to lay distribution pipes in Eva street, between Veazie and Admiral streets, whenever the abutting owners shall have caused the street to be worked to a proper grade.

No. 186. Resolution to lay a sewer in Olney street.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Olney street, from East avenue to Camp street.

No. 187. Resolution to lay a sewer in State and Orms streets.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby instructed to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed from a point one hundred feet northerly from Field street, through State and Orms streets, to connect with sewer in Orms street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

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

- No. 188. Estate of Charles W. Atwood.
- 189. Asa W. Brown.
- 190. Thomas Caffrey.
- 191. Edwin R. Knight.
- 192. Anna A. Tallman.

No. 193. CHAPTER CXV.

AN ORDINANCE IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER CIII OF ORDINANCES, APPROVED OCTOBER 18, 1877.

[Approved April 11, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. The sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the salary, during the year January 1, 1878, to January 1, 1879, 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. 195. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Pitman street.

[Approved April 15, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby instructed to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Pitman street, from Governor street to Ives street.

No. 196. Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented April 11, 1878.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board, December 31, 1877, was—

Of the fund of 1885, - - - -	\$479,272 84
Of the fund of 1893, - - - -	176,555 89
Of the fund of 1895, - - - -	78,265 54
Of the water loan, - - - -	98,046 65
Of the north burial ground, - - - -	3,369 70
Of the Brook street district, - - - -	17,196 63
Whole amount - - - -	<u>\$852,707 25</u>

The amount on hand March 31, 1878, was—

Of the fund of 1885, - - - -	\$492,699 33
Of the fund of 1893, - - - -	186,156 29
Of the fund of 1895, - - - -	80,380 03
Of the water loan, - - - -	100,609 76
Of the north burial ground, - - - -	3,458 41
Of the Brook street district, - - - -	22,464 30
Whole amount, - - - -	<u>\$885,768 12</u>

The increase in the several funds has been—

In the fund of 1885, - - - - -	\$13,426 49
In the fund of 1893, - - - - -	9,600 40
In the fund of 1895, - - - - -	2,114 49
In the water loan, - - - - -	2,563 11
In the north burial ground, - - - - -	88 71
In the Brook street district, - - - - -	5,267 67
Whole increase, - - - - -	\$33,060 87

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, April 11, 1878.

No. 197. Quarterly Report of the Special Committee
on the Brook Street District.

[Presented April 11, 1878.]

PROVIDENCE, April 1, 1878.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The joint special committee on the Brook street district present this their fifth quarterly report of receipts and expenditures :

Receipts for the quarter ending March 31, 1878 :

Rents, - - - - -	\$3,391 71
Filling land, - - - - -	1,679 59
Sales of old houses, old sash, &c., - - - - -	99 50
Total receipts, - - - - -	\$5,170 71

Approved bills for the quarter ending March 31, 1878 :

Grading land, - - - - -	\$2,858 06
Making streets, - - - - -	3,524 59
Buildings re-located and refitted, - - - - -	10,132 43
Repairs, - - - - -	34 45
Water, - - - - -	853 80

Professional services,	-	-	-	\$50 00
Salaries, -	-	-	-	525 00
Auctioneer's services, &c.,	-	-	-	10 08
Stationery,	-	-	-	20 59
Care of office and other office expenses,	-	-	-	63 67
J. I. Davis' claim,	-	-	-	14 70
Total expenditures,	-	-	-	\$18,087 37

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 198. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances, recommending certain changes in the Ordinances relating to Public Schools.

[Presented March 18, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to whom was referred resolution No. 57, current series, instructing them "to report to the city council at as early a day as possible, what changes, if any, they deem advisable or necessary in chapter 49 of the ordinances relating to public schools," report: that they have given the subject referred to them very careful consideration, and make the recommendations embodied in this report, with the firm conviction that, if adopted, the efficiency of our public school system will thereby be much increased.

First—They believe that the school committee should be relieved from the least suspicion of favoritism in the appointment of teachers; and therefore recommend that a new section be added to chapter 49 of the city ordinances, to be numbered section 5 of said chapter, by which persons related to members of the school committee in certain prohibited degrees, are declared to be ineligible as teachers; attention be-

ing called to the provision in this section that exempts teachers now appointed from the disability therein created.

Second—This committee are of opinion that it is a serious evil to allow members of the school committee to be in any manner interested in furnishing school supplies, books or apparatus, or in contracts under which payments are to be made out of school moneys, an evil which though not now existing in our school system to the same extent as formerly, may, unless decidedly checked, again assume formidable proportions, and they think the school committee should be protected from the danger of incurring the reproach that their action might be affected by the debasing influence of personal gain to any of its members. The enactment of an additional section to said chapter 49 to be made the 7th section thereof, as hereinafter set forth, is therefore recommended. In said new section will be found enumerated with careful minuteness various matters in which school committee men shall not be interested, and the section is also made to be as comprehensive as possible, but, as will be noticed, no penalty is attached to the violation of its provisions. This omission to provide a penalty is unavoidable by reason of some careless legislation by the general assembly, in relation to our city schools, by which we are deprived of the right to impose a penalty for the violation of the provisions of a section such as this we recommend. Your committee, however, feel less regret at finding the city in this position, because, though this section if enacted will be but an expression of the wishes of the city council upon the matters contained therein, they feel sure that the school committee need only to be notified of the opinion and wishes of the city council in relation thereto, and they will then cheerfully conform their action to such expressed opinion.

This committee also recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution, by which the city council express the opinion that section 12 of chapter 58 of the general statutes should be strictly enforced in this city, thereby disposing, so far as practicable, of this question of school com-

mittee men taking a pecuniary interest in school affairs, by directing the attention of said committee and of the proper city officials to the provisions of said sections under which the city can obtain relief by punishing violations thereof.

Third—Your committee have considered the question of the admission to our public schools of children living outside the city limits. They find that there have always been such children attending our schools, their number varying in different years, and being at present no larger, and perhaps not as large as in previous years, and that these children pay no tuition fee. We are decidedly of opinion that the taxpayers of this city should not be required to furnish a gratuitous education to children who have no legal residence in the city, and that if such children desire to attend our schools the city ought, as by statute it is authorized to do, to require them to pay a tuition fee. Therefore they report a new section to said chapter 49 to be made section 8 of said chapter, by which such non-resident children are required to pay a tuition fee, excepting from the operation of said section the children whose parents, trustees or guardians are taxed for a certain amount of city property.

For the reasons hereinbefore set forth your committee recommend the enactment of the accompanying and above described ordinance, which is in fact a re-enactment of chapter 49 with said additions and amendments, and also the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

No. 198. CHAPTER CXVI.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XLIX OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "SCHOOLS."

[Approved April 16, 1878.]

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

Chapter XLIX of the ordinances is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECTION 1. The public schools in the city shall consist of such number of high, grammar, intermediate, primary, evening and ungraded schools, as may be established by the city council.

SEC. 2. Free instruction shall be given in the public schools to the children of all the inhabitants of the city who shall see fit to avail themselves of the benefits thereof, the pupils to be subject to such rules and regulations as the school committee may from time to time prescribe.

SEC. 3. The school committee shall appoint annually a superintendent of the public schools, and such teachers as they may deem expedient, who shall perform such duties as said committee may from time to time prescribe. The superintendent of public schools and the teachers therein shall receive such compensation for their services, respectively, as the school committee shall from time to time determine : provided, such compensation shall not exceed the rate fixed by the city council ; and provided said appointments shall not be contrary to the provisions of this chapter. The superintendent shall keep regular office hours other than school hours, and it shall be his special duty to occupy his time during school hours in visiting the several public schools. The school committee shall also annually elect a secretary, who shall keep in his office a record of the date of employment and discharge of all teachers, and also a record of their respective positions, promotions and salaries, and the date of

employment and discharge, and the rate of compensation of all substitutes, and shall keep an account of all school books, apparatus and stationery, and all fuel and supplies of every kind purchased for the use of the schools, and the disposition thereof, and shall examine and certify all bills against the city for the public schools, including the pay-roll of the teachers of said schools. He shall attend in his office at least five hours of every week-day during the time the schools are in session, and at such other times as the school committee shall prescribe, and shall perform such other duties as said committee shall require. He shall immediately give notice to the city auditor of the appointment of a teacher, or the employment of a substitute, with the full name of the person appointed or employed, and the date on which such person enters upon duty, and shall also transmit to the city auditor notice of the transfer of a teacher from one grade to another, or the resignation of a teacher. He shall immediately notify the city clerk of all changes in the membership of the school committee.

SEC. 4. The annual salaries of the teachers in the public schools, as hereafter fixed, from year to year, by the school committee, within the limits prescribed by ordinance of the city council, shall be paid to such teachers in ten instalments. One instalment, equal to one tenth of their annual salary, to be paid to each of said teachers on or before the seventh day of each month, from October to July inclusive.

SEC. 5. No teacher shall be appointed to any school, to whom any member of the school committee or any school officer entitled to act upon the question of the appointment of such teacher, is related by either blood or marriage, as husband, wife, father, mother, son, brother, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or first cousin; but the provisions aforesaid shall not apply to the appointment or promotion of teachers employed in the schools previous to the passage of this ordinance, or to the appointment or promotion of teachers employed in the schools previous to the election or appointment of a commit-

tee-man or school officer who may be related to said teacher, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 6. All money appropriated for the support of public schools shall be subject to the exclusive control of the school committee, who shall have full power to cause the same or any part thereof to be expended in any manner which they may deem most advisable for the benefit and welfare of the schools; excepting so much thereof as will be, from time to time, required for the payment of the salaries of the superintendent and teachers; and excepting, also, all such appropriations as may be made for any specific purpose. Said committee shall also have full power and authority to establish and alter, from time to time, as they may deem expedient, the bounds of the several school districts, in order to provide suitable locations for such new schools as may hereafter be established by the city council, or to make more equal apportionment of pupils to the several schools. They shall select and designate the best text-books, and provide all such apparatus and all other means of instruction for all the schools, as may be necessary to keep the same in efficient operation, and to enable the pupils to receive all the advantages therefrom which it is the intention of this chapter to provide and secure. Said committee shall have and exercise a general discretionary power in all matters and things relating to the public schools, which are not specially provided for by this chapter, or by the laws of this state, and may make regulations not repugnant to said laws, or to the ordinances of the city, and shall annually, on the first Monday of June, report to the city council upon the condition of the public schools.

SEC. 7. No member of the school committee, school officer, or teacher, shall be directly or indirectly interested in the furnishing of any supplies or materials or in the doing of any work or labor, or in the sale or leasing of any real estate, or in any proposal, agreement or contract, for any of these purposes in any case in which the price or consideration is to be paid in whole or in part, or directly or indirectly out of any school moneys; or shall receive from any source what-

ever, any commission or compensation in connection with any of the matters aforesaid.

SEC. 8. No children from without the city shall be permitted to attend the public schools in the city, except upon the payment for each of such children, of a tuition fee of not less than eight dollars per quarter.

SEC. 9. No person shall be permitted to attend any public school in the city, as a pupil, unless such person shall furnish to the teacher of such school, or to the superintendent of public schools in said city, the certificate of some practising physician that such person has been protected from small-pox by vaccination.

No. 199. Message from the Mayor relating to the State Tax.

[Presented April 15, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, April 15, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The tax heretofore imposed upon this city by the general assembly has amounted to \$252,821.59 annually, and at the late session, the sum to be hereafter paid was fixed at \$202,257.27.

The act limiting the rate of tax which may be hereafter assessed by the city council upon property in this city, does not enumerate the state tax as one of the objects which may be omitted from the limited rate, and I therefore recommend the city council not to assume the payment of the state tax hereafter, but to direct the assessors to assess this tax upon the property liable to taxation, in the same manner that the city tax is assessed, and the city treasurer to collect it as a separate tax.

If this course is followed, the owners of property in this city will be able to comprehend how great a burden is imposed

A. Wentworth Roberts & Co.,	- - - - -	\$3,200 00
Lamp posts,	- - - - -	200 00
Hot water apparatus,	- - - - -	589 09
S. P. Brown,	- - - - -	500 00
Peck & Salisbury,	- - - - -	425 00
Side walk lift,	- - - - -	476 25
Walworth Mfg. Co.,	- - - - -	520 00
Total amount of expenditure, last quarter,		- \$39,244 83
Total amount of expenditure,		- 741,568 04
Amount of appropriation,		- 748,498 00
Unexpended balance,		- 6,929 96

Respectfully submitted,

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

No. 204. Report of the City Hall Commissioners upon the Expenditures and future requirements for the City Hall.

[Presented April 15, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

Agreeably to the resolution of your honorable body of 1st of April inst., this commission herewith presents a detailed statement, showing the total expenditure to the 1st of April, 1878, and all outstanding balances on contracts and probable further requirements, to complete the new city hall building :

Amount already appropriated,	- - - - -	\$748,498 00
Motal amount of expenditure to 1st of April, 1878,	- - - - -	\$741,568 04

	Due on Com- pletion of Work.	Estimated Extra Work.
Carpentry, &c,	\$62,911 41	\$6,000
Marble work,	13,500 00	1,500
Heating, ventilating, &c.,	4,433 31	2,000
Elevator,	3,107 35	

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Plumbing, &c., - - - - -	\$3,659 00	\$1,000	
Speaking tubes, electrical apparatus, &c.,	4,480 00		
Iron window frames, - - - - -	3,500 00		
Sidewalk elevator, - - - - -	450 00		
Concreting floors, - - - - -	350 00		
Iron work, - - - - -	1,039 36	600	
Wire lathing, - - - - -	118 00		
Concrete partitions, &c., - - - - -	5,580 20		
Gas piping - - - - -	1,200 00		
Cells, - - - - -	400 00		
Laying brick, &c., Macomber, - - - - -	4,200 00		
	<u>\$108,928 63</u>		
Work not yet under contract :			
Plain painting - - - - -	\$10,570 67	1,057	
Decorative painting - - - - -	5,175 00	517	
Floor tiling, - - - - -	10,000 00		
	<u>\$134,674 30</u>	<u>\$12,674</u>	
	12,674 00		<u>\$147,348 30</u>
			<u>\$888,916 34</u>
Add for contingences connected with the work described, - - -			\$10,000 00
Add for the Architect's fees, for the salaries of Overseer, Clerk, &c.,			
and the expenses of administration, &c., - - - - -			30,000 00
			<u>\$928,916 34</u>

The commissioners beg to call the attention of the council to the accounts which are or may be in litigation—say, J. G. Batterson, \$18,000 ; H. G. Macomber, \$14,000 ; and also to state that the following amounts, they do not understand, were contemplated in the \$800,000 loan :

1st, Amount paid Boynton Bros. in excess of their contract, - - - - -	\$33,140 05
2d, The amount ordered to be set aside for furniture, - - - - -	50,000 00
3d, The sidewalk added, - - - - -	22,000 00
4th, Expenses laying corner stone, - - - - -	1,106 00
	<u>\$106,246 05</u>

Very respectfully,

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

PROVIDENCE, 8th April, 1878.

No. 205. Resolution relating to School Officers.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, the provisions of section 12 of chapter 58, of the general statutes, should be strictly enforced in this city.

No. 206. Resolution relative to lighting the Urinals.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to cause a lamp to be placed upon the top of each public urinal in the city, and to direct that the same be kept burning throughout each night.

No. 207. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

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

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

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following

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

No. 208. George Brooks, No. 28 Abbott lane.

209. Charles S. Horton, No. 38 Borden street.

No. 210. Resolution transferring \$4,834.86 to the appropriation for Sewers.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of four thousand eight hundred thirty-four and 86-100 dollars, is hereby transferred from the appropriation for highways, to the appropriation for sewers; the same being the cost of the construction of the sewer in Manton avenue, from Malden street to the Woonasquacket river.

No. 211. Resolutions for the appointment of Commissioners to widen Mill street.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen Mill street, from North Main street to Charles street, of a width of not less than fifty feet, as follows, viz : by taking sufficient land from the estates on the easterly side of said Mill street, from North Main street to Bark street, to make said street fifty feet wide; also from Bark street, to Charles street by commencing at the southwest corner of the engine house belonging to the city of Providence, thence running northwesterly in a line parallel with the southerly side of the Mill bridge to the present easterly line of Charles street: and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose:—

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," and the city council hereby direct, that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application that said commissioners, shall apportion and assess three-fourths of the loss and damage thereof, upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the city clerk be hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 212. Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for the City Hall.

[Approved April 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty 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. 214. Resolution relating to the appropriation for Parks.

[Approved April 29, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks are hereby authorized to expend the appropriation for parks on any of the public parks and grounds, as they may deem for the interest of the city.

No. 215. Resolution to lay water pipes in Hanover Street.

[Approved April 29, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be, and they hereby are, directed to lay distribution pipes in Hanover street, twenty-four feet easterly from the end of the pipe now laid.

No. 216. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved April 29, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of April, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 217. Resolution to contract for Advertising in the General Advertiser.

[Approved May 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on printing are hereby instructed to contract with the publisher of the Providence General Advertiser, to do the city advertising for the year 1878: provided such contract can be made for a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

No. 218. Resolution to pay Dodge & Camfield \$150.
for Flooding.

[Approved May 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Messrs. Dodge & Camfield the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in settlement of their claim against the city, presented March 4, 1878, whenever the said Dodge & Camfield shall execute a release to the city, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for damage arising from water entering their premises on Exchange place, from the public streets or sewers thereunder: said payment to be charged to to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 219. Resolution abating \$36.25 from tax of
Hetty S. Munroe.

[Approved May 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the tax assessed in 1877 on \$2,500, personal property, amounting to \$36.25 against Hetty S. Munroe, wife of John L., T. Maguire, trustee, be and the same hereby is remitted, and the city treasurer is directed not to collect the same if not paid, and to refund the same if paid.

No. 220. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Power Street.

[Approved May 1, 1878.]

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

No. 221. Message from the Mayor relative to the
Exchange of Bonds.

[Presented May 1, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, May 1, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars of the water loan was issued as a six per cent. gold loan, and of this sum the Peoples Savings Bank in this city, hold all but twenty thousand dollars.

At the time of issue, six hundred thousand dollars were taken by them in registered bonds and the remainder in coupon bonds, the plate for the latter being now in Boston where it was engraved.

The trustees of the bank deem it proper to make sale of these bonds at the present time, which they can do at a very large advance over the price at which they were originally issued. They find, however, that the registered bonds will not command so high a price in the market as the coupon bonds, and they therefore request that the city council will authorize the city treasurer to issue to them coupon bonds from the original plate, in exchange for the registered bonds they now hold, all expenses incurred by the treasurer in making such exchange, to be paid by the bank.

As the city has the full authority to make such an exchange, I recommend that the city council authorize the city treasurer to comply with the request of the trustees of the bank.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 222. Resolution to exchange Coupon for Registered Bonds.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to exchange coupon bonds for such registered

bonds of the city that are holden by the Peoples Savings Bank in this city, such bonds so exchanged, to be for equal amounts and to be payable at the same time or times; provided that all expense incident to such exchange, be paid by the said Peoples Savings Bank.

No. 223. Message from the Mayor relating to the Assistant in the office of the City Auditor.

[Presented May 1, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, May 1, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The clerk in the office of the city auditor has been heretofore receiving a compensation for his services of eight hundred dollars per annum. Prior to the first of January last, he notified the auditor that if he remained in the office he should expect to be hereafter paid at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum. Owing to the illness of the auditor, no action has been taken in the matter, and now the clerk asks that his account, which he has presented for the quarter ending March 31 last, may be allowed, the same being rendered at the advanced rate.

The clerk is a most valuable and efficient officer, and the price claimed by him is no more than a fair compensation for the labor he performs, and is less than similar services receive outside of the city offices. I therefore recommend that the addition to his salary be allowed by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 224. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated May 1, 1878, relative to the compensation of the clerk in the city

auditor's office, be referred to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 225. Resolution for repairing the Fire Station on South Main street.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and he is hereby directed to re-arrange and repair the building on South Main street, now occupied by hose company No. 2, of the fire department; provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of eighteen hundred and eighty-five dollars; such sum or so much thereof necessary for the above purpose, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 226. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the Brook street District.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 227. Resolution instructing the Special Committee on the Brook street District to report.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the Brook street district be and are hereby instructed to report in detail, the expense of grading to be done, cost of land to be taken, and all other expenses of completing the work.

No. 228. Resolution for curbing Armington avenue.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Armington avenue, from land of A. F. Adie to Academy avenue.

No. 229. Resolution to purchase new Flags.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the chief of police is hereby authorized to purchase three new flags for the city flag staffs; provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 230. Resolution for curbing Wickenden street.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and hereby are directed to cause curbing to be set, and gutters paved on the north side of Wickenden street, from Hope to Governor streets, forthwith.

No. 231. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Dover street.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Dover street, from Mount Pleasant avenue to Academy avenue.

No. 232. Election of City Solicitor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 6, 1878.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 6, 1878.

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 233. CHAPTER CXVII.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. The salaries to be paid to the officers and teachers of the public schools, from and after the first Monday in September, 1878, shall be fixed by the school committee at not exceeding the following rates per annum: and no salary shall be increased during the school year.

The salaries of the teachers shall be paid in ten instalments, one to be paid to each of said teachers on or before the seventh day of each month, from October to July inclusive.

To the superintendent of public schools, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in quarterly instalments.

To the principal of the classical department of the high school, twenty-one hundred dollars.

To the principal of the English and scientific department of the high school, twenty-one hundred dollars.

To the first assistant teacher in the classical department of the high school, fourteen hundred dollars.

To the first assistant teacher in the English and scientific department of the high school, nineteen hundred dollars.

To the second assistant in the English and scientific department of the high school, eleven hundred dollars.

To the principal of the girls' department of the high school, fourteen hundred dollars.

To the teacher of the second class in the girls' department of the high school, one thousand dollars.

To the teacher of the third class in the girls' department of the high school, nine hundred dollars.

To two teachers of the fourth class in the girls' department of the high school, seven hundred and fifty dollars each.

To one assistant teacher in the girls' department of the high school, six hundred and seventy-five dollars. One assistant teacher in the girls' department of the high school, six hundred and twenty-five dollars. Three assistant teachers in the girls' department of the high school, six hundred dollars each.

To the principals of Bridgham, Doyle avenue, Federal, Point, Thayer and Oxford street grammar schools, nineteen hundred dollars each.

To the principals of the Candace and Greenwich street grammar schools, seventeen hundred dollars each.

To the principal of the Mount Pleasant grammar school, fourteen hundred dollars.

To the principals of the Branch avenue and Manton grammar schools, seven hundred dollars each.

To eight assistant teachers of the first grade in the grammar schools, seven hundred dollars each.

To thirty-three assistant teachers of the second grade in the grammar schools, six hundred and twenty-five dollars each.

To thirty-nine other assistant teachers in the grammar schools, five hundred and seventy-five dollars each.

To thirty-four principal teachers of the intermediate schools, five hundred and fifty dollars each.

To thirty-four assistant teachers in the intermediate schools, five hundred and twenty-five dollars each.

To forty principal teachers in the primary schools, five hundred and twenty-five dollars each.

To sixty assistant teachers in the primary schools as follows: to the assistant teachers in the primary schools who have taught in our public schools for the space of three years continuously, five hundred dollars each.

To the assistant teachers in the primary schools who have taught not less than one year, four hundred and fifty dollars each.

To all other assistant teachers in the primary schools, three hundred and fifty dollars each.

For salaries of the teachers of music, thirty-one hundred dollars.

For salaries of teachers of the evening schools, twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

To the secretary of the school committee, seven hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid in quarterly instalments.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No. 234. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, Teacher of French.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of April, 1878; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 235. Resolution appropriating \$500 for
Decoration Day.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

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 paid to the order of F. A. Arnold, department commander, Grand Army of the Republic, and to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 236. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Governor
street.

[Approved May 6, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Governor street, from Manning street to connect with the sewer in Governor street, at the corner of Governor street and George street.

No. 241. Report of the Joint Committee on the
North Burial Ground.

[Presented May 6, 1878.]

TO THE HON. CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on the north burial ground, who by resolution No. 77, were instructed to transfer the property in the hands of the late commissioners of the north burial ground, to their successors in office, respectfully report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and have made the transfer, and that the receipt given by the new commissioners has been deposited with the city auditor.

ANDREW WINSOR, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, May 4, 1878.

No. 242. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Trenton street.

[Approved May 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Trenton street, from Governor street to Ives street.

No. 243. Resolution abating assessments for moving Buildings.

[Approved May 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to following named persons the several sums named, being a part of the charge made against said persons for the occupancy of the public streets with buildings in process of removing, viz.:

To William McLaughlin, the sum of	-	-	-	\$5 00
“ Patrick Mahoney,	“	“	-	10 50
“ Andrew J. Kopp,	“	“	-	5 00
“ Mutra Cronin,	“	“	-	7 50
“ Richard Barry,	“	“	-	5 00
“ James Fitzgerald,	“	“	-	5 00
“ Dennis Holland,	“	“	-	5 00
“ James Cronian,	“	“	-	5 00

No. 244. Resolution for Preserving a portion of Slate Rock.

[Approved May 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on parks be and hereby are requested and authorized, to raise a portion of Slate Rock, so called, in Roger Williams square, and to cause the

same to be properly located on said square, when the lot has been brought to the proper grade; said work to be done in accordance with the plans of the city engineer; and that five hundred dollars be appropriated therefor, to be paid out of appropriations for contingencies.

No. 245. Resolution to sell the Cottage on the High School lot.

[Approved May 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on city property, be and they are hereby authorized to cause the cottage house, standing on the southwest corner of the new high school lot, to be vacated, and to sell the same at public auction.

No. 246. Resolution for the Committee on City Hall Furniture to employ a Secretary.

[Approved May 20, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall, are hereby authorized to employ a secretary for said committee, at an expense of not to exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

No. 247. Resolution to apply for authority to elect Park Commissioners.

[Approved May 20, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly for such legislation as will empower the city government to appoint, by concurrent vote,

one or more commissioners to superintend the maintenance and control of any of the public parks, or all of them; and to empower the city, by ordinance, to prescribe the duties of such commissioners, and of any one of them, to fix the compensation and tenure of office of them, or of any one of them, and to change such duties and tenure at pleasure.

No. 248. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Hedley and Palmer streets.

[Approved May 20, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Hedley and Palmer streets, from Walling street to Pettis street.

No. 249. Message from the Mayor, relative to Taxation of the Funds of the Police Association.

[Presented May 20, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
May 20, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The police association has accumulated certain funds for the relief of sick and disabled members of the police force, and for the assistance of the families of deceased members, which funds are now liable to taxation, while those of the association for firemen, which are held for similar purposes as regards the fire department, are exempted. I therefore recommend that application be made by the city council to the general assembly, at its May session, for such legislation as will place the police association on the same basis as that of the firemen.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 250. Resolution to apply for an Act exempting
the same from Taxation.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be instructed to make application to the general assembly, at its next session, for the passage of an act exempting the property of the Providence Police Association from taxation.

No. 251. Appointment of Assistant City Solicitor.

[Presented May 20, 1878.]

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
May 17, 1878 }

TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON ORDINANCES:

GENTLEMEN:—I have appointed, subject to your approval, Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., of this city, to the office of assistant city solicitor, to hold said office pursuant to the ordinance in such case made and provided, for the year beginning the first Monday in June next.

Yours respectfully,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The joint standing committee on ordinances transmits to the city council the enclosed communication from the city solicitor, with its approval of the appointment made by him.

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

No. 252. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance
in relation to assuming the State Tax.

[Presented May 20, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance have carefully considered the message of his honor the mayor, dated April 15,

1878, recommending "the city council not to assume the payment of the state tax hereafter, but to direct the assessors to assess this tax upon the property liable to taxation, in the same manner that the city tax is assessed, and the city treasurer to collect it as a separate tax," and having ascertained from the city solicitor that said state tax may properly be classed among the city indebtedness as provided for by act of the general assembly in the last January session, and having further ascertained that the assessment of a separate tax for the state would entail more labor and expense upon the assessors' department than any benefit to be derived therefrom, in the opinion of your committee, they recommend that said state tax be assessed by the city as heretofore. Your committee have however, endeavored to meet the views of the mayor by causing such a division of the rate in a tax ordinance, presented at this time, as will clearly show the proportion required to meet the state tax.

For the committee,

CHARLES F. SAMPSON, Chairman.

No. 253. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence water works.

No. 254. Resolution accepting the gift of \$1,000 from Sophia Augusta Brown to the North Burial Ground Fund, to constitute the John Carter Brown Fund.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Sophia Augusta Brown of the sum of one thousand 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 John Carter Brown, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the John Carter Brown fund.

No. 255. Resolution accepting the gift of \$400 from Sophia Augusta Brown to the North Burial Ground fund, to constitute the Harriot Brown Fund.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Sophia Augusta Brown of the sum of four 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 Harriot Brown and heirs, Lucy Thayer and Harriet A. Thayer and heirs, and Harriot Brown's heirs, and Williams Thayer's heirs in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Harriot Brown fund.

No. 256. Resolution to pay the Firemen for quarter ending May 31, 1878.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department for services rendered during the quarter ending May 31, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding quarter in the year previous.

No. 257. Resolution to pay the Firemen for duty in
May, 1878.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of May, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 258. Resolution for curbing Mathew street.

[Approved May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Mathew street, from Filmore street to the Catholic cemetery.

No. 259. Resolution to apply for an Act relating to
killing Dogs.

[Passed May 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is directed to apply to the general assembly of Rhode Island for legislation so modifying chapter 83, section 18 of the general statutes, that only the special constable mentioned in sections 17 and 18 of said chapter, shall be entitled to receive from the town or city treasurer the sum of two dollars provided for in said section 18.

No. 260. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for authority to fund the Floating City Debt.

[Passed May 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Chace and Spicer, the president and Messrs. Barnaby, Hill and Woods of the common council, with the city solicitor, be and they hereby are appointed a special committee to make application to the general assembly, at its coming May session, for authority to issue bonds, secured by a sinking fund, for the amount of whatever balance of indebtedness there may be at the close of the present fiscal year, which has not been authorized by any special authority of the general assembly, excepting from said amount the sum due from the Hartford, Providence & Fiskill Railroad Co.: and provided further, that the sum so authorized shall not exceed in all, the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars.

No. 261. Election of Highway Commissioner.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 23, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Obadiah Brown be, and he is hereby elected highway commissioner, for the term ending January, A. D. 1880.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 24, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Obadiah Brown be, and is hereby elected highway commissioner, for the term ending January, A. D. 1880.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 262. Resolution to pay A. B. Yetter for
Sprinkling Exchange place.

[Approved May 31, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten dollars (\$10) per week be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid to A. B. Yetter from and after May 20, 1878, and until October 1, 1878, and no longer; the same to be in full for watering Exchange place. The amount paid under this resolution to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, and the bills to be duly certified by the joint committee on water.

No. 263. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Evans
and Webster streets.

[Approved May 31, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to lay distribution pipes in Evans and Webster streets, from the corner of Martin street to the railroad crossing.

No. 264. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Harriet
street.

[Approved May 31, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be, and they hereby are directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Harriet street, between Oxford and Fruit streets.

No. 265. Resolution to lay Water Pipes in Liberty street.

[Approved May 31, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to lay water pipes in Liberty street, from Smith to Jefferson streets.

No. 266. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Trenton street.

[Approved May 31, 1878.]

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

No. 267. Resolution for repairing the Fire Station on Harrison street.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on city property, be and they are hereby authorized to expend for necessary repairs to the fire station on Harrison street, in addition to the amount fixed by ordinance, the sum of five hundred dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary for the completion of said repairs; provided the cistern under the building be filled with earth and the floor laid with concrete: to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 268. Election of Highway Commissioner.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 23, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Thomas W. Hart be, and he is hereby elected highway commissioner, for the term ending January, A. D. 1881.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 3, 1878.

RESOLVED, That Thomas W. Hart be, and is hereby elected highway commissioner, for the term ending January, A. D. 1881.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 269. Resolution to agree to a Reference of the Claim of Samuel J. F. Thayer.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized and requested, to agree to a reference, under the rule of the supreme court, of all matters at issue between Samuel J. F. Thayer, architect of the city hall, and the city of Providence.

No. 270. Report of the Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented May 31, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

GENTLEMEN :—The joint special committee on the Brook street district ; in accordance with joint resolution of the city council, herewith submit an estimate of cost of completing the Brook street district improvement. This estimate is believed by your committee, to be sufficient to cover the entire cost of work and material to complete the improvement. As regards the amount needed to pay for land, your committee of course, cannot tell how much will finally have to be taken, and have only estimates for such as will probably be taken within the next two months. The appropriation will be entirely exhausted within a few days, as one lot of land amounting to nearly twenty thousand dollars, will have to be paid for within a week ; therefore, your committee asks the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Approximate estimates of cost for completing the Brook street district improvement :

For grading, - - - - -	\$12,500
For concreting walks and sidewalks, - - - - -	6,000
For Old Ladies Home, - - - - -	12,000
For removing, painting and repairing houses, - - - - -	10,000
For fencing and painting same, - - - - -	7,500
For completing highways and curbing, - - - - -	6,000
For bills unpaid, including pay roll, - - - - -	5,000
For sewers constructed and to be constructed, - - - - -	30,000
For dredging and extra labor on "Rip Rap," - - - - -	6,000
For contingencies ten per cent., - - - - -	9,500
	\$104,500
Total, - - - - -	17,500
Less balance of appropriation, - - - - -	
	\$87,000
Land known to the committee to be paid for, within a short time, - - - - -	55,000
	\$142,000

Some land not now known to the committee will undoubtedly have to be paid for.

The above is probably, as near as can be estimated at present.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,
THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

No. 271. Resolution appropriating \$150,000 for the Brook Street District.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 272. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates,
Teacher of French.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full compensation for his services as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of May, 1878; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 276. Annual Report of the North Burial Ground
Fund.

[Presented June 3, 1878.]

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

The commissioners of the north burial ground make this their report of the trust funds, for thirteen months ending May 31st, 1878 :

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

Mary Goodacre,	Providence Institution for Savings,	\$100 00
Gardner B. Pettis,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Daniel Pettey,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Elizabeth E. Gardiner,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Thomas M. Knight,	Providence Institution for Savings,	100 00
Robert Eccles,	Providence Institution for Savings,	150 00
Haven & Bullock,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
Obadiah Mason,	Providence Institution for Savings,	150 00
Jane Congdon,	Providence Institution for Savings,	50 00
Susan F. Carlisle,	Providence Institution for Savings,	200 00
John Carter Brown,	Providence Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Harriot Brown,	Providence Institution for Savings,	400 00

 \$7,773 66

Respectfully submitted,

OREN WESTCOTT,

For the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

No. 277.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Funds.	Amount of Funds.	Income on hand April 30, 1877.	Income Received.	Amount Expended.	Income on hand May 31, 1878.
Zachariah Allen,	\$43 66	\$24 30	\$2 17	\$3 00	\$23 47
Phebe Whipple,	100 00	20 40	5 05	6 00	19 45
Joseph Veazie,	1,000 00	210 01	90 00	30 00	270 01
Rebecca M. Gladding,	100 00	7 75	5 05	6 00	6 80
John Barstow,	100 00	12 14	5 05	6 00	11 19
Ferdinand Balcom,	100 00	10 39	5 05	8 00	7 44
Stephen Randall,	100 00	21 06	5 05	4 00	22 11
Alexander Duncan,	1,000 00	151 26	50 62	25 00	176 88
Elizabeth Coville,	200 00	57 00	8 00	10 00	55 00
Jabez Gorham,	600 00	105 27	30 37	15 00	120 64
Almon D. Hodges,	100 00	22 48	5 05		27 53
James Wheaton,	80 00	1 48	4 05		5 53
George Earle,	100 00	38 73	5 05		43 78
Anna Whipple,	200 00	47 58	10 12	9 00	48 70
Rosanna Carpenter,	300 00	63 74	15 17	3 00	75 91
John Crain,	200 00	26 60	10 12	7 00	29 72
Abby T. & W. G. Dearth,	200 00	40 60	10 12		50 72
Heirs of J. Tillinghast,	100 00	19 28	5 05		24 33
Mary Jane Sheldon,	400 00	51 00	8 00	10 00	49 00
Mary Goodacre,	100 00	3 65	5 05	3 00	5 70
Gardner B. Pettis,	200 00	4 18	10 12	8 00	6 30
Daniel Pettey,	100 00	1 09	5 05	6 00	14
Elizabeth E. Gardiner,	100 00	1 09	5 05	5 00	1 14
Thomas M. Knight,	100 00		3 77	3 00	77
Robert Eccles,	150 00		1 87		1 87
Haven & Bullock,	200 00		2 50		2 50

Obadiah Mason,	\$150 00		\$1 87		\$1 87
Jane Congdon,	50 00				
Susan F. Carlisle,	200 00				
John Carter Brown,	1,000 00				
Harriot Brown,	400 00				
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Respectfully submitted,

OREN WESTCOTT, Treasurer of Commissioners.

No. 278. Message from the Mayor relative to work on the Highways.

[Presented June 3, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 3, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It has been customary heretofore for the city council to order work to be done upon the highways without reference to the amount required to complete previous orders, or to the balance of appropriation standing to the credit of the department on the books of the city auditor.

Under this system, the highway commissioners have in each fiscal year, completed all work possible within the sum appropriated for the department, leaving the unfinished work to be done at a subsequent time, and there is usually at the close of the fiscal year an amount of indebtedness for labor or materials, or both, contracted by the department, which is carried forward to be paid from the appropriation for the following year.

A fair construction of the municipal indebtedness act certainly requires that this method of transacting business should cease, as it is not intended that any department of the city government shall have power to "incur any indebtedness" on account of the city beyond the sum actually at their disposal and control at the time thereof.

It follows, therefore, that the city council should not order work beyond the means or ability of the department to do the same, and should designate the order in which it is to be done.

As there is a large excess of work already ordered, I have obtained from the commissioners, the full particulars of the financial condition of their department up to the thirty-first ultimo, that the same may be brought to your attention.

The estimated cost of all the work ordered by the city council, not yet completed, as detailed in the report herewith presented is,	-	\$44,658 10
The estimated cost of repairs for the remainder of the fiscal year is,	- - - -	15,000 00
The estimated cost of cleaning for the same time is,		5,000 00
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		\$64,658 10
The estimated amount of bills outstanding is,		\$6,000 00
Amount of pay roll now due, - - - -		2,605 99
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Total - - - - -	-	\$73,264 09
The balance of appropriation to the credit of the department May 31, was,	- - - -	47,697 17
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Excess of estimates, - - - -		\$25,566 92

In addition to this excess, there have been changes of grade in various streets, made by the board of aldermen, which, when completed, will require an expenditure from the city treasury, for which no estimate can be made, except in two instances, that of Pleasant street, the net cost of which, to the city, will be but \$100, and the streets around the city hall, which must require an outlay of some thousands of dollars. A list of these changes is also presented herewith.

From the above showing it is very clear that no more highway work should be ordered by the city council or the board of aldermen during the present fiscal year, and of that already ordered, the city council should designate what shall be done and the order thereof; and in this connection the

suggestion is made whether it would not be wise to cancel all outstanding orders for highway work, and commence anew with this department. It is also worthy of your consideration whether any new work should be done during the rest of the present fiscal year, or the expenditures be confined to such work as is necessary to keep the highways safe and convenient for travel, as required by statutes.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

WORK ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL NOT YET COMPLETED :

WESTMINSTER st. To be paved with granite blocks, from Market square to High street, Aug. 21, 1873, estimated cost,	- - -	\$25,047 25
LLOYD st. Curbstones to be set and gutters paved, from Hope street to Arlington ave. This street has been curbed on the south side and about 400 ft. on the north side ; the balance, 1,200 feet on the north side, (Dec. 2, 1875), is estimated to cost,	- - -	2,000 00
HUMBOLDT ave. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Arlington ave. to Elmgrove ave., Dec. 27, 1875, estimated cost,	- - -	1,972 23
AMHERST st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Handy st. to Steuben st., March 9, 1876, estimated cost,	- - -	1,000 00
WEBSTER st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Briggs st. to Ambrose st., April 13, 1876, estimated cost,	- - -	1,245 56
McKENNA st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Cross st. to Whelden st., Dec. 14, 1876, estimated cost,	- - -	281 07
WHELDEN st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from old city line to West River st., Dec. 14, 1876, estimated cost,	- - -	209 83
CLINTON st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Broad st. to Prairie ave., March 29, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	1,407 30
CANDACE st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Chalkstone ave. to Douglas ave., May 10, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	1,172 68
CLEMENCE st. Curbstones to be reset from Westminster st. to Washington st., July 5, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	500 00
PEARL st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Prairie ave. to Plane st., July 14, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	1,547 33
BENEVOLENT st. Curbstones to be reset from Hope st. to Brown st., Sept. 6, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	1,315 47
SMITH st. Curbstones to be set and gutters paved on south side, from Ruggles st. to a point 350 feet west of Oakland ave., and on the north side from Ruggles st. to Oakland ave., Sept. 24, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	875 99
POLK st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Pettis st. to Hedley st., Sept. 27, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	1,031 92
WARREN st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Fuller st. to Harrison st., Oct. 8, 1877, estimated cost,	- - -	652 85

EDDY st. Curbstones to be set, &c., from Thurber ave. to Railroad Bridge, Nov. 8, 1877, estimated cost,	\$1,831 84
LINDEN st. Curbstones to be set and gutters paved, from Hayward st. to Pine st., Nov. 19, 1877, estimated cost,	750 69
ARMINGTON st. Curbstones to be set and gutters paved from Academy ave. to land of A. F. Adie, estimated cost,	1,289 79
MATHEW st. Curbstones to be set and gutters paved, from Filmore st. to the Catholic Cemetery,	526 20
Total,	\$44,658 10

WORK ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

NORTH MAIN st. Grade to be changed from Jenkins st. to North st., Sept. 27, 1877, estimated cost,	None.
STREET grades around city hall to be changed, May 23, 1878, estimated cost,	None.
PLEASANT st. To be graded from Ivy st. to East ave., May 23, 1878, estimated cost,	300 00
DYER st., &c. Grade to be changed in the whole district, July 12, 1875, estimated cost,	None.
COMMODORE st. Grade to be changed, April 11, 1878, estimated cost,	None.

No. 279. Resolution directing the Highway Commissioners not to begin new work.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed not to begin any new highway work, not already commenced, without a special order of the city council, provided, however, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to apply to the ordinary repair and maintenance of the public highways.

No. 280. Message from the Mayor relative to the Dedication of the City Hall.

[Presented June 3, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
June 3, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :—The city hall, will, it is anticipated, be ready for occupancy during the present

municipal year, and it is hoped as early as September next. Appropriate services of dedication should be held when it is completed, and I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 281. Resolution appointing a Committee of Arrangements for Dedication of the City Hall.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. H. R. Barker, Barnaby and Carpenter of the common council, and Aldermen Mowry and Chace of the board of aldermen, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to make the necessary arrangements for an appropriate dedication of the new city hall.

No. 282. Resolution relating to Painting the interior of the City Hall.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee to procure furniture for the new city hall, are hereby authorized to paint so much of the interior of said building as shall in their judgment, be advisable, in order to secure a thorough and economical completion of the structure; at an expense not exceeding twelve thousand dollars: to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 283. Resolution to make a settlement with the Contractor to Dredge the Cove Basin.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee of the city council to cause the cove basin to be dredged, &c., are hereby authorized and directed to make such settlement of the claims of the contractor, who has been doing said dredging, as shall to them seem equitable and for the interest of the city; and in such form as shall be approved by the city solicitor.

No. 284. Resolution to pay Edmund F. Prentiss, for killing dogs.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is directed to audit the bill of Edmund F. Prentiss, amounting to eighty-eight dollars, for killing and burying unlicensed and uncollared dogs: the amount of said bill to be charged when paid, to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 285. Resolution accepting gift of Mary Demont Bowen to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the bequest of Mary Demont Bowen, of the sum of two 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 said Bowen in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Demont fund.

No. 286. Resolution to lay water pipes in Jewett and Calais streets.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Jewett street, from the present end of pipe to Senter street, and in Calais street, from Jewett street to Valley street.

No. 287. Resolutions to lay water pipes in Plenty street.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Plenty street, from Broad street westerly, about seven hundred feet ; whenever the parties wishing water shall have given a satisfactory guarantee that the income will be, not less than fifty-four dollars per annum therefrom.

No. 288. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Richard B. Davis, to raise a certain building, located at No. 10 Linden street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 289. Resolution to pay P. & J. Tierney \$2,682.92
for extra work on the City Hall.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, is hereby directed to pay to P. & J. Tierney the sum of two thousand six hundred eighty-two dollars and ninety-two cents, in full for extra work done upon, and extra materials furnished for the new city hall, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for the new city hall.

No. 290. CHAPTER CXVIII.

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE UNION RAILROAD COMPANY,
TO LAY RAILS IN BROAD STREET.

*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, from Thurber avenue to its junction with Prairie avenue, to connect with rails now laid on Thurber and Prairie avenues. Said rails to be of the Philadelphia pattern, and 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.

No. 291. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Benefit street.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Benefit street, from Bowen street to North Main street, as a public highway.

No. 292. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Summer street.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Summer street, from High street to Broad street, as a public highway.

No. 294. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved June 3, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James C. Sayres, to raise a certain building, located at No. 254 Plane street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 294. Resolution to contract for supplies and labor required for the Public Lamps.

[Passed June 3 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the lamp committee of the board of aldermen and the joint standing committee on lamps, acting to-

gether as a joint special committee, be and they are hereby authorized to contract with responsible parties, to furnish the gas, naphtha and all the supplies for the public lamps of this city for one year, and the labor and material required to clean, light, and keep said lamps in repair, in conformity with the rules and regulations to be adopted by the board of aldermen, and to the satisfaction of said joint special committee, during said term of one year: provided, the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and three thousand seven hundred dollars, (\$103,700) or fifteen per cent. less than the estimated expenditure of the lamp department for the year ending September 30, 1879: and provided further, that the contractors shall give good and sufficient bonds for the faithful fulfilment of said contract.

IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 3, 1878.

The following officers are elected, viz:

Assessor of Taxes, for the term of three years,

Christopher T. Keith.

Water Commissioner, for the term of three years from July 1, 1878,

Lodowick Brayton.

No. 295. Resolution to apply for legislation for power to appoint Commissioners to Superintend the Paving, etc., of streets.

[Approved June 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is instructed to apply to the general assembly for legislation substantially as follows:

It is enacted by the general assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Providence, shall have power to appoint by concurrent vote, one or more

commissioners to superintend the paving, grading, curbing and repairing of streets, and the building, altering, and repairing of sidewalks, which commissioners or such one of them as may be by the city council designated, shall have the power given by statute to the surveyors of highways of towns. And the said council may by ordinance, prescribe the duties of such commissioners, and of any and each of them, fix their compensation and the tenure of office of them or of any one of them, and change such duties and tenure at pleasure.

SEC. 2. The one or more commissioners provided for by the foregoing section, may be appointed at such time as the city council may determine, and upon such appointment the offices of all highway commissioners heretofore elected or chosen, or appointed by said city council under chapter 965 of public laws of January 1872, or 942 of public laws of January 1871, or any other statute or enactment heretofore enacted shall be vacant.

No. 296. CHAPTER CXIX.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A TAX UPON THE REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

[Approved June 7, 1878.]

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-five cents, on each one hundred dollars of the value thereof; the said assessment comprising the following: for ordinary expenses ninety-one cents on each one hundred dollars: for interest and sinking funds thirty-six cents on each one hundred dollars: for the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1878, 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., 1878, 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., 1878, 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, 1878, inclusive. Said treasurer shall attend daily, during said period, Sundays excepted, at his office from nine o'clock to three o'clock, to receive said taxes.

SEC. 5. All persons who shall not pay their respective taxes during the period aforesaid, shall pay respectively, in addition thereto, a percentage thereon at the rate of eight per centum per annum, from the said tenth day of October.

No. 297. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$1,300 on the Bridge at Randall Street.

[Approved June 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges, are hereby empowered to expend on the repairs of Randall street bridge, not exceeding thirteen hundred dollars.

No. 298. Resolution to grant permission to raise a building.

[Approved June 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael Duffy, to raise a certain building, located at No. 55 Diamond street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 300. Resolution to purchase new Flags.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of hacks is hereby directed to purchase two new flags for the city flag staffs, provided that the cost shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 301. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Greenwich street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Greenwich street, from Parkis avenue to West Friendship street.

No. 302. Resolution relating to the appropriation for the Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks are hereby authorized to expend all except the sum of one thousand dollars of the balance of the special appropriation for granite work, &c., for the monument to Roger Williams, (series of 1877, resolution No. 490,) on any of the public parks and grounds, as they may deem for the interest of the city.

No. 303. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Fourth of July.

[Presented June 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, June 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Unless the city council shall otherwise direct, the only municipal observance of the approaching anniversary of American independence in this city, will be the display of the public flags from their respective staffs.

Although less than two weeks remains in which to make arrangements for a celebration, it would seem as if the time had hardly arrived when the authorities of the second city in New England should neglect or refuse to properly observe the fourth of July, and I therefore recommend that concurrent action be taken to-day in reference to a suitable appropriation for that purpose.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 304. Message from the Mayor with Invitation of
the Providence Nursery.

[Presented June 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence June 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the managers of the Providence Nursery, an invitation for the city council to attend the Feast of Lanterns, to be held at the Park Garden on the afternoon and evening of the twenty-fourth instant, for the benefit of the Nursery.

As this festival is in aid of one of the most deserving of the charities of this city, I recommend that the invitation be accepted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 305. Resolution accepting Invitation of the Providence Nursery.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the invitation of the managers of the Providence Nursery to attend the Feast of Lanterns at the Park Garden on the twenty-fourth of June instant, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 306. Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, teacher of French.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Gates the sum of eighty-one dollars, in full compensation for his services, as teacher of French in the high school, during the month of June, 1878; to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 307. Resolution to grade Pleasant street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to grade Pleasant street, from Ivy street to East avenue; provided the same can be done at an expense of not over one hundred dollars to the city, above the sum agreed in writing by the owners of land on said street, to be paid by them for said grading.

No. 308. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Cove Dam.

[Presented June 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, June 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The committee in charge of the work of dredging the cove basin have decided that it is important that the dam at the outlet of the cove should be removed as soon as practicable. As a vote of the city council is necessary directing this to be done, the committee requested the mayor to convene the city council at the earliest possible date, to secure the accomplishment of the work. Concurring with the committee in their opinion as to the necessity for prompt action in the matter, I have asked the attendance of the city council at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 309. Resolution granting permission to raise a
building.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Lynch to raise a certain building, located at the corner of Brook and Wickenden streets, pursuant to his petition.

No. 310. Resolution to pay Mrs. William T. Schneider.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Mrs. William T. Schneider the sum of ninety-one dollars and sixty-seven cents, in consideration of the services of her late

husband to the city, whenever Mrs. Schneider shall execute to the city an agreement satisfactory to the city solicitor, holding the city harmless against any claims for services rendered by her said husband.

No. 311. Resolutions for Celebrating the Fourth of July.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Arnold, Franklin, and Cooney, of the common council, with Alderman Raynsford, are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American independence.

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said celebration; to be paid by the city treasurer to the order of said committee, from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 312. Resolution to lay water pipes in Thayer street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the extension of the water pipes in Thayer street, from Arnold to Transit streets.

No. 313. Resolution to lay water pipes in North Davis street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to lay water pipes in North Davis street, from Douglas avenue to Martin street.

No. 314. Resolution to lay water pipes in Republican street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to extend the distribution pipes on Republican street, about fifty feet southerly, and to locate a fire hydrant upon said extension.

No. 315. Resolution to lay water pipes in Locust street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Locust street, about one hundred and fifty feet easterly from Camp street, whenever the parties wishing water in said street, shall give a satisfactory guarantee that the income shall amount to thirty dollars per annum.

No. 316. Resolution to lay water pipes in Gallup street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Gallup street, about four hundred feet easterly from Broad street.

No. 317. Resolution to lay a sewer in Park street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby instructed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Park street, from Smith street to the Woonasquatucket river.

No. 318. Resolution to hire land on Oxford street.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized to hire for one year from October 1st, 1877, a lot of land on Oxford street, now occupied by the old Square street school-house, provided the rent thereof shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars per annum: to be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 319. Resolution to pay Wm. G. Reynolds the amount of the judgment against Policeman Daniel T. Colwell.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William G. Reynolds the sum of seventy-five dollars, whenever the said Reynolds shall present to the city treasurer a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, and a discharge satisfactory to the city solicitor of the judgment by said Reynolds against Daniel T. Colwell, at the March term, supreme court, A. D. 1878, for the county of Providence.

No. 320. Petition of Michael Greeley and others, with Resolution referring the same to a Joint Special Committee.

[Approved June 21, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The undersigned citizens of the city of Providence, respectfully represent that the different departments of the city, which have the employment of laborers and mechanics, have been and are employing in such departments, persons who are not citizens, and are non-residents of said city.

They therefore respectfully submit, that persons who are and have been for a reasonable period, residents of said city, should be employed by said departments in preference to non-residents.

They therefore respectfully request your honorable body to direct said departments to only employ in and about the public works of the city, persons who have been residents of said city, before their employment.

(Signed,)

MICHAEL GREELEY and sixty-one others.

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Cooney, Brown, and Behan of the common council; and Aldermen Smith and Wilcox, be and they are hereby constituted a joint special committee for the purpose of considering the petition of Michael Greeley and others, in reference to the matter of employment in the various departments of the city.

- No. 321. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance upon the Annual Reports of the City Treasurer and City Auditor.

[Presented June 21, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom was referred the annual report of the city auditor, and the accounts of the city treasurer, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1877, report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers, and find them to be correct.

For the committee,

CHARLES F. SAMPSON, Chairman.

- No. 322. Resolution relating to a Channel in the Cove Basin.

[Approved July 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee for dredging the cove basin are directed not to construct a channel-way through said basin, as they were required to do by resolution No. 288, passed May 1, 1876.

- No. 323. Resolution to place a Flag Staff on the Fire station on Smith street.

[Approved July 8, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby directed to cause a flag staff, to cost not over fifteen dollars, to be placed upon the fire station on Smith street occupied by Hose Company No. 12.

No. 324. Resolution to pay the Firemen for duty in
June, 1878.

[Approved July 8, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of June, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 325. Resolution to pay the Firemen for duty in
July, 1878.

[Approved July 8, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of July, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 326. Resolution to employ Teachers of Sewing.

[Approved July 8, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee be authorized to employ two teachers of sewing, at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars each.

No. 327. Resolution to pay William Knowles,
Coroner.

[Approved July 8, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay William Knowles the sum of twenty-four dollars and

forty cents, for services as coroner and expenses attending the inquest on the body of Simeon Snell, found in Providence river.

No. 328. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for support of the City Wood Yard.

[Approved July 8, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars, in addition to the amount received from the sale of wood, is hereby appropriated for the support of the wood yard established by the overseer of the poor: said sum to be expended under the advice and direction of the joint special committee on pauperism, and to be charged to the appropriation for the support of the poor.

No. 329. Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented July 8, 1878.]

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

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

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

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$492,699	33
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	186,156	29
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	80,380	03
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	100,609	76
Of the north burial-ground,	-	-	-	3,458	41
Of the Brook street district,	-	-	-	22,464	30
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$885,768	12

The amount on hand June 30, 1878, was —

Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$492,743	74
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	186,165	84
Of the fund of 1895,	-	-	-	80,389	65
Of the water loan,	-	-	-	100,614	80
Of the north burial-ground,	-	-	-	3,459	59
Of the Brook street district,	-	-	-	26,828	99

Whole amount, - - - - \$890,202 61

The increase in the several funds has been —

In the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	\$	44	41
In the fund of 1893,	-	-	-		9	55
In the fund of 1895.	-	-	-		9	62
In the water loan,	-	-	-		5	04
In the north burial-ground,	-	-	-		1	18
In the Brook street district,	-	-	-		4,364	69

Whole increase, - - - - \$4,434 49

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, July 8, 1878.

No. 334. Quarterly Report of the Joint Special Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented July 8, 1878.]

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

GENTLEMEN, — The joint special committee on the Brook street district, present this their sixth quarterly report, of receipts and expenditures: —

Receipts for quarter ending June 30, 1878 —

Rents, - - - -	\$3,139 64
Sales of houses, old sash, &c. - - -	1,023 48
Ellen L. Potts, betterments to estate, -	195 25
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	\$4,358 37

Approved bills and drafts on the city treasurer for quarter ending June 30, 1878: —

Grading land, - - - -	\$ 5,310 06
Making streets, including curbing and paving,	16,665 06
Land and buildings, - - - -	38,199 68
Buildings removed, relocated and refitted,	15,157 59
Water for houses, - - - -	39 14
Rent of offices, - - - -	187 50
Rip rap embankment, foot of Bower street, -	469 60
Stone derrick, - - - -	73 43
Professional services, - - - -	25 00
Auctioneer's services and posting, - - -	23 49
Stationery, advertising and printing, - -	12 63
Salaries, - - - -	525 00
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	\$76,688 18

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MILLETT, Chairman.

Providence, July 1, 1878.

No. 336. Report of the Joint Special Committee of Arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July.

[Presented July 8, 1878.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council appointed under resolution No. 311, approved June 21, 1878, to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July, 1878,

have the honor to report: that they have completed the duty assigned them, and submit herewith a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the committee, accompanied by the proper vouchers.

RECEIPTS.

From City Treasurer, amount appropriated by City Council, - \$1,600 00

EXPENDITURES.

National Band, - - - - -	\$200 00
F. L. I. Veteran Band, - - - - -	80 00
U. T. A. Flute and Drum Band, - - - - -	24 00
C. Frank Parkhurst, ringing chimes, - - - - -	10 00
Wm. H. Ayer, ringing church bells, - - - - -	70 00
Providence Horse Guards, - - - - -	90 00
United Train of Artillery, - - - - -	68 00
Burnside National Guards, - - - - -	67 00
Slocum Light Guards, - - - - -	40 00
R. I. Guards Regiment, - - - - -	160 00
Maj. H. V. A. Joslin, Marshal, expenses, - - - - -	25 00
Maj. H. V. A. Joslin, committee badges, - - - - -	6 00
A. R. Darling & Co., carriages, - - - - -	30 75
Col. John McManus, rations for Co. E, from Woonsocket, - - - - -	15 00
Transportation Co. B from and to Pawtucket, and Co. C to Central Falls, - - - - -	8 50
Providence and Worcester R. R. Co., transportation, - - - - -	22 70
David E. Howard, decorating City Building, - - - - -	35 00
Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, advertising, - - - - -	48 12
Providence Press Co., advertising, - - - - -	48 04
Weekly Visitor, advertising, - - - - -	10 00
Sunday Dispatch, advertising, - - - - -	10 00
C. C. Corbett & Bro., advertising, - - - - -	10 00
A. Crawford Greene & Son, posters, - - - - -	25 00
Narragansett Boat Club, Regatta, - - - - -	150 00
Narragansett Boat Club, Cove Basin Races, - - - - -	38 00
Narragansett Boat Club, Police Boats, - - - - -	6 00
H. V. A. Joslin, expenses mounted police, - - - - -	12 00
George Greene, furnishing water and barrels, - - - - -	15 00
Narragansett Ice Co., ice, - - - - -	7 50
Battery A, 1st Batt. Lt. Art., sunrise and midday salutes, - - - - -	92 00
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	\$1,423 61
Balance returned to City Treasurer, - - - - -	176 39
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	\$1,600 00

The committee desire to tender their thanks to the chief marshal and his aids, to the Narragansett Boat Club, and to the police force of this city for their untiring efforts in be-

half of the municipal celebration ; and especial thanks to the Union Railroad Company for the gratuitous use of a special car for transporting the National Band.

While the committee take pride in returning so large an amount to the city treasury, out of so small an appropriation, they deem it but proper to inform you, that but for a departure of the present executive of the state, from the usual custom of ordering salutes fired in this the chief city and one of the capitals of the state, on Independence day, the unexpended balance would have been considerably larger.

For the committee,

STEPHEN C. ARNOLD, Chairman.

Providence, July 8, 1878.

No. 337. Resolution for repairing the Police Station on Canal street, and certain School-Houses.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred and twenty-five dollars, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of repairing the Central Police station, the East street, Federal street, and Mount Pleasant school-houses ; that the superintendent of public buildings, under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause the buildings aforesaid to be repaired, and that said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose, be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 338. Resolution transferring \$5,500 to the Appropriation for Rents.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for rents ; said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 339. Resolution to lay water pipes in Adelaide avenue.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are, directed to cause a twenty-inch water pipe to be laid in Adelaide avenue, connecting the main now in Greenwich street with the distribution pipes in Elmwood avenue.

No. 340. Resolution to lay water pipes in Senter and Valley streets.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are, directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Senter street, from the present end of pipe to Valley street, and along Valley street westerly about two hundred and forty (240) feet.

No. 341. Resolution to lay water pipes in Calais street.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby, directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Calais street, from Valley street to Edith street, whenever the parties wishing water therefrom shall have given a written guarantee that the income shall amount to thirty-four dollars per annum.

No. 342. Resolution to lay water pipes in Pacific street.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are, directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Pacific street, about three hundred feet westerly from Broad street, whenever the parties wishing water shall guarantee an income from the same equal to eight per cent. on the cost thereof.

No. 343. Resolution to pay Ellen D. Carney, Teacher of Drawing.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay Ellen D. Carney the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for her services as teacher of drawing, from February 1 to July 1, 1878, to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 344. Resolution to pay Thomas Largan, for work on School-House and Police Station.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Largan the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty cents, whenever the said Largan shall execute to the city a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims arising from work done, or materials furnished, for the Candace street school-house, and the Martin street police station.

No. 345. Resolution to pay \$200 on account of Notes given by School District No. 7 in North Providence.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the town treasurer of North Providence the sum of two hundred dollars, to be applied by the town treasurer of North Providence to the proportional payment on account of two notes heretofore given by school district No. 7, of the town of North Providence, one for two hundred and twenty-nine dollars, dated April 16, 1874, and one for nineteen dollars, dated May 16, 1874: said sum to be charged to the account of the town of North Providence on the city treasurer's books.

No. 346. Resolutions to pay Harrison G. Macomber \$10,500, in settlement of claims for work, &c., on the City Hall.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 154, approved March 28, 1878, to pay Harrison G. Macomber the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars, is hereby revoked and annulled.

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Harrison G. Macomber the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars, whenever the said Macomber shall execute to the city of Providence a full discharge and release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims and demands against said city arising from his contract with said city, dated January 18, 1875, for laying granite and bricks in the city hall structure, and also of all claims of every kind, arising from any violation of said contract, and also of all claims of every kind, arising from any work done by him, or materials or labor furnished by him for or on the city hall; said payment to be charged to the city hall appropriation.

No. 347. Resolution to pay the rent of the
Telephones in the offices of the Mayor and City
Solicitor.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the Bell Telephone Company, L. W. Clarke, agent, the sum of twenty dollars, whenever the said company shall give to the city a receipt in full for rent of telephones up to October 11, 1878, and shall agree in writing to remove the telephones from the present offices of the mayor and city solicitor, on said eleventh day of October, A. D. 1878.

No. 348. Resolution to remove the Dam at the Cove
Basin.

[Approved July 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city engineer is directed to remove forthwith, the dam at the entrance to the cove basin; the expense of doing the work to be charged to the appropriation for dredging the cove basin, upon the certificate of the city engineer.

No. 349. Resolution accepting gift of Cutting S.
Calef to the North Burial-Ground Fund.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Cutting S. Calef of the sum of two 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 Richard Sanders in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Cutting S. Calef fund.

No. 350. Resolution accepting gift of Horace Martin to the North Burial-Ground Fund.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Horace Martin 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 said Horace Martin in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Horace Martin fund.

No. 351. Resolution accepting gift of Mary Low Newcomb to the North Burial-Ground Fund.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the bequest of Mary Low Newcomb 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 Simon Dean in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Mary Low Newcomb fund.

No. 352. Resolution accepting Gift of William D. Sherman, Administrator, to the North Burial-Ground Fund.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of William Davis Sherman, administrator, 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 said Sherman, administrator, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council under the name of the William D. Sherman, administrator, fund.

No. 353. Resolution appropriating \$75,000 for the City Hall.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 354. Resolution permitting the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company to enlarge their Engine House on the Cove Lands.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the prayer of the petition of the trustees for the bondholders of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, for leave to build an addition to their engine house on a part of the cove lands, be granted; and that the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to execute in behalf of the city, an instrument satisfactory to the city solicitor in accordance therewith.

 No. 355. Resolution to sell certain land at Pawtuxet.

[Approved July 10, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor be, and he hereby is, directed to convey to Joseph B. Hayward the interest of the city in, and to that lot of land on the east side of the bridge at Pawtuxet, upon the payment of such sum of money as shall be satisfactory to the water commissioners; provided, that all rights to draw water from the dam be reserved by the city, and all similar rights appertaining to the other interests in said lot, be conveyed to the city: the conveyances aforesaid to be made to the satisfaction of the city solicitor.

 No. 356. CHAPTER CXX.

 AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE UNION RAILROAD COMPANY
 TO LAY RAILS IN THAYER STREET.

[Approved July 25, 1878.]

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 Thayer street, from their present terminus at Barnes street to Olney street; 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.

No. 357. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for use of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Approved July 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the city hall commissioners, the same to be expended in paying for labor and materials required in the construction of the city hall; provided, that no expenditure for materials be made at any one time by virtue hereof, exceeding in amount the sum of two hundred dollars.

No. 358. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the New High School.

[Approved July 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

No. 359. Resolution accepting the gift of Daniel Crawshaw to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved July 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Daniel Crawshaw of sixty 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 said Crawshaw in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the Daniel Crawshaw fund.

No. 360. Petition of the F. L. I. Veteran Association for the appointment of a Committee upon celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Rhode Island, with a Resolution referring the same.

[Approved July 25, 1878.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST LIGHT INFANTRY VETERAN ASSOCIATION, }
PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 8, 1878. }

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence :

One hundred years ago the town of Newport was in possession of the British, and from there forces were often sent out into various parts of this colony to capture cattle and sheep, and to impress our own citizens into the service of the enemy.

A portion of the towns of Warren, Bristol, and Fall River were by them burned. The citizens of the colony were momentarily expecting the burning of Providence, and at their suggestion the Governor of the Colony represented the situation of the matters to Congress, that owing to the absence in the army, of the large proportion of the able-bodied men, the town of Providence was left in a comparatively unprotected state, and asked that troops might be sent here for the protection of Providence. The petition was granted, and General Washington was directed to send here all the Rhode Island troops that could well be spared. Other troops were also sent here, and the gathering of this force on our soil resulted in the Battle of Rhode Island, the first centennial of which we propose to celebrate on its anniversary, the 29th day of August next. At this proposed celebration veteran military associations will be present in force from each of the states represented on the field of battle. As this gathering here was ostensibly for the preservation of Providence, we respectfully petition that a committee be appointed to devise some plan whereby the first centennial of the preservation of Providence shall be fitly commemorated.

WM. W. BROWN, }
HENRY STAPLES, } Committee.
A. E. BURNSIDE, }

RESOLVED, That the petition of W. W. Brown and others for appointment of a committee to confer with a committee of the First Light Infantry Veteran Association on the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Rhode Island, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Barnaby, Green, and Woods, of the common council, with Alderman Hayward; and that said committee be instructed to make no arrangements involving the expenditure of any money from the city treasury.

No. 361. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved July 25, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Anna Wright to raise a certain building, located at No. 1 Fremont street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 362. Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners.

[Presented July 25, 1878.]

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, July 12, 1878. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The fifteenth quarterly report of the city hall commissioners is herewith presented. The following are the disbursements since last report of 12th of April, 1878:—

Morton & Chesley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$41,264 29
A. Wentworth Roberts & Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,600 00
O. C. Williams,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,120 00
Walworth Mfg. Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	887 00
P. & J. Tierney,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,682 92
Davidson & Mars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,041 54
Galland, Bash & Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	707 35
Whittier Machine Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	445 00
G. W. F. Lewis,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	196 75
S. P. Brown,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Pay Rolls,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,942 54
Lamp Department,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225 10
Coal account,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	487 40
Brick, lime, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	333 85
Water account,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193 32
Rent, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	398 24
Sundries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	373 74
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									\$65,399 04

Total amount of expenditure last quarter, -	\$ 65,399 04
Total amount of expenditure, - - -	806,967 08
Amount of appropriation, - - -	873,498 00
Unexpended balance, - - - -	66,530 92

Very respectfully,

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

No. 363. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Westminster street.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Westminster street.

No. 364. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Knight street.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Knight street, from Broadway to Atwell's avenue.

No. 365. Resolution relating to the bridge at Crossing street.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to expend the sum of twelve hundred dollars, in repairing the bridge over the canal at Crossing street, and that said bridge be made of the same width as the street.

No. 366. Resolution granting permission to raise a
Building.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Philip H. Durfee, to raise a certain building located on Transit street, near Gano street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 367. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of August, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 368. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during the quarter ending August 31, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding quarter, in the year previous.

No. 369. Resolution transferring \$5,000 to the
Appropriation for Bridges.

[Approved August 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for public bridges; said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 373. Message from the Mayor relating to the claim of Samuel J. F. Thayer.

[Presented August 22, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
August 22, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

By the resolution of the city council, approved June 3, 1878, "the mayor was authorized and requested to agree to a reference, under the rule of the supreme court, of all matters at issue between Samuel J. F. Thayer, architect of the city hall, and the city of Providence."

The mayor, deeming it incompatible with the interests of the city, for him to consent to the appointment of an architect as one of the referees, the matters at issue between Mr. Thayer and the city cannot be adjusted in the manner proposed by the resolution.

As it is better for both parties, if possible, that the case should be amicably adjusted outside of the courts, I recommend that the city council make another attempt to obtain a settlement, by referring the case to a special committee with full authority to adjust all matters in dispute between the parties.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 374. Resolution referring the foregoing Message to a Committee with authority to adjust the claim.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated August 22, 1878, relative to the controversy between S. J. F. Thayer, architect of the city hall, and the city, be referred to the joint special committee on city hall furniture, with full authority to adjust all matters in dispute between the parties.

No. 375. Message from the Mayor relative to Appropriations for furnishing and painting the City Hall.

[Presented August 22, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
August 22, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Two appropriations have been made by the city council, to be expended under the direction of the committee appointed to furnish the new city hall, one for furniture and the other for painting and decorating. As these are now distinct appropriations, I recommend that the two be consolidated, in order that any balance remaining from the painting may be used in furnishing if required.

I also recommend that the committee be authorized to sell, by public auction, such old furniture now in the city building and the several offices of the city government, as is not required in the city hall, and that the proceeds thereof be added to the appropriation for furnishing the city hall.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 376. Resolution consolidating the above Appropriations.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to add the appropriation of twelve thousand dollars made for painting and decorating the city hall, to the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars made for furnishing the city hall.

No. 377. Message from the Mayor relative to Telegraphic Communication with the City Hall.

[Presented August 22, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
August 22, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The interior of the new city hall has been fitted by the commissioners with all necessary wire and other means for the proper connection of the various telegraphic lines used by the several departments of the city government; but no authority has been given by the city council to any party to do the work required outside of the building, to make these lines of use when the departments move into their new offices.

I therefore recommend that either the commissioners or the committee on city hall furniture be authorized to do this work, and that the cost thereof be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 378. Resolution relating to Telegraph Lines to the City Hall.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated August 22, 1878, relative to making the proper connection in the city hall with the various telegraphic lines, used by the several departments of the city government, be referred to the joint special committee on city hall furniture, with instructions to cause such connections for the above named purpose, to be made as may be necessary, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 379. Message from the Mayor relating to the sidewalks adjoining the High School and the streets around the City Hall.

[Presented August 22, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
August 22, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Two public buildings of considerable importance are nearly finished, and certain work is necessary to be done by the highway department in the vicinity of each, which should be completed before they are occupied.

The new high school, it is expected, will be dedicated within two weeks, and the sidewalks adjoining the estate ought to be newly curbed and covered with a suitable material.

The portions of Eddy, Washington, Dorrance, and Fulton streets adjoining the city hall estate, should be brought to the established grade, and their roadways be covered with noiseless pavement.

The order of the city council, approved June third last, suspending all new work by the highway department, should be so far modified as to permit the above work to be done immediately; and I therefore recommend that favorable action be taken thereon at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 380. Resolution to Pave the streets around the City Hall with Noiseless Paving.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they hereby are directed, under the direction of the joint standing committee on highways, to cause so much of the several

streets adjoining the new city hall estate, to be brought to the established grade, and to be paved with some noiseless pavement, the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for the new city hall.

No. 381. Message from the Mayor relative to the City Building.

[Presented August 22, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
August 22, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The city building will undoubtedly be vacated at an early day, and parties are already making inquiries as to the renting of the rooms therein. I recommend that the committee on city property be instructed to report to the city council, as soon as practicable, plans for such alterations therein as may enable the city to derive the largest possible rent therefrom, with estimates of their cost, together with the cost of needed repairs.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 382. Resolution to Procure Plans for Alteration of the City Building.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be hereby directed to report plans for the alteration of the present city building, so as to best fit the same for rental, with estimates thereof, together with estimates for any necessary repairs thereon.

No. 383. Resolution to sell a portion of the Furniture in the City Building.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on furnishing the city hall are hereby authorized to sell, by public auction, such old furniture now in the city building and the several offices of the city government, as is not required in the new city hall, and that the proceeds thereof be added to the appropriation for furnishing the new city hall.

No. 384. Resolution transferring \$30,000 to the Appropriation for Interest.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for interest, said sum to be transferred as follows: ten thousand dollars from the appropriation for public schools, and twenty thousand dollars from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 385. Resolution transferring \$20,000 to the Appropriation for Police.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the police department: said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 386. Resolution transferring \$2,200 to the Appropriation for the City Engineer's Department.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for the city engineer's department: said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 387. Resolution transferring \$1,785.24, to the Appropriation for Contingencies.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventeen hundred and eighty-five dollars and twenty-four cents, is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 388. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Spring street.

[Approved August 24, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Spring street, from the high school estate to Broad street, to connect with the Broad street sewer.

No. 389. Report of Joint Special Committee upon removing the old Church on Wickenden street to the Reform School Estate.

[Presented July 25, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee of the city council who by joint resolution No. 145, approved March 21, 1878, were

directed to remove the old church building on the corner of Hope and Wickenden streets, and to cause the same to be enlarged and altered for the purposes of the reform school, in accordance with such plans as may be approved and adopted by the board of trustees: said resolution also accompanied by several remonstrances against this project, respectfully report; that upon their organization they received from the board of trustees two sets of plans, approved and endorsed by them. The first related exclusively to the old church building; the second were designs for a new structure, which would be preferred by the board provided the cost thereof would not be too great.

Taking into consideration the remonstrances above referred to, and in order to determine the relative value of the old building as compared with a new structure, also to fully inform themselves of all the facts in relation thereto, your committee advertised for proposals, not only for the repairs of the old building, but also for the erection of a new structure. These proposals were opened on July 22, and the result in either case, is largely in excess of the appropriation made by your honorable body. Should the council insist upon the removal and alteration of the old church building, an additional appropriation of six thousand dollars will be required to carry out the project. Should it be decided that the interest of the reform school would be best subserved by the erection of a new building, planned and fitted specially for the purpose intended, then the sum of seven thousand dollars will be required, in addition to the twelve thousand dollars already appropriated.

Your committee, without recommendation, submit the foregoing report and statement for your consideration.

STILLMAN WHITE, for the committee.

No. 390. Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, upon removing the old Church on Wickenden street, to the Reform School Estate.

[Presented August 24, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on finance, to whom was referred the resolution of the board of aldermen of July 25, 1878, relative to removing the old meeting-house on Wickenden street to the Reform School estate, respectfully report: that under resolution No. 145, approved March 21, 1878, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, was appropriated from the city treasury, to defray the expense of enlargement and alterations of said building, under the direction of a special committee. This committee in a report presented to the city council July 25, 1878, state that if the church building is removed and altered, an "additional appropriation of six thousand dollars will be required to carry out the project," and if instead thereof, a new building be erected, "specially planned and fitted for the purpose intended," the sum of seven thousand dollars will be required.

The finance committee in the consideration of the matter, found three important questions presented for their decision, which they felt demanded the action of the council thereon.

First—The present buildings of the reform school are inadequate to properly accommodate the present number of inmates, or to allow of the constant increase, unless the trustees shall refuse to receive any more females, and as speedily as practicable discharge those now under their charge. If this course is adopted there will be no institution except the county jail or state farm where these unfortunate female children can be committed; and if the general assembly should decide to provide a place for them, about one-half of the expense thereof and of its maintenance will fall upon this city.

Second—If the old church be removed, the amount already appropriated of \$12,000 can be made available in the author-

ity given to the city council by the general assembly to contract a debt, and the sum of \$6,000 can be met from the funds derived from the tax already assessed.

Third — If a new building is to be erected, the finance committee see no way to provide from the revenue of the coming fiscal year for the cost thereof, and as a debt cannot be contracted, this proposition cannot be carried into effect.

From the above it will be seen that two alternatives are presented to the city council: first, to decide to remove the girls from the school, and make it exclusively an institution for boys; or, second, to use the old church, which the special committee on the subject deem to be inexpedient. The committee leave the matter therefore without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SAMPSON, Chairman.

No. 391. Resolution to set Curbing adjoining the High School Estate.

[Approved August 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint standing committee on highways, are hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Summer, Pond, and Spring streets, adjacent to the new High School estate; and that a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, be appropriated therefor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 392. Message from the Mayor relating to
Accounts at the close of the Fiscal year.

[Presented August 30, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
August 30, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In keeping the accounts of the expenditures of the city, it has been customary to close the books on the thirtieth day of September, — the end of the fiscal year, — with the transactions of that day, and the new year has commenced with the first business day succeeding.

In this way, sums due to the various city officers, school-teachers, firemen, police, and employees of departments, for services rendered in one fiscal year have always been carried into the succeeding year, and in addition thereto, bills contracted for materials, etc., used by the city in its several departments, have been left outstanding at the close of the year, to be paid during the next year.

These items have amounted in the aggregate to a very large sum, which has never been included in a statement of the city debt; reports of the indebtedness of the city have been made by giving the amount of the bonded debt and adding thereto the outstanding notes, known as the floating debt, but not including therein this existing indebtedness, because not audited and allowed by committees and heads of departments.

This has been the custom of the city since the organization of the city government, and the same custom existed prior thereto. Although no apparent evil has thus far arisen therefrom, yet by this method of keeping the accounts, it will be possible for the government to incur and conceal a large indebtedness, in defiance of the provisions of the law recently enacted, known as the municipal indebtedness act.

In view of this, I recommend that the custom be discontinued with the close of the present fiscal year, and that the ac-

counts for this year be made to show an exact statement of the financial condition of the city:

In order to accomplish this, it is necessary that the several departments be ordered by the city council not to make any purchase on account of the city for which bills cannot be rendered on September 30th ensuing; and that they be also required to present to the city auditor on the first day of October ensuing, or as soon as practicable thereafter, accounts of all sums due and owing by the city for labor or services, or for any purpose contracted or ordered by their department, together with a statement of all incomplected contracts, and the probable amounts to become due thereunder, as near as the same can be estimated or ascertained.

It will also be necessary for the city council to authorize and instruct the committee on accounts to hold meetings, from time to time, after the expiration of the fiscal year, to allow claims and bills for services and labor performed during the present fiscal year, and bills contracted or indebtedness incurred for materials, etc., in the same time.

In like manner the city auditor should be directed to draw upon the city treasurer for all such claims and accounts as soon as allowed, and charge the same in the accounts of the present fiscal year, to the end that, as far as practicable, there may not be included in the accounts for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1878, any expenditures properly belonging to the accounts of the present year.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 393. Resolution relating to Accounts at the close of the Fiscal Year.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the several departments of the city government be hereby directed not to make any purchases during

the present fiscal year, for or on account of the city, for which bills thereof cannot be rendered on or before September 30, next ensuing; and they are hereby required to present to the city auditor on the first day of October ensuing, or as soon thereafter as practicable, certified accounts for services rendered or labor performed by them, or under their directions, on account of the city, prior to said first day of October; and also all bills and accounts for materials, etc., purchased for them for use during the present fiscal year, for or on account of the city; and furthermore, are directed to report to the auditor at the same time, a statement of all incompletd contracts made by them with the probable amounts to become due thereunder, as near as the same can be estimated or ascertained.

No. 394. Resolution to audit Accounts at the close
of the Fiscal Year.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be hereby authorized and directed to audit, on and after October first next ensuing, just bills and claims for services rendered and labor performed for or on account of the city, or for materials, etc., furnished for the city during or preceding the close of the present fiscal year, and draw for the same from the city treasury: to be charged in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

No. 395. Resolution to allow Accounts at the close
of the Fiscal Year.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on accounts are hereby authorized and instructed to meet from time to time,

after the expiration of the present fiscal year, and allow just claims and accounts for services and labor performed for the city, and for materials, etc., furnished for account of the city, during or preceding the close of the present fiscal year.

No. 396. Resolution to expend \$1,800, in rebuilding the Bridge at Smith Street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to expend the sum of eighteen hundred dollars in rebuilding the bridge over the canal at Smith street: said sum to be paid from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 397. Report of the Special Committee appointed to contract for supplies and labor for the Lamp Department.

[Presented August 30, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 294, approved June 3, 1878, to contract for the labor, material, and supplies required for lighting the public lamps, provided that the cost thereof for the year shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and three thousand seven hundred dollars, respectfully report: that the committee find themselves unable to make contracts with responsible parties, as directed in said resolution, for the sum therein named.

For the committee,

ROBERT E. SMITH, Chairman.

No. 398. Resolution relating to the Annual Report
of the City Registrar.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the twenty-third annual report of the City Registrar, for the year ending December 31, 1877, 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. 399. Message from the Mayor relating to Schools
and School Property at Fruit Hill.

[Presented September 5, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
September 5, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

In the division of the town of North Providence, at the time of the annexation of the tenth ward, the school-houses at Fruit Hill and Manton were transferred to the city. The territory remaining in North Providence of the two school districts in which these buildings were formerly located, is about sufficient to form a small school district, but there is no school building therein. The territory in this city contiguous to the Fruit Hill building does not contain children enough to warrant the maintenance of a school, and hence it has been discontinued by order of the school committee since the passage of the ordinance fixing eight dollars per term as the price of tuition in the public schools of the city for non-resident children.

The closing of this school endangers the title to the estate, as the land was taken by North Providence for school pur-

poses, and if the school be abandoned the land will revert to the original owners.

Under this state of things, it is better that the school be re-opened and an arrangement be made with the town of North Providence by which the children of the town can attend the school, and the expense of its maintenance be borne by the town and city.

A similar arrangement should also be made in reference to the school at Manton, and I therefore recommend that a committee of the city council be authorized to act with a committee of the town council of North Providence, to report some plan for an amicable and proper adjustment of these matters.

There are some unadjusted accounts of school matters still unsettled, growing out of the annexation of the tenth ward, which should receive attention, and I suggest that the same committee be instructed to examine and report thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 400. Resolution referring the foregoing message.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated September 5, 1878, in relation to the schools and school-houses at Fruit Hill and Manton, be referred to the joint committee on education to examine and report thereon.

No. 402. Resolution relating to the Point Street Bridge.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges, are hereby empowered to expend on the repairs of Point street

bridge, not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars during the year ending September 30, 1878, in addition to the amount allowed by chapter cxii. of the ordinances of the city.

No. 403. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of September, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 404. Resolution to lay water pipes in Taylor street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Taylor street, from Harvard avenue about three hundred and seventeen feet southerly.

No. 405. Resolution to lay water pipes in Cromwell street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Cromwell street, about three hundred feet westerly from Greenwich street.

No. 406. Resolution to lay water pipes in
Linwood avenue.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause the distribution pipes in Linwood avenue, to be extended about two hundred feet east-erly from the present end of the pipe.

No. 407. Resolution to lay water pipes in Cedar and
Crout streets.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Cedar street, from Acorn street to Crout street; and in Crout street, from Spruce street to a point about one hundred feet from Cedar street.

No. 408. Resolution to lay water pipes in West
River street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause the water pipes now laid in West River street, to be extended from the present end of pipe to Burke street.

No. 409. Resolution to lay water pipes in Zone street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause an extension of the water pipes in Zone street, from the present end of pipe to Chalk-stone avenue.

No. 410. Resolution to lay water pipes in Graham street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Graham street, from Jenkins street to a point opposite the school-house, about one hundred and eighty feet in length.

No. 411. Resolution to lay water pipes in Plane street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Plane street, from Potter's avenue to Public street.

No. 412. Resolution to lay water pipes in Republican street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause an extension of the water pipes in Republican street, about twenty-four feet southerly from the present end of the pipe.

No. 413. Resolution to lay water pipes in Dover street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Dover street, from Academy avenue to a point forty feet westerly from Carleton street.

No. 414. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Charles Akerman to raise a certain building, located at No. — Vernon street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 415. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael Murray to raise a certain building, located at No. 129 Vinton street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 416. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Fenner street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Fenner street, as a public highway, from Broad street to High street.

No. 417. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Charles Field street.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Charles Field street, from Benefit street to Brown street.

No. 418. Resolution transferring \$5,944.69 to the
Appropriation for Interest.

[Approved September 9, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty-nine hundred and forty-four dollars and sixty-nine cents is hereby added to the appropriation for contingencies: said sum to be transferred from the appropriation for interest on loan due in 1895.

No. 422. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon
the message of the Mayor relating to South Main
street and the estate of Jacob Ruoff.

[Presented September 9, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The special committee, to whom, on the eighth day of November, 1877, was referred the message of the mayor in relation to the claim of Jacob Ruoff, to a portion of South Main street, respectfully report. They invited Mr. Ruoff to appear before them and present his claim. Mr. Ruoff did not appear personally, but Mr. Charles H. Parkhurst appeared for him, and stated he had full authority to adjust the claim for Mr. Ruoff, acting as his counsel in the matter. After a patient hearing and a full discussion of the subject, an agreement was made with Mr. Parkhurst, whereby the amount of land in dispute, was to be left for the city engineer to determine, and he was to make a plat of the same: Mr. Ruoff was to make a deed satisfactory to the city solicitor; and the city was to pay a certain amount per foot for the land: the city engineer has done his part of the work, and your committee have waited a long time for Mr. Ruoff to execute his deed; but for some reason best known to himself or his counsel, he has not done

it, but is building on his lot on South Main street instead. Therefore your committee asks to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

For the Committee,

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 9, 1878.

No. 423. Resolution to pay O. C. Williams \$2,400, on contract for Electric Bells, Speaking Tubes, etc., in the City Hall.

[Approved September 12, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to O. C. Williams, the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, on account of contract for putting in electric bells, speaking tubes, etc., into the new city hall ; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 424. Resolution to repair the conduit under Reservoir avenue.

[Approved September 12, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners of the city of Providence, are directed as soon as possible, to repair the conduit under Reservoir avenue, opposite the land of Michael Laughlin, so as to allow the water now ponded on his land by Reservoir avenue, to flow off, and so as to prevent the accumulation of water on his land in future, by the interruption of its flowage by said avenue.

 No. 425. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Jenkins street.

[Approved September 12, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Jenkins street, to and through North Main street, to connect with sewer already laid in Livingston street.

No. 426. Resolution abating certain Taxes.

[Approved September 12, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and is hereby directed to abate the several taxes in the years of 1874 and 1875, reported by the treasurer as uncollectible, amounting to fourteen thousand two hundred and twelve dollars and sixty-three cents.

No. 427. CHAPTER CXXI.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CARE OF THE CITY HALL.

[Approved September 13, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. Chapter xxxvi, section 11, of the ordinances of the city of Providence "Of the city messenger," is amended by the addition of the following : —

He shall have the care and superintendence of the city hall, of the sidewalks around and adjoining the same, and of the offices in the same, and shall see that they are at all times kept clean and in good and safe condition and repair. For this purpose he is empowered to employ, on behalf of the city, such janitors, watchmen, engineers, mechanics, and other

assistants as he may find necessary, and to discharge them at his pleasure. He shall see that the city hall and the offices therein are kept supplied with all things needed for ordinary use, except fuel and stationery. He is empowered to call upon the mayor for such detail of police as may be required for the protection of the city hall and the property therein, and for the maintenance of order in and about the same. He shall see that the outer doors of the city hall are opened every day except Sunday and legal holidays at nine o'clock, A. M., and are, with the exception of the Fulton and Washington street doors, closed every day except Saturday, at five o'clock, P. M., and every Saturday at three o'clock, P. M. He shall also see that police officers are on duty at the Fulton and Washington street doors, to prevent the ingress of improper persons so long as such doors remain open after the other doors of the building have been closed. He shall, however, at the written request of the mayor, keep such outer doors of the building, other than the Fulton and Washington street doors, open and during such times as may be specified in such request. He shall make a monthly report in writing to the city council of the condition of said city hall, and of the sidewalks around the same, and shall, with each such report, submit a detailed statement of the expenditure and of the liabilities incurred in the care and superintendence of the city hall and adjacent sidewalks.

No. 428. Message from the Mayor relating to the price of Gas.

[Presented September 12, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
September 12, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the treasurer of the Providence Gas Company a communication, stating that on and after the

first of October, or after the accounts are taken this month, the price of gas will be \$2.25 per thousand cubic feet, with a discount therefrom of eight per cent.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 429. Message from the Mayor relating to the Reform School Building.

[Presented September 12, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
September 12, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The external wall, on the easterly end of that portion of the reform school building occupied by the girls, is in an unsafe condition.

The wall is a wooden frame filled in and plated with brick ; the wood having decayed the brick-work has bulged, and is in danger of falling. The trustees have caused the same to be temporarily braced, and will take such other action as the inspector of buildings may direct to secure the same, until the city council shall decide as to the future management of the institution, in reference to the continuance of both sexes therein.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 430. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances upon the laws relating to Police.

[Presented September 12, 1878.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to which was referred the matter of resolution No. 40, approved February

4, 1878, reports: that it has carefully considered the subject, and cannot find any such discord between the portions of the charter of the city cited in the resolution, and the chapter of the ordinances, and the chapter of the rules of the board of aldermen to which reference is made, as to call for any legislation by the council. The committee therefore reports: that in its opinion no changes are required in chapter XXXIX of the ordinances, and chapter v of the rules of the board of aldermen, to make them conform to clause one, section eight, of the city charter.

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

No. 431. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out South Main street.

[Approved September 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out South Main street, from James street to Transit street.

No. 432. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Bridgham street.

[Approved September 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Bridgham street, from High street to Cranston street.

No 433. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Earle's lane.

[Approved September 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Earle's lane, of a width of forty feet from North Main Street to Camp street.

No. 434. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Transit street.

[Approved September 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Transit street, from Governor street to the harbor line on Seekonk river.

No. 435. Resolution accepting gift of William D. Davis to North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved September 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of William D. Davis of the sum of two 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 said Davis in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the William D. Davis fund.

No. 436. Resolution accepting gift of R. H. Thurston to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved September 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of R. H. Thurston 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 said Thurston in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, under the name of the R. H. Thurston fund.

No. 437. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Dedication of the City Hall and removal thereto.

[Presented September 16, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
September 16, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Upon consultation to-day with the city hall commissioners and architect, it is decided that the services of dedication of the city hall can take place on the tenth day of October ensuing.

This date has been fixed, because it is the first day of the receipt of the tax for the next fiscal year, and if delayed beyond that time, it cannot take place until after Friday, October 25th, the date up to which the city treasurer collects the tax without interest.

There will be work to be done upon the building in either event, and the committee on furniture will not be able to complete their duties, even if the day of dedication be postponed beyond the latter date.

As it is desirable to stop the payment of rent for offices leased by the city as soon as possible, I recommend that a resolution be adopted by the city council directing the dedication to take place on the tenth proximo.

No person has been authorized to purchase the fuel to be used in the city hall, and I recommend that the committee on city property be given power to contract therefor ; and in this connection I suggest that it would be well if that or some other committee was authorized to contract for all the fuel used by the city in its various departments, and which is now purchased at different times and at different prices.

I recommend that the superintendent of public buildings be authorized to remove to the city hall, such books, papers, and matter belonging to the various departments of the city government, as are to be removed there from the offices now in use, at such times and in such manner, as will enable the

municipal business of the city to be transacted in the city hall as soon as practicable after the dedication thereof.

Section 3, of chapter XXXIV, of the ordinances, will require to be amended as soon as the city hall is dedicated, in order that the municipal court may transact business in the new rooms intended therefor, and it may be well for the committee on ordinances to prepare a bill to be adopted as an ordinance, providing for the use of the new city hall, and assigning the various rooms therein to the different departments expected to occupy them.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 438. Resolution referring so much of above Message as refers to the Dedication of the City Hall.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the mayor's message dated September 16, 1878, as refers to the time of dedication of the city hall, be referred to the joint special committee on dedication of the city hall, to examine and report thereon.

No. 439. Resolution relating to the purchase of Fuel.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committees on city property and ordinances, be hereby instructed to inquire into, and report upon the expediency of providing by ordinance, that all fuel used by the city in its several departments, shall be purchased by some committee authorized thereto.

No. 440. Resolution adding \$15,000 to the Appropriation for the new High School.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for building a new high school.

No. 441. Resolution transferring \$5,000 to the Appropriation for Highways.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for highways: the same to be transferred from the appropriation for dredging the harbor.

No. 442. Resolution to pay the bill of J. Harry Welch.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay the bill of J. Harry Welch of May 9, 1878, amounting to thirty-two dollars.

No. 443. Resolution to purchase Signal Flags for the City Hall.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be and he is hereby authorized to purchase for the new city hall, a signal flag for the meetings of each branch of the city council.

No. 444. Resolution to remove portions of Slate Rock to Roger Williams Park.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks are hereby authorized to make such disposition by removal to Roger Williams Park, of the remaining portions of Slate Rock, after meeting the requirements of resolution No. 244, series of 1878, whereby they were required to raise the same, as they may deem for the interest of the city; the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for parks.

No. 445. Resolution to convey certain land in the Brook Street District, to John F. Daly.

[Approved September 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district, are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to John F. Daly, by quitclaim deed, the parcel of land now occupied by said John F. Daly, between the street known as the first street north of India street, and the land of said John F. Daly, seventy-five and twenty-two one-hundredths feet in width; upon said Daly's complying with agreement made by him with the city of Providence.

No. 446. Resolution referring the Message of Sept. 5, to a Special Committee.

[Approved September 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated September 5, 1878, in relation to the schools and school-houses at Fruit Hill and Manton, be referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Brown and Behan of the common com-

mon council, with Aldermen Chace and Wilcox, and the city solicitor, to examine and report thereon; the joint committee on education being discharged from further consideration thereof.

No. 447. Report of the Joint Special Committee on Pauperism.

[Presented September 19, 1878.]

In accordance with the requirements of chapter 107, of the city ordinances, the joint special committee on pauperism, beg leave to present a brief statement of the operations of the bureau of charities, together with its expenditures, since the first of May last, the time of its opening. It will be remembered that the institution of this department of the city's charities, contemplated the following objects:—

1st—The providing of a temporary home for destitute women, till some suitable place could be found for them.

2d—The furnishing of single meals to lodgers at the central station, and to others of the vagrant and tramp class, after the applicants have honestly earned them.

3d—The preparing of a place where labor may be furnished not only for vagrants, but for needy and dependent citizens, unable to obtain employment.

To these has been added a diet kitchen. This was made necessary by the city's assuming, the present year, its medical charities, instead of contracting for them, as heretofore, with the Providence Dispensary.

Since the opening of the bureau of charities, 109 women and 20 children have been provided with lodgings and furnished with meals, on an average, for about three days each. In all, 642 men have been fed in the basement of the charity building. Of these, 554 were from the lodging-room at the central station. Of the remaining 88 coming from other quarters—many of them sent by citizens—46 have worked for their meal, and 42 have been fed without work.

Since the 15th of June, when the diet kitchen was opened, 160 quarts of milk, $37\frac{1}{2}$ quarts of beef tea, and $14\frac{1}{2}$ dozen of eggs have been supplied to sick persons, on the order of the attending physician. All this has been done at the very moderate cost of \$787.93, including \$372 of rent for the building.

It early became apparent that there would be a much greater demand for employment by the heads of families heretofore the recipients of out-door relief, than was at first anticipated. To meet this demand a large wood-yard on land belonging to the city, and lying beside the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad, was enclosed by a board fence eight feet high, with a gate for the entrance of teams. Within this yard a shed 100 feet long and 24 feet wide was constructed for housing the prepared fuel and for the protection of the men in stormy weather. This has proved to be no more than adequate to its intended uses.

About fifty men, the most of whom have heretofore received out-door aid, have been employed in the yard at the rate of half a dollar per day. They have thus received three dollars per week for labor honestly performed, instead of two dollars per week in charity, they, the meanwhile, passing their time in idleness. Thirty-eight men are at present working under these conditions in the yard. The gain to the city in every way, from this mode of administering, where it is possible, its out-door charities, is too obvious to require comment.

The expenses connected with the charity building have been as follows:—

Repairs	-	-	-	-	\$362	70
Furnishing	-	-	-	-	596	15
Cost of carrying it on for four months,					787	93
						\$1,746 78

The expenses connected with the wood-yard have been as follows:—

The enclosing fence and shed	-	\$	488	61	
Wood purchased	-		1,939	29	
Carting wood, including purchase of wagon, harness and feed for horse	-		210	22	
Labor	-		1,153	25	
Filing saws	-		19	17	
Tools	-		29	78	
			<u>\$3,840</u>	<u>32</u>	
Deduct for sale of wood	-	\$	1,106	35	2,733 97
Expended directly in out-door relief			-		<u>3,158 59</u>
Total expenses for four months	-				\$7,639 34

During the corresponding months of last year, viz. May, June, July, and August, \$6,438.69 were directly expended in out-door relief, only \$1,200.65 less than the sum expended the present year, including the rent, repairs, and provisioning of the charity building, and also the enclosing fence and shed of the wood-yard, together with 239 cords of wood now on hand and ready for delivery. Should the charity building, with its appended wood-yard, be conducted with equal success to the close of the year, it will have diminished the cost of the city's charities, and, at the same time, have made them more comprehensive, healthful, and effective.

The provision for tramps has been a work of less magnitude than was expected, as, under the requirements of the system adopted, their number has greatly diminished. During the last four months there have been only 751 lodgers at the central station. During the corresponding months of last year there were 2,063. The number in July and August of the present year was but little more than half that of May and June. To the resident citizen, with a greater or less number of dependents willing to work but unable to find employment, the wood-yard has been a most timely and helpful resource. It has enabled him to provide for the wants of his family, without sinking into the position of a dependent upon

public charity. The provisions made for this class is likely to prove the most beneficial feature of the new arrangements.

In order that its advantages may be realized to the fullest extent, it will be necessary that our citizens, in sufficient numbers, leave their orders at the charity building, for the wood and kindlings prepared in the yard. By so doing they will not only obtain the full value of their money, but have the satisfaction of aiding in a most beneficent charity.

When the appropriation was made for the establishment of the charity building, it was regarded by all as an experiment, but a sufficiently promising one to justify the expenditure. The committee see every reason to hope that under the able and efficient management of the present superintendents it may prove an entire success, and become permanently incorporated into the city's charities.

Respectfully submitted, by the committee.

GEORGE I. CHACE.

CHARLES E. CARPENTER.

ARTHUR F. DEXTER.

ELISHA S. ALDRICH.

Providence, September 19, 1878.

No. 449. Message from the Mayor relating to the rails of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company in Dorrance Street.

[Presented September 23, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
September 23, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I suggest the propriety of removing the track of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Co. from Dorrance street, and granting to the company the right to lay rails

through Exchange place, to connect with the track of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Co., on Dyer street.

The use of Dorrance street by a railroad company for the transportation of freight, is and has been, a serious obstruction to ordinary traffic, not alone on that street, but on all intersecting streets; and since the location of the new hotel and city hall on Dorrance street, it is time that the tracks were changed to some other place, where the inconvenience to the general public will be materially lessened.

I recommend that a committee of the city council be instructed to examine into the matter and report thereon as soon as practicable.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 450. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved September 26, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated September 23, 1878, relative to the the removal of the track of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, from Dorrance street, be referred to the joint standing committee on railroads, to examine and report thereon.

No. 451. Resolution to establish Evening Schools.

[Passed September 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to establish, for a term not exceeding seventeen weeks, during the ensuing fall and winter, nine ordinary evening schools, in the following locations: West River street school-house, Meeting street school-house, Front street school-house, Elm street school-house, Oxford street school-house, Harrison street chapel, Unity Hall, Manton avenue and Fountain street school-houses.

No. 452. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to declare Mason Street a Highway.

[Approved September 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to declare Mason street a public highway.

No. 453. Resolution authorizing the City Auditor to transfer Surplus Appropriation.

[Approved September 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That at the close of the present fiscal year, the city auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the surplus of any appropriation unexpended at that time, to any other appropriation where the balance is insufficient to meet the expenditures ordered by the city council, and also to balance all accounts that may have been exhausted, with such appropriations as may be found necessary.

No. 454. Resolution authorizing the hiring of Money.

[Approved September 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire such sums of money as may be found necessary for the payment of all claims against the city, at the end of the present fiscal year.

No. 455. Report of the Joint Special Committee upon Dredging the Cove Basin.

[Presented September 23, 1878.]

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

The joint special committee appointed by the city council under resolution No. 288, 1876, in reference to dredging out the cove basin, make the following report :

In accordance with the resolution, the committee contracted, July 11, 1876, with John B. Wood, of Brooklyn, N. Y., "to excavate the entire area of basin to a depth not less than three feet below mean low water mark" for the sum of twenty-two cents per cubic yard.

The work was commenced September 6, 1876, and ended May 24, 1878. Two hundred and sixty-three thousand cubic yards were dredged and paid for under the contract, costing \$57,860.00 ; which amount, together with the sum of \$1,548.83 for inspector and other incidentals, makes a total of \$59,408.83, leaving \$10,591.17 unexpended by the committee, of the \$70,000.00 appropriated.

In pursuance of resolution of the city council No. 348, 1878, an additional sum of \$134.08 has been expended, under the direction of the city engineer, removing the dam at the mouth of the basin ; making the total expenditure \$59,542.91, leaving unexpended \$10,457.09.

Amount of appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$70,000 00
Expended by the committee:							
For excavating 263,000 cubic yards at 22c.	-	-	-	-	-		\$57,860 00
“ services of inspector	-	-	-	-		\$1,085 00	
“ removing and rebuilding dam	-	-	-	-		160 57	
“ advertising, lithographs, tide boards, etc. :							
To James S. Fitts, assisting on levels	-	-	-			11 75	
“ Allen J. Brown, rubber boots	-	-	-			11 00	
“ C. J. Wheeler, advertising	-	-	-			41 05	
“ Labor, engineers, etc.	-	-	-			65 40	
“ Providence Lithograph Co., maps	-	-	-			30 00	

To S. D. Gray, tide boards - - -	\$10 18	
" G. W. Harris, painting tide boards - - -	4 00	
" B. Appleton, boat hire - - -	50 00	
" A. Dailey & Co., stakes - - -	2 19	
" Hiram Morgan, hauling stone for wall -	5 50	
For cutting brush and digging out material not dredged:		
For labor - - - - -	65 76	
To Barker, Chadsey & Co. - - - - -	6 43	\$1,548 83
		59,408 83
Expended under direction of the city engineer:		
For labor - - - - -	\$86 10	
To C. F. Dana, use of team - - - - -	3 00	
" N. Tallman, " " " - - - - -	2 50	
" W. H. Murphy, blacksmithing - - - - -	18 19	
" G. H. Adams, use of boat - - - - -	3 50	
" C. H. and F. F. Carpenter, lumber - - -	5 52	
" J. A. Potter & Co., " - - - - -	9 15	
" Barker, Chadsey & Co., tools, etc. - - -	4 42	
" R. I. Locomotive Works, use of jack - - -	1 70	134 08
Total expended - - - - -		\$59,542 91
Balance unexpended - - - - -		\$10,457 09

Two pairs of rubber boots were bought for use on cove basin ; but after being used half up, it was thought fair to let sewer maintenance keep and pay for them, and also keep the few old tools, bought, for the use of the boots.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. CLARK,	}	Committee.
N. F. POTTER,		
ARTHUR F. DEXTER,		
CHAS. F. SAMPSON,		
A. B. RICE,		

No. 456. Resolution fixing the day for Dedicating the City Hall.

[Passed October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the dedication of the city hall, are hereby directed to cause the said

building to be dedicated on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of October.

No. 457. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$200 on Central Bridge.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the advising committee on bridges, are hereby empowered to expend on the repairs of Red or Central bridge, not exceeding two hundred dollars, during the year ending September 30, 1878, in addition to the amount allowed by chapter CXII, of the ordinances of the city.

No. 458. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of September, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding month in the year previous.

No. 459. Resolution to pay Henry W. Barnes for work on Pleasant street.

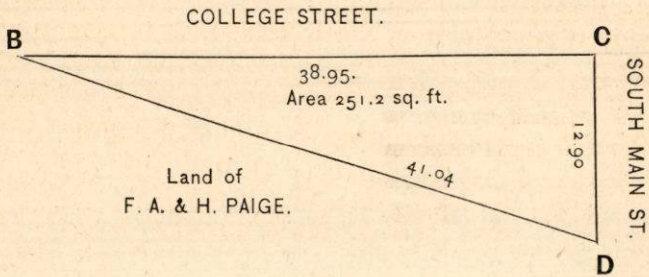
[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Henry W. Barnes the sum of one hundred ninety-two dollars and fifty cents, for removing 1,375 cubic yards of earth from Pleasant street, between Ivy street and East avenue.

No. 460. Resolution to purchase certain land of
F. A. & H. Paige for highway purposes.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property, is empowered to purchase of F. A. & H. Paige, for the city, for highway purposes, the triangular piece of land B. C. D. on a plat, submitted Sept. 9 to the common council by the committee on claims, for a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars; which sum is hereby appropriated for this purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.



No. 461. Resolution to lay water pipes in Mallett
and Bates streets.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed, to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Mallett and Bates streets, from Olney street to the turn in Bates street.

No. 462. Resolution to lay water pipes in D street.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed, to cause distribution pipes to be laid in D street, from Lester street to Booth's lane.

No. 463. Resolution to lay water pipes in Otis street.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed, to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Otis street, from North Main street to Canal street.

No. 464. Appropriating \$10,000 for Furniture for the City Hall.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for furniture for the new city hall: the same to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 465. Resolution to employ assistance in the High School.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

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. 466. Resolution to pay John Mack for work at the City Hall.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Mack, the sum of three hundred twenty-four dollars, in settlement of his bills for plastering in the city hall: to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 467. Resolution to lay a Storm Sewer in Aborn and Washington streets.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be directed to cause a storm sewer to be constructed in Aborn street, from Broadway to Washington street, and in Washington street, from Walker street to Dorrance street, and thence to the cove basin, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer.

No. 468. Resolution to connect with the Old Sewer in Sabin street.

[Approved October 1, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be directed to cause connections to be made with the old stone drain in Sabin street, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed four hundred dollars.

No. 469. Resolution to lay a Sewer in West River and Whelden streets.

[Approved October 14, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed from the summit in West River street, to and through Whelden street to the Mosshassuck river.

No. 470. Resolution to make connections with the Sewers and Water Pipes in streets near the City Hall.

[Approved October 14, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby instructed to make all the necessary connections from the sewers and the water pipes to the inside of the curb-stones adjoining all the estates upon the streets around the new city hall.

No. 471. Resolution to print the Addresses, &c., on the Dedication of the new High School Building.

[Approved October 14, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on printing are hereby instructed to cause to be printed, for the use of the city council, a full account of the exercises at the dedication of the new high school building, with the addresses delivered on that occasion, together with such papers relating to the high school, as the committee may deem desirable.

No. 472. Quarterly Report of the City Hall
Commissioners.

[Presented October 14, 1878.]

OFFICE OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, 12th October, 1878. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The sixteenth quarterly report of the city hall commissioners is herewith presented. The following are the disbursements since last report of 12th July, 1878.

A. Wentworth Roberts & Co.	- - - - -	\$5,545 07
P. & J. Tierney	- - - - -	2,481 26
John Mack	- - - - -	324 00
John Chadwick	- - - - -	2,640 00
Morton & Chesley	- - - - -	16,501 21
Galland & Co.	- - - - -	1,000 00
G. W. & F. Smith	- - - - -	3,618 00
Davison & Mars	- - - - -	2,172 38
O. C. Williams	- - - - -	2,400 00
S. P. Brown	- - - - -	500 00
Office rent, expenses, clerk, etc.	- - - - -	318 37
Pay-rolls	- - - - -	1,748 86
Coal account	- - - - -	266 00
Water account	- - - - -	422 65
Small contracts and jobs	- - - - -	1,511 20
Total amount of expenditure last quarter	- - - - -	\$41,449 00
Total amount of expenditure	- - - - -	\$848,416 08
Amount of appropriation	- - - - -	873,498 00
Unexpended balance	- - - - -	25,081 92

Very respectfully,

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

No. 473. Message from the Mayor relating to the drainage of Greenwich street.

[Presented October 14, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
October 14, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A considerable difficulty exists in regard to the disposal by the city of the surface water from Greenwich and other streets in the vicinity thereof, which at present is allowed to overflow land lying east of the former street, to the great annoyance of the owners of the various estates.

This policy should be changed at once, in order to avoid suits at law, and if promptly changed the owners will unite with the city in clearing up the land.

I therefore recommend that the highway commissioners be directed to extend the pipes heretofore laid from Daboll and Greenwich streets, to such point farther south as will remedy the difficulty at present existing, the work to be done in accordance with the plans and directions of the city engineer.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 474. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor in relation to the disposal of surface water in the vicinity of Greenwich street, be referred to the joint standing committee on highways, with instructions to report plans and estimates for the proposed work, and to report to either branch of the city council.

No. 475. Monthly report of the City Messenger.

[Presented October 14, 1878.]

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

The city messenger reports that by virtue of section 11 of chapter XXXVI, of the ordinances, he has been charged with "the care and superintendence of the city hall," and required to see "that it is kept in good and safe condition and repair." In pursuance of this duty, he has appointed Horace E. Chadwick to be engineer of said building at a compensation of two dollars and seventy-five cents per day, and he has entered upon the discharge of his duty.

The city messenger further reports that upon consultation with the present superintendent of the building, he was informed that, owing to the great length of steam, gas, water, and other pipes in said building; the numerous valves, and the complicated nature of the steam apparatus, and the fact that the great portion of the pipes are concealed within the floors and partitions, it was desirable and necessary that the person who was to have charge thereof after the building was occupied, should have some weeks' experience with the present superintendent, in order to acquire a full knowledge of the work intrusted to his care. Mr. Chadwick is an experienced mechanic, and capable of doing most of the repairing that will be required in the building, and in the opinion of the undersigned, will save the employment of other workmen.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 479. Quarterly Report of the Joint Special
Committee on the Brook Street District.

[Presented October 14, 1878.]

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

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

Receipts for quarter ending September 30, 1878 :

Rents	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,423	61	
Sales of houses, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	813	47	
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							\$4,237	08

Approved bills and drafts on the city treasurer for quarter ending September 30, 1878, including bills approved October 1, 1878:

Grading land	-	-	-	-	-	\$15,410	81	
Making streets	-	-	-	-	-	78	10	
Buildings relocated and refitted	-	-	-	-	-	27,834	46	
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	23,283	33	
Water for houses	-	-	-	-	-	80	00	
Rip Rap embankment, foot of Bower street	-	-	-	-	-	45	28	
Stationery and other office expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	23	35	
Rent of office	-	-	-	-	-	187	50	
Auctioneer's services, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	12	50	
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	561	29	
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							\$67,516	62

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. A. MILLETT, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, October 1, 1878.

No. 480. Report of the Joint Committee on Railroads upon the Message of the Mayor relating to the rails in Dorrance Street.

[Presented October 14, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on railroads, to whom on the twenty-third day of September, 1878, was referred the message of his honor the mayor, relative to the removal of the track of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co., from Dorrance street, respectfully report: that the interest manifested upon the publication of the mayor's message, led your committee to hold a public meeting in the council chamber, inviting by advertisement, all persons interested in said removal of tracks, to be present. The meeting was quite largely attended, but no person appeared favoring the removal, or objecting to their remaining as at present on Dorrance street. A remonstrance against placing the track on Exchange place (which had been suggested in the mayor's message) was presented, signed by all, or nearly all, the owners and lessees of property on Exchange place, and by many others. Said paper is herewith presented. Your committee believe that it should be, and is the policy of the city council to grant every facility to the railroad companies, for the transaction of their business, not inconsistent with the rights and safety of the general public. In other cities, marginal roads have been built, connecting the several railroad lines with each other, and with tide water, thus avoiding the use of the principal and central thoroughfares for the transportation of heavy freight. Until quite recently the Providence & Worcester Railroad Co. used their track on South Water street for transportation of coal, and complaints were very frequent on the part of our citizens: the transfer of this portion of the railroad company's business to an adjoining town, has had the effect of increasing the value of real estate

in that town, and decreasing it in that portion of our city from which the removal was made. The Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company, for whose use and benefit the tracks on Dorrance street were laid, and by whom they are used, could find ample accommodations for their coal business at the terminus of what is known as the old Stonington railroad: the track on this road is now laid to within two miles or less, of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill railroad, and its terminal point in the city commands the best water of our harbor, and sufficient room for wharves and coal pockets. The present may not be a favorable time, for the railroad company to make such an outlay as this new project would necessitate, but your committee believe that the owners of the property referred to, would make very liberal arrangements in providing for this business, and it would be most desirable to transfer it from Dorrance street, as early as possible. Your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

For the committee,

JAS. LEWIS PEIRCE, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, October 14, 1878.

No. 481. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Engineer's Department relating to the Annual Report of the City Engineer for 1875.

[Presented October 14, 1878.]

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

The committee on the city engineer's department, requested by resolution of the common council, passed September 16, 1878, "to report as soon as expedient on the annual report of the city engineer for the year 1875, presented to the common council, February, 1876," make this report. The document

in question, was presented to the common council, February 28, 1876, and referred to the committee on the city engineer's department without instructions. On account of its great length it was referred by that committee to a sub-committee to read and report thereon, which subsequently reported that a large part of the document was devoted to the consideration of matters which belonged to other departments and committees to present to the city council, while another portion was found to be already included in the city documents; and for these reasons, it was inexpedient to print the same. The present committee has not read the report, for the same reason that actuated its predecessors, and it now returns the same herewith recommending that it be received.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, October 14, 1878.

No. 483. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Bowdoin street.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are requested to receive Bowdoin street, from Atwell's avenue to Appleton street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 484. Resolution to lay water pipes in Branch avenue, etc.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause water pipes to be laid in Branch avenue, from Smithfield avenue westward, and

through such other streets as they shall deem most expedient to Douglas avenue, and in Douglas avenue, to connect with the pipe already laid in Stransbury street.

No. 485. Resolution to lay water pipes in Crout street.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause the water pipes now being laid in Crout street, to be extended from Atwell's avenue to Spruce street.

No. 486. Resolution to lay water pipes in Hill street.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be instructed to cause water pipes to be laid in Hill street, about one hundred and fifteen feet westerly from west line of Perry street.

No. 487. Resolution to lay water pipes in Piedmont street.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED. That the board of water commissioners be instructed to lay water pipes in Piedmont street, about one hundred and thirty-five feet southerly from the present end of pipes.

No. 488. Resolution relating to catch-basins in Exchange place and Exchange street.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause two or more catch-basins with proper connections with sewer, to be constructed in Exchange place, also to enlarge openings to present catch-basins in Exchange street.

No. 489. Resolution for an Ordinance relating to Contractor's Bonds.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances be and they are hereby directed to report to the city council, an ordinance prohibiting all members of the city government, from becoming surety on any contractor's bond, hereafter accepted by the city treasurer, or by any committee of the city council.

No. 490. Resolution relating to Evening Schools.

[Approved October 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby empowered to cause the evening school authorized by resolution of September 30, to be established at the school-house on Fountain street, to be removed to the chapel on America street: and are authorized to establish, in addition to the schools established by resolution No. 451, passed September 30, 1878, an evening school in the Orms street school-house.

No. 491. Resolution to purchase New York Law Reports.

[Approved October 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be authorized to purchase for the use of the city, sixty-nine volumes of the reports of the court of appeals for state of New York, providing the cost thereof does not exceed one hundred forty dollars; the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 492. Resolution relating to an Outlet for the Sewer in Dorrance Street.

[Approved October 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Raynsford and Chace, with Messrs. Briggs, Rickard, and Steere, of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to examine and report upon the subject of laying an outlet from the sewer in Dorrance street to the rapid tide water, to prevent any cause of nuisance to the vicinity by the discharge of said sewer into the dock: and said committee are instructed to confer with the owners of the premises wherein it is proposed to lay said outlet, as to right of way for the same, and upon what conditions.

No. 493. Resolution to construct a catch-basin in Cove Street.

[Approved October 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a catch-basin to be constructed in Cove street, opposite Fountain street, and to connect said basin with the tidal drain.

No. 494. CHAPTER CXXII.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, A. D. 1879.

[Passed, in Board of Aldermen October 18, 1878; in Common Council October 18, 1878. Became law without approval October 19, 1878.]

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, 1878, and ending with the last day of September, 1879, the following sums of money, or so much thereof as are authorized by law, be and they are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes as explained in the estimates of the city auditor, and in the applications of the various committees and heads of departments.

For salaries, such as are not herein otherwise specified, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For the support of public schools, one hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars, and in addition thereto, all money received for registry taxes, dog licenses, and all moneys received 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 city bonds payable in 1885, thirty-six thousand dollars.

For interest on city bonds payable in 1893, fifteen thousand dollars.

For interest and premium on water loans, two hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars.

For interest and premium on city hall and sewer loan, seventy-two thousand dollars.

For the sinking fund to redeem city hall and sewer bonds due in 1895, thirty-eight thousand two hundred dollars.

For the sinking fund to redeem city bonds due in 1885, ten thousand dollars.

For the sinking fund to redeem city bonds due in 1893, five thousand dollars.

For payment of a note due August 1, 1879, for high school building, issued in accordance with an ordinance approved May 24, 1877, ten thousand dollars.

For the fire department, including the salaries of the chief engineer and the assistant engineers, ninety thousand dollars.

For highways, one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended as follows: for labor and material for repairing unpaved streets, \$47,000; for repairing paved streets, \$5,000; for cleaning streets, \$20,000; for tools, implements, carts, harnesses and repairs thereon, and hay, grain, and general supplies, \$12,000; for salaries of commissioners and clerk, \$6,000; for cleaning streets from ice and snow and the setting of curb-stones, to be expended under direction of the joint committee on highways, \$10,000.

For sidewalks and curbing, twenty thousand dollars.

For the maintenance and improvement of Roger Williams park, seven thousand dollars.

For the maintenance and improvement of other public parks, two thousand dollars.

For the support of the poor, removal of paupers, and the salary of the overseer of the poor, twenty-nine thousand dollars.

For the police department, including the salary of the chief of police, two hundred thousand dollars.

For the repairs of the asylum walls and buildings, two thousand dollars.

For the lamp department, including the salary of the superintendent of lights, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For the salary of the superintendent of health, and assistance in his office, collecting and recording births, marriages, and deaths, all hospital and quarantine expenses, medicines,

vaccinations, coroners' inquests, burial of bodies, removal of offal from the city, and all other expenses pertaining to the health of the city, eleven thousand dollars.

For the reform school, in addition to the amount to be received for labor, ten thousand dollars.

For printing, advertising, and stationery for public offices, twelve thousand dollars.

For repairs of public buildings, including the salary of the superintendent, fifty thousand dollars.

For care of the city hall, including the pay of employees and for supplies, eight thousand dollars.

For maintenance of public bridges, fourteen thousand dollars.

For expenses attendant upon elections, including the pay of wardens and ward clerks, three thousand dollars.

For all rents paid by the city, two thousand dollars.

For water for the use of the various departments and public buildings, including public hydrants and fountains, forty-five thousand dollars.

For the city engineer's department, including the salary of the city engineer, thirty-eight 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, thirteen thousand dollars.

For interest on the city debt, one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

For the reserved fund, sixty-four 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, fifty thousand dollars.

For care and maintenance of the water works, seventy-five thousand dollars.

No. 496. Communication from Charles E. Paine, late
City Engineer.

[Presented October 18, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The undersigned, in February, 1876, presented to the city council, as required by ordinance, the report of the city engineer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1875. It was at once referred to the committee on city engineer's department. At the time when my official connection with the city government ceased, February, 1877, the report had not been presented to the committee for any official action, and no objection had been made to its contents in committee, and not until Oct. 14, 1878, and then through the columns of the Daily Journal, was I informed that the committee had taken action in relation to the matter, and for certain reasons deemed it inexpedient to print the document in question. I have never received any notice that the matter was to be considered, and have yet to learn that anything in the report referring to other departments, or to other official reports, was not legitimately a part thereof, its insertion justified by the requirements of the ordinance under which I was acting, and in accordance with the practice of the engineers of other cities. I am sure that there is nothing that could justly be considered offensive, or out of place, and there are matters of which the city council should be informed. As the present committee and their predecessors have not read the report, I fear that their objection to printing *any portion* of the document may have been taken too hastily. Having waited for their action patiently nearly three years, I respectfully protest against such a departure from the usual course of proceeding, for which I am certain there is no precedent, and in justice to my own reputation, I would repel any insinuation that a large part of the report is not what it should be.

Respectfully,

CHARLES E. PAINE, Civil Engineer.

No. 497. Resolution to contract for Dredging the Harbor.

[Approved October 19, 1878.]

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. 498. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved October 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of October, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers; not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 499. Resolution abating assessments on Ann Eliza Westcott for sidewalk and curbing.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit the amount of the tax assessed against Ann Eliza Westcott, for concrete walk in the year 1877, amounting to forty-two dollars and fifteen cents, and also the tax for curbing assessed in the year 1878, amounting to one hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-four cents.

No. 500. Message from the Mayor relating to the
City Solicitor.

[Presented October 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
October 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Upon the completion of the city hall, the executive officers of the government, except the overseer of the poor and the city solicitor, will have their business rooms therein. The office of the solicitor has always been located within a short distance of the offices of the various departments, and the increased distance between his office and the city hall, will be a serious inconvenience to the transaction of the public business, while the great increase in the matters requiring the attention of the solicitor, and in the number of cases before the courts in which the city is a party, requires that he should also have his office in the city hall, and be in attendance there when not required to be elsewhere on city business.

If this be done, it will oblige him to abandon his private practice, and compel him to give his whole time to the interests of the city.

In return for this, the city should assume the payment of the salary, now paid by him to the assistant solicitor, and when the great importance of the city matters requiring his attention is considered, it will not be deemed an unwise expenditure.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 501. Resolution referring the above message.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor dated October 21, 1878, in relation to the city solicitor, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 502. Resolution for grading and paving, etc., of Exchange Place, and Streets near the City Hall.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, are hereby directed to repave the streets near the city hall as follows: Dorrance street, from Westminster street to Fulton street, and Cove street and the northerly side of Exchange place, from Fountain street to the westerly side of Butler Exchange, of a uniform width of 45 feet, with granite blocks; Washington street from Union street to Eddy street, Eddy street from Washington street to Cove street, and the triangular space around the monument with sheet concrete; also to bring said streets to grade, and to construct the necessary catch-basins to convey the surface water to the tidal drain and storm sewer and sewer in Washington street; also to place radius corners to the curbing at the southeast corner of Exchange place and Dorrance street, at the southeast corner of Eddy and Fulton streets, at the northeast and northwest corners of Washington and Eddy streets, and at the northwest corner of Washington and Cove streets. Provided however, that the whole cost thereof, above the cost chargeable to repairs of highways, shall not exceed the sum of nine thousand dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for said work, and transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for highways, new work.

No. 503. Resolution for curbing Worcester Street.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on the north side of Worcester street, from Eddy street

to Union street; and the sum of seventy-nine dollars and fifty-six cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund, to the highway department for new work.

No. 504. Resolution appropriating \$75,000 for the City Hall.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventy-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. 505. Resolution relating to the term of office of the City Solicitor.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances are hereby directed to inquire into and report upon the subject of fixing three years as the term of office of the city solicitor.

No. 506. Resolution relating to the term of office of the City Engineer.

[Approved October 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances are hereby directed to inquire into and report upon the subject of fixing three years as the term of office of the city engineer.

No. 507. Message of the Mayor relative to the payment of the amount due from the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co.

[Presented October 21, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
October 21, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On Friday last, 18th instant, the New York and New England Railroad Company paid into the city treasury the sum of three hundred thirty thousand nine hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents, being the amount due to the city from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad company, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per annum, up to the 19th inst.; and the floating debt of the city will be reduced in the same amount as the notes mature.

The city treasurer still retains the custody of the 481 bonds of one thousand dollars each, which were issued by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad company, in exchange for the bonds of the city for the same amount, which were paid January 1, 1876.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 508. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances upon a proposed amendment to the Act establishing a Board of Public Works.

[Presented October 21, 1878.]

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

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to which was referred February 25, 1878, a resolution relative to the board of public works, which resolution covered and followed another resolution of February 21, of the board of aldermen, which was also sent to the committee, reports : that it has

considered the matter in question. The committee fully recognize the advantage of putting the details of executive administration under a single and responsible control, and believes that many departments of the city would be at present more efficiently and economically managed could they be combined and in some way put under one superintendency, whether it be called a board or a commission, a superintendent or a committee, but the committee is satisfied, from the result of many attempts to bring this result about made during the last two years, that the council does not at present share its views.

So far as the highway department is concerned, the committee has already, in obedience to an order of the board of aldermen, prepared an ordinance remodeling the street management and giving to the city engineer an oversight over the technical branches of street work.

The other department concerned with street work and the one mentioned in the resolution, that of lamps, could without much difficulty, be made a part of the street or the engineer's department, if the council desire to do it.

The water works and the sewer construction in their technical details are now practically controlled by the city engineer : there is therefore no such pressing need for a consolidation of departmental management as to justify the committee in urging the subject upon the attention of a reluctant council. The committee also feels that the unfortunate experience which the city has already had under chapter 313, of public laws, act of January, 1873, known as the public works act, has produced a strong prejudice against the establishment of such a body, although in point of fact no such body has ever been put into active work. While therefore the members of the committee differ widely in opinion as to the policy of establishing a public works board, with the general power, which it would naturally have, and while they agree that the city would gain by putting some of the different departments now under the control of committees under a permanent and

trained manager, they do not think that the interests of the city would at present justify the adoption of either of the resolutions submitted.

The committee therefore recommends that the matter be indefinitely postponed, and requests that this report and the enclosed resolutions may be also communicated to the board of aldermen, as one of them emanated from the board and bears no endorsement showing any action by the common council.

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

No. 509. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for Sewers.

[Approved October 22, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for sewers, to be transferred from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 510. Resolution postponing the time for Dedicating the City Hall.

[Approved November 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the dedication of the new city hall, are hereby instructed to postpone the dedication of said building until Thursday, November 14, 1878.

No. 511. Message from the Mayor relating to work done on Trenton street.

[Presented October 31, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
October 31, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

By a resolution of the city council, approved June 3d, 1878, the highway commissioners were "directed not to begin any new highway work not already commenced, without a special order of the city council."

The commissioners deeming it necessary to bring Trenton street to the established grade, in order to prevent overflows on adjoining estates, have done the work without the order of the city council therefor. I have, therefore, declined to draw my draft upon the city treasurer for the cost of the work, which amounts to two hundred and seventy-seven and $\frac{63}{100}$ dollars.

As the men employed by the commissioners should be paid, I recommend that the city council adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 513. Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented October 31, 1878.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board June 30, 1878, was —

Of the fund of 1885	-	-	-	\$492,743	74
Of the fund of 1893	-	-	-	186,165	84
Of the fund of 1895	-	-	-	80,389	65
Of the water loan	-	-	-	100,614	80
Of the north burial ground	-	-	-	3,459	59
Of the Brook street district	-	-	-	26,828	99
Whole amount				\$890,202	61

The amount on hand, September 30, 1878, was :

Of the fund of 1885	-	-	-	\$516,737	36
Of the fund of 1893	-	-	-	191,060	28
Of the fund of 1895	-	-	-	120,803	78
Of the water loan	-	-	-	103,224	23
Of the north burial ground	-	-	-	4,209	36
Of the Brook street district	-	-	-	31,662	92
Whole amount				\$967,697	93

The increase in the several funds has been —

In the fund of 1885	-	-	-	\$23,993	62
In the fund of 1893	-	-	-	4,894	44
In the fund of 1895	-	-	-	40,414	13
In the water loan	-	-	-	2,609	43
In the north burial ground	-	-	-	749	77
In the Brook street district	-	-	-	4,833	93
Whole increase				\$77,495	32

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor and Chairman.

Providence, October 26, 1878.

No. 514. Resolution relating to Ridge Street.

[Approved November 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on highways is directed to consider the expediency of making sidewalks and gutters in Ridge street, from Atwell's avenue to Tobey street, and to report thereon as soon as practicable.

No. 515. Resolution relative to paving Washington and Eddy streets.

[Approved November 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the advice of the joint committee on highways, are hereby directed to substitute granite blocks, on Washington and Eddy streets, for the sheet concrete ordered by resolution No. 502, approved October 21, 1878.

No. 516. Resolution to lay a drain pipe in Patriot street.

[Approved November 4, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to lay a drain pipe in Patriot street, from South Water street to the river; at a cost not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

No. 517. Message from the Mayor relating to Shelter
for Horses near the City Hall.

[Presented November 4, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
November 4, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Horses and vehicles are used daily by the executive, police, water, sewer, engineers', highway, fire, public building, and lamp departments. As these departments are now located, shelter for the horses has been obtained in their immediate vicinity, but on the occupancy of the city hall such shelter will be too remote therefrom to be of use, and the horses must necessarily be exposed to the weather, and be a serious inconvenience, by their number, to persons having business in the city hall, and who may come there with their vehicles.

The vacant land on the opposite side of Washington street can be obtained at a nominal rent, subject to a removal whenever wanted for other purposes, and on this a shed can be erected at a cost, as estimated by the superintendent of public buildings, of not exceeding two hundred dollars, which will afford the desired shelter, and I therefore recommend that the committee on city property be authorized to hire the land, and cause a suitable shed to be erected thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 518. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved November 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated November 4, 1878, relative to leasing land and building a shed for shelter for the horses and vehicles used by the executive and other departments of the city, be referred to the joint committee on city property to examine and report thereon.

No. 519. Message from the Mayor relating to the
City Library.

[Presented November 4, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
November 4, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The removal of the city library to the new cases in the city hall will involve its rearrangement and will require a new catalogue to be made thereof.

I recommend that authority be given by the city council for the employment of a suitable person to do the work.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 520. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved November 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated November 4, 1878, relative to a new catalogue for the city library, be referred to the joint committee on printing, to examine and report thereon.

No. 521. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Claim of William J. Harris.

[Presented November 4, 1878.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
November 4, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Mr. William J. Harris has certain claims against the city for gravel taken for highways, without compensation therefor for which suits in court are now pending.

The city solicitor and the counsel for Mr. Harris have agreed that the cases may be referred to Pardon E. Tillinghast, Esq., town solicitor of Pawtucket, as a referee; and I therefore recommend that a resolution be adopted by the city council, authorizing such a reference on the part of the city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 522. Resolution referring the above Message.

[Approved November 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the mayor, dated November 4, 1878, relative to a reference of the suits of William J. Harris against the city, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, with instructions to prepare the necessary resolution for such reference.

No. 526. CHAPTER CXXIII.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XXXIV, SECTION 3, OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE: OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

[Approved November 7, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. On and after November 19, A. D. 1878, the municipal court shall be holden in the city hall of the city of Providence. Said court may be holden either in the municipal court room or in the office of the clerk of said court.

SECT. 2. So much of section 3 of chapter XXXIV of the ordinances of the city of Providence as allows the municipal court to be holden in the chamber of the common council is hereby repealed.

No. 527. Resolution to convey certain land in the Brook street district to the heirs of Thomas Ryan.

[Passed in Common Council, Nov. 4; in Board of Aldermen, Nov. 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby directed to cause to be conveyed to the heirs of Thomas Ryan, a part of lot No. 159, assessors' plat 18, whenever said heirs shall execute a deed to the city of Providence, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of lot No. 214, assessors' plat 18.

No. 528. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Susan street.

[Approved November 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and receive as a public highway, Susan street, from Cranston street to Diamond street.

No. 529. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Parade Street.

[Approved November 7, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and receive as a public highway, Parade street, from Cranston street to Susan street.

No. 530. Resolution to pay for work done on Trenton street.

[Approved November 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the sum of two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty-

three cents, for the work done by the highway commissioners on Trenton street; and charge the amount so paid, to the appropriation for repairs of highways.

No. 531. Resolution for curbing Linden street.

[Approved November 11, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on both sides of Linden street, from Hayward street to Pine street; and the sum of six hundred and seventy dollars is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work.

No. 533. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances, upon the Message of the Mayor relating to the City Solicitor.

[Presented November 11, 1878.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE:

The joint standing committee on ordinances to which was referred, October 21, 1878, the message of the mayor relative to the city solicitor, and resolution No. 505, current series, reports that it has considered the matter.

The committee has no doubt that it would be convenient to have the city solicitor's office in the city hall, where indeed there is no difficulty in placing it, and to have the city solicitor or his assistant in it during business hours; but this last is not practicable. The assistant city solicitor is now occupied in the justice court, trying the criminal docket of the chief of the police during the whole morning, for five days in the week. The very "increase in the number of

cases before the courts in which the city is a party," requires the city solicitor to be in the supreme court and court of common pleas during their hours of session; so that if the solicitor's office in the city hall is to be kept open during the day, it must for a large part of the time, be in charge of an attendant who can only tell callers that neither the solicitor nor his assistant are in. On the other hand, the distance between the present solicitor's office and the city hall, and the increase in the matters requiring his attention, will compel the solicitor to pass such part of his time in the city hall as his duties require.

The committee thinks that all which can be reasonably expected of the law officer of the city, is, that he shall keep the law books of the city in the city hall, and either be in his office in the city hall, or have his assistant there between the hours perhaps, of two and four in the afternoon, daily.

The committee does not think the solicitor should be required to abandon his private practice so far as it is compatible with his public office, nor is the committee in favor of enlarging his term of office to three years.

The law officer of public corporations is almost universally a man in sympathy with the dominant political party, and there are reasons for this of very great weight; that it has not been the case in this city, is due to circumstances honorable to all parties concerned, but of subordinate importance, and of probably transient power. The committee is not prepared to recommend a change in the tenure of an office for reasons whose influence cannot be permanent, when the change would create a political anomaly, and when the new tenure, if adopted, could not last a twelve month if not desired by the city government for the time being, and if desired must be useless.

Nor is the committee prepared to recommend a change in the solicitor's salary; he now receives \$6,000, of which he pays \$2,000 to his assistant, retaining \$4,000.

The justices of the supreme court of the state receive

\$4,000; the attorney-general of the state receives \$2,500; and the assistant attorney-general \$1,500.

So far as resolution No. 505 is concerned, the committee reports that no action on the matter is expedient.

So far as the mayor's message is concerned, the committee thinks that no action on the matter is expedient, unless, indeed, in regard to the removal of the city law books to the city hall, and to certain office hours of the solicitor and his assistant. These are matters of detail which can only be properly determined after an experience of some time, and meanwhile the committee thinks the matter can safely be left to the judgment of the city solicitor.

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

No. 534. Petition of Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, with Resolution referring the same.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

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

The Providence and Springfield Railroad Company respectfully represent: that they are urgently desirous of giving better passenger and freight facilities to their patrons in this city, and that certain cove lands are deemed necessary for the purpose.

Your petitioners represent that the facilities they are now able to give are entirely unsuited for such purpose, and very inconvenient to the public; see report of a joint special committee of the city council presented June 20th, 1876. That their patrons, the citizens of your city, are suffering thereby, and demanding better accommodations, and that the Railroad Company is doing their business at great disadvantage, and losing freight and passengers thereby.

Your petitioners further represent, that the city has an important interest in the road by reason of the guarantee of the bonds of the road, which interest will be rendered more secure by giving to the road the facilities they need at the hands of the city, which we believe can be done without loss to the city, and that it will benefit the city by promoting the business of its citizens.

It is well known to you that every railroad entering Providence has

been aided by the city with respect to its terminal facilities, and as we believe, with advantage to the city.

Your petitioners consider that the portion of the cove lands lying northerly of the lands occupied by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, and westerly of Gaspee street, with the approaches thereto shown on the map accompanying this petition, are necessary for the purpose. Said land is about 1,250 feet long, and 150 feet wide, and is more particularly described in a paper herewith.

They are aware that the time will come when an entire change in the station arrangements in the city will be necessary to accommodate the increasing railroad business of the city, and it is not the desire of your petitioners to throw any obstacles in the way of such change, and they therefore ask permission to occupy said lands on suffrance till such change be made, agreeing to vacate upon reasonable notice for such purpose. Should this petition be granted, your petitioners would at once proceed to lay tracks and to build passenger and freight stations upon the grounds granted.

PROVIDENCE AND SPRINGFIELD R. R. Co.

BY WM. TINKHAM, President.

RESOLVED, That the petition of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company for better accommodations, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of the members of the joint standing committees on railroads and city property, to examine and report thereon; and that the joint standing committee on railroads, to whom the same was referred on the tenth of July last, be discharged from further consideration thereof.

No. 535. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department, for services rendered during the month of November, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 536. Resolution to pay John Buckley.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay to John Buckley, the sum of twenty-five dollars, whenever he shall execute a release, satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims against the city arising from the flow of water on to his premises from Trenton street, during the month of June, A. D. 1878, or arising from any work done on Trenton street by the city prior to July 1, 1878: said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 537. Resolution to allow the Bill of Peter Donnelly.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to allow the bill of Peter Donnelly, for thirteen cords of stone for the Valley street bridge, amounting to twenty-six dollars: the amount to be charged to the appropriation for public bridges.

No. 538. Resolution to pay Peter Hackett.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is instructed to pay to Peter Hackett, the sum of thirty dollars, whenever said Hackett shall execute to the City of Providence a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for damages to himself, his horse and his vehicle, arising from any defect in Dyer street, and from any accident to himself or his team on Dyer street in the month of September, A. D. 1878: said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 539. Resolution abating \$52.20 from tax of Eugene Sullivan.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That from the tax of \$101.50, assessed in 1878 against Eugene Sullivan, the city treasurer is hereby directed to abate the sum of \$52.20, and to collect only the amount of \$49.30 : and the city treasurer is further directed to collect said sum of \$49.30 without the addition of interest.

No. 540. CHAPTER CXXIV.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER XXXVI, SECTION 11, OF THE ORDINANCES: OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY.

[Approved November 15, 1878.]

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

SECTION 1. So much of section 11 of chapter XXXVI of the ordinances as requires the city messenger to care for the rooms in the city building, so called, on Market square, and to supply them with necessaries for use, is hereby repealed.

No. 541. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances upon the subject of refunding Sewer Taxes in certain cases.

[Presented October 21, 1878.]

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to which was referred, December 17, 1877, a resolution directing the city treasurer to refund certain sewer assessments paid into the treasury, reports : that it has examined the subject matter and has given to it careful consideration.

By chapter 313, public laws, of March 28, 1873, sewer assessments were to be made, sixty cents for each front foot and one cent for each foot of area extending half-way to the next street, provided the distance was not more than one hundred and fifty feet measured parallel with the sewered street.

By chapter 549, public laws, of April 20, 1876, no lots could be assessed except those abutting on the sewered street.

By chapter 635, public laws, of May 31, 1877, no sewer tax on lots not abutting on a sewered street could, if unpaid, be collected, and the city was empowered at its discretion, to refund such tax if paid.

The law stood thus when the resolution in question was sent to the committee. But nothing in any statute empowered the city to assess more than once. When an assessment had been made, the taxing power of the city for a sewer was gone.

It is therefore clear that chapter 635 gave to the land affected by it a complete exemption from sewer burdens both present and future, and the amount of land thus freed would be largely increased if the repayment allowed by chapter 635 was once made. In these circumstances the committee adopted the only course open to it; it held the resolution and submitted to your body a drafted law, which afterwards became chapter 711 public laws, of May 31, 1878. This act allows the reassessment of land for sewers, if the tax remaining unpaid falls within the prohibition of chapter 635, or has been refunded under the permissive parts of chapter 635. After the enactment of chapter 711, the committee carefully considered the question of refunding provided for in the resolution. The leading idea of the resolution is that it is inequitable to assess land for a sewer which cannot be entered from such land, that if any land of this kind is exempt, all should be, and that if any tax on such land has been paid, it should be repaid. The committee submits that the sewer tax is a special levy for a public improvement designed to extend through all parts of the city, alleged to be essential,

and claimed to be too costly to be paid for from the regular tax levy. As arranged by chapter 313 of public laws it singularly fulfilled the conditions laid down by all economists as the elements of a good tax. Its object was useful, its distribution was certain, leaving no room for discretion: its amount in each case was fixed at the beginning of the work so that every person could readily calculate the amount due from himself and all others: it was so framed as to be collected almost without expense, and the payments were so arranged as to subject those liable, to the least practical annoyance. The committee does not intend to discuss the need of the sewer system: that question has been determined, whether wisely or not, and the only part of it now open is of a matter detail in defraying its expense. Against the great recommendations of the sewer tax as at first arranged can only be urged the objection that land which cannot be drained into a given sewer, should not be taxed for it. This would be a serious one if a limited area was to be drained, or if sewer construction should now be stopped by the council, but as the law stands, land once taxed cannot be again taxed, and the sewer system is planned for the entire city. Besides, if the construction of a sewer increases the value or decreases the depreciation of land beside it, it must have the same effect on realty situated within so short a distance as one hundred and fifty feet. The committee regrets that this question of equitable distribution was ever raised. No tax can be justly distributed and no levy made with perfect justice or imposed with absolute equity. Clearness, fixedness, simplicity, convenience and the exclusion of all discretion are the most important elements in a tax and fully justify the mode of its levy if combined with approximate fairness in distributing its burden.

But the committee in considering the repayment scheme was obliged to regard this alleged equity which prompted the resolution.

In repaying the tax, then, those lots must be excepted,

along which a sewer has been built in cross streets if, prior to the enactment of chapter 549, they had been assessed for a sewer on another street; for up to this law, such lots were assessed for the sewer in the front street which they did not abut on and were exempted in assessing subsequently for the cross street on which they actually bounded.

Also, if the owner of the back lot has since the sewer construction, by purchase or otherwise, obtained a right of drainage into the sewer for which his non-abutting lot was taxed, he should not have his tax refunded.

Also, if the owner of an assessed lot had by gangway rights or easements, or otherwise at the time the sewer was built, the right of access to it, he should not have his tax refunded, although no part of his lot actually abutted on the sewered streets.

Chapter 635 of the public laws forbade the collection of assessments made in certain cases up to the passage of chapter 549; these assessments were regularly made out and certified to the city treasurer; many of them the committee is informed have been paid: as the owners must be presumed to know the law, they should also be excluded from the repayment.

The committee believes that to ascertain these cases and keep a proper account of them, would involve great additional labor in the city treasurer's department, as it alone knows anything about the payment of the assessments; in the city engineer's department and in the city solicitor's department. Additional clerks must be hired in the last two if the work is to be done.

Wishing to ascertain the probable expense to the city of the resolution submitted, the committee asked the board of water commissioners for as near an estimate as possible of the sum of money required. The committee encloses the reply. The labor involved seems to be very considerable. The assessments made prior to chapter 549 are \$441,976, of which the board estimates one-tenth were cut off by chapter 635. The best the committee can do is to assume that one-

half of this sum, no longer collectable, has been paid and must be refunded under the resolution, as a much larger proportion of the earlier sewer taxes were promptly paid them of the latter.

One-tenth of \$441,976 is \$44,197, of which one-half is \$22,098, the conjectural amount to be refunded. Of course this sum must be borrowed as there are no available funds to pay it from.

The amount of \$237,914.75 given in the letter of the board as the collections made on assessments, includes all sewer taxes paid up to October 16, 1878. It cannot be compared with the assessed \$441,976, which were the assessments up to the date of chapter 549, or April 20, 1876.

The committee then submits to the council the following as the questions involved:

Shall the city subject itself to the expense and trouble of ascertaining the cases in which, under the resolution, the sewer taxes ought not to be refunded, in order to refund the tax in the rest of the cases? Unless this is done the whole equitable reason for refunding fails:

Shall the city increase the complications already made in the sewer tax system, and hence increase the expense of levy by refunding moneys with the expectation of re-assessing and re-collecting the same moneys?

Shall the city get legislative authority to issue its bonds for some \$20,000, to enable it to refund these sewer taxes?

The committee does not recommend the adoption of the resolution submitted to it.

ARNOLD GREEN, Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
Providence, R. I., October 17, 1878. }

ARNOLD GREENE, Esq., CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication of 4th instant, I have to say that, to comply with the request contained therein, viz., to furnish "as close an estimate as you can give of the sum required to refund the

taxes spoken of in chapter 635 public laws, May 31, 1877," will require several weeks' time, as it virtually calls for an examination of each individual assessment made prior to the passage of chapter 549, April 20, 1876, to ascertain the amount assessed, the collection of which cannot be made under the statutes as they now stand, and then obtaining from the city treasurer the amount of such assessments that have been paid, which would also entail considerable work upon him.

The total amount of sewer assessments certified to the city treasurer prior to the passage of chapter 549 is \$441,976.85.

I find on an examination of twenty-one assessment lists which I believe to be a fair average, that, if not already paid, about ten per centum cannot be collected, as the law now stands, unless re-assessed. The amount to be refunded depends upon the amount paid.

The city treasurer informs me that \$237,914.75 in all, has been collected from sewer assessments.

Very respectfully,

CLINTON D. SELLEW, Secretary.

No. 543. Resolution for curbing of Armington avenue.

[Approved November 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set, and gutters paved on both sides of Armington avenue, from land of A. F. Adie to Academy avenue; and the sum of thirteen hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

No. 544. Resolution for curbing Abbott's lane.

[Approved November 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set, and gutters paved on Abbott's lane, from North Main street to Knowles

street; and the sum of sixteen hundred and nine dollars and sixty-seven cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said work, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work.

No. 545. Resolution to place Catch Basins in
Lockwood street.

[Approved November 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause additional catch basins to be placed in Lockwood street, provided that the consent of the owners of the adjoining property be first obtained.

No. 546. Resolution to purchase fuel for the City Hall.

[Approved November 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city messenger be hereby authorized to purchase such fuel to be used in the new city hall, after it is occupied by the municipal officers, as may be required therefor: provided the messenger first advertise for proposals to supply such fuel.

No. 547. Resolution to submit the Claims of William
J. Harris to a Referee.

[Approved November 18, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be and hereby is empowered to submit at his discretion and under a rule of court, all matters now litigating in the supreme court between William J. Harris and the City of Providence, or Benjamin Tripp, city treasurer of the City of Providence, to Pardon E. Tillinghast, Esq., as referee.

No. 548. Resolution for Curbing Traverse street.

[Approved November 21, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set, and gutters paved on both sides of Traverse street, from Wickenden street to Sheldon street; and the sum of four hundred and seventy-five dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolution granting permission to raise Buildings.

[Approved November 21, 1878.]

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

No. 549. To Charles Akerman, No. 9 Vernon street.

550. To John McWilliams, No. 120 Burnside street.

551. To Sarah Watson, No. 40 Common street.

No. 552. Resolution relating to a Police Surgeon.

[Approved November 27, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on ordinances be and they hereby are instructed to prepare an ordinance providing for the appointment or election of a police surgeon, and fixing his compensation.

No. 553. Resolution for removing obstructions in
College street.

[Approved December 2, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under advice of the joint committee on highways, are hereby directed to cause the wall standing on College street (formerly Market square), adjoining land of R. I. Gammell, trustee, to be taken down and removed.

No. 554. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Claims of Anson W. Aldrich.

[Presented December 2, 1878.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, City Hall, Dec. 2, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Mr. Anson W. Aldrich having claimed damages for the change of grade in Washington and Eddy streets, the board of aldermen have selected appraisers under section 38 of chapter 60 of the general statutes to "endeavor to agree with Mr. Aldrich as to the damage by him sustained."

The persons selected by the board are Messrs. Edward D. Pearce, James S. Phetteplace, and Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., and it is now desired by Mr. Aldrich, that they may be fully authorized and empowered to settle and determine all matters between himself and the city, growing out of such change of grade.

The course proposed will ensure a speedy settlement of what may otherwise be kept in court for a long time, and I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution giving the authority requested.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 555. Resolution referring the Claims of
Anson W. Aldrich to Referees.

[Approved December 2, 1878.]

WHEREAS, There has been a change of grade on Washington and Eddy streets, and Anson W. Aldrich has claimed damages to his estates by reason of such change of grade, and Edward D. Pearce, James S. Phetteplace, and Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., have been appointed by the board of aldermen to endeavor to agree with said Anson W. Aldrich for the damages alleged to have arisen to his estates by reason of such changes of grade; and whereas, said Anson W. Aldrich has expressed his desire to refer all matters of damage arising or growing out of such change of grade to the aforementioned persons:—

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause all the matters arising as aforesaid to be referred to the said Edward D. Pearce, James S. Phetteplace, and Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., by rule of court or arbitration.

No. 556. Resolution to place corner curbing at the
entrance to Roger Williams Park.

[Approved December 2, 1878.]

RESOLVED, The highway commissioners are hereby directed to place two radius corners at the entrance of Roger Williams Park on Broad street, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 557. Message from the Mayor relative to the washing of earth from Gano Street into Seekonk river.

[Presented December 2, 1878.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, City Hall, Dec. 2, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication received from the harbor commissioners relative to the earth that is being washed into the Seekonk river along Gano street, and requesting "that effectual measures be taken to prevent any more filling of the river."

Aside from the particular injury of which the harbor commissioners complain, it would seem to be the duty of the city council to preserve Gano street, which has cost the city a large sum to fill, from being rendered unsafe and useless as a highway by the washing of the street into the river.

The attention of the city council is called to this important matter, on which prompt action should be taken.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

[COPY.]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ETC., }
Office of the Harbor Commissioners, }
Providence, Nov. 27, 1878. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR OF PROVIDENCE:

DEAR SIR:—The attention of the harbor commissioners has been called to the condition of the shore of the Seekonk river, along the new location of Gano street. The fresh filling is badly washed in each heavy storm, and large quantities of earth are carried into tide-water. We respectfully ask the immediate attention of the city to this matter, and request that effectual measures be taken to prevent any more filling of the river. This may be done, we believe, at small cost.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

J. HERBERT SHEDD, }
N. F. POTTER, } Harbor Commissioners.
JEDEDIAH WILLIAMS, }

No. 558. Resolution referring the foregoing
Message.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated Dec. 2, 1878, recommending that measures be taken to prevent the washing of a portion of Gano street into the Seekonk river, be referred to the joint committee on highways, to examine and report thereon.

No. 559. Message of the Mayor relative to the
settlement of Lawsuits.

[Presented December 2, 1878.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, City Hall, Dec. 2, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received from the city solicitor a communication in which he states that there are pending several actions which, in his judgment, ought to be arranged by the parties therein, and which he does not doubt can be arranged to the advantage of both parties, if the city will appoint a committee with power to settle the same.

The solicitor suggests that unless the proposed committee be clothed with authority to make a settlement with the various parties, it will be unnecessary to make the appointment, as without such power nothing will be accomplished.

A resolution in relation to the matter, drawn by the solicitor, is transmitted herewith, and I recommend the passage thereof.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 560. Resolution referring the foregoing
Message.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated Dec. 2, 1878, in relation to the appointment of a committee with power to settle any actions pending in the courts against the city, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances, to examine and report thereon.

No. 563. Monthly Report of the City Messenger.

[Presented December 2, 1878.]

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 although the city hall was dedicated on the fourteenth day of November last, the full care of the building and sidewalks has not yet devolved upon the city messenger as required by the ordinance. There are many things in and about the building not yet fully completed, and therefore both the city hall commissioners and the furnishing committee still have control of the building. The city messenger, since the dedication, has had the charge of cleaning, heating, and lighting the city hall, and as far as practicable, it has been opened and closed in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance. During this time two persons have been employed as firemen at a compensation of \$1.50 per day for each man. Their time is so arranged that the fires have constant attention throughout the twenty-four hours. A watchman has been employed at \$1.50 per night of twelve hours. One head janitor has been employed at \$2 per day, two male assistants at \$1 per day each, and one at seven shillings per day, who has been discharged, and his place

will be filled at \$1 per day, six female assistants, one at \$4 per week, and the others at \$3 per week. The same person is employed to run the elevator at the rate paid him by the city hall commissioners, of \$1.25 per day. Two boys are employed as pages of the common council, and to perform during the day, such duties about the building as may be required, at \$4 per week for each.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RHODES, City Messenger.

No. 564. Report of Committee of Arrangements for the Dedication of the City Hall.

[Presented December 2, 1878.]

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

The joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 281 of the current series, to make arrangements for an appropriate dedication of the city hall, report that they have performed the duties assigned to them.

The necessary expenses incurred in the dedication of the hall were as follows :

For music, - - - - -	\$109 00
For chairs and settees, - - - - -	52 74
For invitations and programmes, - - - - -	38 85
For advertising, - - - - -	42 46
For carriage hire, - - - - -	9 50
For miscellaneous bills, - - - - -	37 75
Total, - - - - -	\$290 30

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

Providence, December 2, 1878.

No. 565. Resolutions relating to the Oration of Hon. Abraham Payne at the Dedication of the City Hall.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby tender their thanks to Hon. Abraham Payne for the eloquent and scholarly oration delivered by him at the dedication of the city hall, November 14, 1878.

RESOLVED, That the committee of arrangements for said dedication are hereby instructed to request a copy of said oration, to be printed in such manner as the city council may direct.

No. 566. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the call men of the fire department for services rendered during the three months ending December 31, 1878, at the same rate of compensation as was paid for the corresponding three months in the year previous.

No. 567. Resolution to pay the Firemen.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be authorized to pay the permanent members of the fire department for services rendered during the month of December, 1878, at a rate to be fixed by the board of engineers, not exceeding the amount paid for the corresponding month in 1877.

No. 568. Resolution to pay Benjamin W. Persons
\$45 for Gravel.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay B. W. Persons the sum of forty-five dollars, whenever said Persons shall execute and deliver to the city of Providence a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for sand, gravel or soil taken from Orchard avenue, so-called, in the city of Providence: said payment to be charged to the highway appropriation for repairing unpaved streets.

No. 569. Resolution granting permission to raise a
building.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Amos A. White to raise three certain buildings located on Colwell street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 570. Resolution to pave Worcester street.

[Approved December 5, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the direction of the joint committee on highways, be hereby directed to pave with cobble stones, Worcester street, from Union street to Eddy street; provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three hundred and forty-one dollars: and said sum, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for highways, new work.

No. 571. Report relating to Ridge Street.

[Presented December 5, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint committee on highways, to whom, on the fourth day of November, 1878, was referred the resolution relating to Ridge street, respectfully report. Ridge street is very far from being at grade, and to make sidewalks and gutters along said street would involve quite an expenditure of money in cutting through sand and gravel banks.

Ridge street is not received :

Your committee do not think it expedient to order the work done.

For the committee,

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

Providence, Nov. 27, 1878.

No. 572. Resolution electing not to widen Mill Street.

[Approved December 9, 1878.]

Whereas, the commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1878, to lay out and widen Mill street, from North Main street to Charles street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the eighteenth day of October, A. D., 1878 : now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court :

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

No. 574. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Academy avenue.

[Approved December 12, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Armington avenue, from Academy avenue to land owned by Alexander F. Adie.

No. 576. Resolution for Curbing and Paving a portion of Pine street.

[Approved December 12, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set on Pine street on both sides, from the estates of Waldron & Wightman and G. & S. Owen, to the corner of Hay street; and to pave the same with granite blocks, in accordance with the city engineer's plan accompanying; and the sum of eleven hundred dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

No. 577. Resolution to erect a Monument to Roger Williams.

[Approved December 16, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on parks are hereby authorized and instructed to cause a monument to be erected in the Williams buying ground in Roger Williams park, to the memory of Roger Williams, in accordance with the requirements and conditions contained in the will of the late

Betsy Williams ; at a cost not exceeding five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550), which sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the appropriation for said monument.

No. 578. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Fremont street.

[Approved December 12, 1878.]

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

No. 580. Report of the Joint Committee on City Property relating to a Shelter for Horses near the City Hall.

[Presented December 16, 1878.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on city property, to which was referred the message of his honor the mayor, and accompanying resolution relative to leasing land and building a shed for shelter for the horses and vehicles used by the executive and other departments of the city, respectfully reports that the matter has been examined, and it is found that there will be required for the purpose set forth in the resolution, about three thousand square feet of land, and that the expense of building thereon a shed for shelter as required, together with the necessary fencing, will be three hundred dollars. It ascertained that the necessary land can be hired by the city as a tenant at will, subject to removal when the land shall be required for other purposes, for a sum equal to one-half the

tax upon the entire lot, or for six per cent. upon the assessors' valuation of the land required. The land is valued by the assessors at two dollars and fifty cents per square foot, and there is in the lot twenty-two thousand seven hundred and thirty-six square feet; one-half the tax is four hundred and twelve dollars and four cents; six per cent. of the assessor's valuation is four hundred and fifty dollars. Either way this would call for a larger expenditure than the committee is willing to recommend.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Chairman.

Providence, Dec. 16, 1878.

No. 581. Resolution granting use of a portion of the School House on Fountain Street.

[Approved December 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the use of one room in the school house on Fountain street, for two evenings in each week, during the present winter, be granted to John B. Peck, for the purpose of free instruction in polytechnic studies, provided the same be attended with no expense to the city, and provided further, that the said room shall be under the care of a janitor satisfactory to the superintendent of public buildings.

No. 582. Resolution empowering the Water Commissioners to settle certain claims for damage on Reservoir avenue.

[Approved December 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners is hereby empowered to receive, consider, and settle all claims for damage caused by water dammed back by Reservoir avenue

as now constructed, whether such claims are now pending or shall be hereafter presented ; provided that all settlements made by virtue of this resolution, shall be subject to the approval of the city solicitor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all moneys paid out in such settlements shall be charged to the appropriation for the construction of the water works.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the water commissioners shall make to the city council, a detailed report of each such settlement so soon as it shall have been approved by the city solicitor.

No. 583. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved December 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Sarah M. Hudson to raise a certain building located at No. 27 Superior street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 584. Resolution to lay water pipes in Allston street.

[Approved December 19, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause distribution pipes to be laid in Allston street, about two hundred and twenty-five feet northeasterly from Harold street.

No. 585. Resolution abating tax of Andrew T. Gray.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Andrew T. Gray, of Wyoming county, New York, the sum

of twenty-nine dollars, being the amount of tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him in the year 1878, and paid by him into the city treasury; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 586. Resolution to pay Lewis A. Copeland \$100 and Julia A. Greene \$300.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Lewis A. Copeland, the sum of one hundred dollars, and to Julia A. Greene, the sum of three hundred dollars, whenever the said Copeland and Greene shall severally have executed and delivered to the City of Providence full releases satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims for damages of every kind arising from any obstructions in Wickenden or Brook streets, or from any neglect on the part of the city or of others to keep said streets safe and convenient for travel; provided that no payment under this resolution shall be made to said Copeland until said Greene shall have executed and delivered said release by her to be made; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 587. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Dexter Avenue.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Dexter avenue, from Broad street to Lockwood street.

No. 588. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Chapin avenue.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be requested to lay out Chapin avenue, from Messer street to Parade street, of a uniform width of fifty feet.

No. 589. Resolution to Provide for the Drainage easterly of Greenwich street.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause a drain-pipe to be laid for surface drainage, from Sullivan street to Laura street; and that the expense of the same be paid from the appropriation for the reserved fund.

No. 590. Communication from the Superintendent of Health, relating to the rooms assigned for his use in the City Hall, with a Resolution referring the same.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HEALTH, }
Providence, Dec. 19, 1878. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:—

At a late hour last night, I was informed by a member of the committee on furniture of the city hall, that, at a meeting of the committee yesterday, it was ascertained that in the original assignment of rooms in the city hall by the city council, the outer room of the health department was assigned to the license commissioners, and that the committee would therefore proceed at once to furnish the room for their use.

On enquiry to-day, I learned from his Honor the Mayor that the action of the city council making an assignment of the rooms, whatever it was, was never con-

summed; the plans were never prepared and never endorsed by the mayor, as the resolution of the city council required, and, therefore, whatever action was intended is not now of any force.

If any action was taken by the city council, which always has been and is now binding upon the committee, to give that room to the license commissioners, it may be proper to ask—

First—Why, and by whose order, was each of the three doors in that room marked “Health Department?”

Second—Why were three speaking tubes and electric calls put into that room, each of which is labeled “Health Department” in the offices with which they communicate?

Third—Why was the only clock in the “Health Department” put into that room?

Fourth—Why was I furnished with plans of the health department including that room, more than a year since?

Lastly—Within the last two months, the same committee has considered the question of taking away that room from the health department, and giving it to the license commissioners, and, after full consideration, unanimously decided that it ought not to be done.

This fact is presumptive evidence that the room had not been taken away from the health department by the city council; at any rate it is positive evidence of the best kind, that it ought not to be done.

The reasons that satisfied the committee at that time are still in force, and of a very serious public character. Without repeating them at this time, I would respectfully ask that action may be taken by the city council without delay, which shall continue the control of the room referred to in the health department.

Respectfully,

EDWIN M. SNOW,

Superintendent of Health and City Registrar.

RESOLVED, That the communication of Edwin M. Snow, superintendent of health and city registrar, in relation to the rooms in the city hall assigned for his use, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Aldermen Smith and Mowry, with Messrs. Brennan, Franklin and Brayton of the common council, to examine and report thereon.

No. 591. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Baker avenue.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Baker avenue as a public highway, from High street to Broadway, and of a uniform width of forty feet.

No. 592. Resolution to convey certain land in the Brook Street District to William G. R. Mowry.

[Approved December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to cause to be conveyed to William G. R. Mowry, certain land in said district, being lots 509 and 510, assessor's plat No. 17, whenever he shall convey the same to the City of Providence by deed satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 594. Resolution for Curbing Maple street.

[Passed December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set, and gutters paved on both sides of Maple street, from Beacon street to Plane street; and the sum of four hundred and ninety-eight dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department, for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

No. 595. Resolution for Curbing Olive street.

[Passed December 23, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on both sides of Olive street, from Brown street to Thayer street; and the sum of sixteen hundred and fifteen dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department, for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

No. 596. CHAPTER CXXV.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FROM AND AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 1879.

[Passed January 2, 1879, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.]

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 from and after the first Monday in January, 1879, shall be at the following rates per annum, payable monthly, unless herein otherwise ordered.

To the mayor, thirty-eight hundred dollars, -	\$3,800
To the clerk in the mayor's office, eight hundred dollars, - - - - -	800
To each alderman, two hundred and fifty dollars, payable, quarterly, - - - - -	250
To each common councilman, one hundred dollars, payable quarterly, - - - - -	100
To the city clerk, two thousand dollars, -	2,000
To the city treasurer, thirty-five hundred dollars, -	3,500
To the deputy city treasurer, twenty-five hundred dollars, - - - - -	2,500
For three assistants in the office of the city treasurer, to be employed under the direction of the joint committee on finance, not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars, - - - - -	3,200
To the city auditor, twenty-five hundred dollars,	2,500
To the superintendent of health, including the pay of clerks, two thousand dollars, - - - - -	2,000
To the judge of the municipal court, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, - - - - -	2,250
To the clerk of the municipal court, seventeen hundred dollars, - - - - -	1,700

The following named officers are hereby authorized to employ assistants, to be nominated by the officer, and confirmed by the mayor, as follows:—

The city clerk, one assistant, at a cost of not over six hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	\$600
The clerk of the municipal court, one assistant at a cost of not over nine hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	900
The city auditor, one assistant, at a cost of not over nine hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	900
The recorder of deeds, four female assistants, at a salary of five dollars each,	-	-	-	-	500
To each justice of the police court, one thousand dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,000
To the recorder of deeds, fourteen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,400
To each commissioner of highways, fifteen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,500
To the chief of police, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars,	-	-	-	-	2,250
To the chief engineer of the fire department, two thousand dollars,	-	-	-	-	2,000
To each assistant engineer, three hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	300
To the overseer of the poor, eighteen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,800
To the superintendent of public buildings, seventeen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,700
To the city engineer, forty-eight hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	4,800
To the harbor master, thirteen hundred dollars, including the duties of superintending the dredging,	-	-	-	-	1,300
To the register of transfers, twelve hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,200
To the clerk in the assessors' office, one thousand dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,000
To each assessor of taxes, seventeen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,700
To the city messenger, seventeen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,700
To the superintendent of lights, fourteen hundred dollars,	-	-	-	-	1,400
To the keeper of Washington bridge, five hundred dollars, and the occupancy of the toll-house,	-	-	-	-	500
To the keeper of Central bridge, five hundred dollars, and the occupancy of the toll-house,	-	-	-	-	500

To the inspector of steam boilers, fees.	
To the clerk of the common council, four hundred dollars, - - - - -	\$400
To the sealer of weights and measures, fees.	
To the city sergeant, fees.	
To each warden, and ward and district clerk, seven dollars for each day of an election, - -	7
To the clerk of each board of canvassers, one hundred dollars, payable quarterly, - - -	100
To each license commissioner, seven hundred dollars,	700
To the secretary of the board of license commissioners, three hundred dollars, - - -	300
To the water commissioners, each one thousand dollars,	1,000

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

No 597. Resolution requesting the Aldermen to receive Taber avenue.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen December 23, in Common Council December 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and are hereby requested to receive Taber avenue, from Humboldt avenue to Angell street, of a uniform width of sixty feet, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 598. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Maple and Plane streets.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen December 26, in Common Council December 30, 1878.]

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

be constructed in Maple street, from Beacon street to and through Plane street to South street, to connect with sewer on South street.

No 599. Resolution to pay for work on Dyer and Custom House streets.

[Passed December 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay the accounts for work done on Dyer and Custom House streets, in raising the grade and curbing and paving said streets: to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies as follows: —

Rhode Island Concrete Co,	-	\$56	25
William E. Thornton,	-	-	4 40

No 600. Resolution for Sidewalks and Curbing on Dyer street.

[Approved December 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the advice of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to reset the curbing, paving, and sidewalks adjoining the estates of Messrs. Alexander Duncan and G. & S. Owen, on Dyer street, in accordance with the city engineer's plan accompanying, making an incline of $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch to the foot: and the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

No. 601. Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging.

[Presented December 23, 1878.]

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

The harbor master makes the following report of dredging harbor from November 5 to December 16, done by Messrs. Gerhard and Daily :—

Done in November,	-	-	8,685 $\frac{11}{100}$	yards.
Done in December,	-	-	2,811 $\frac{68}{100}$	yards.
Earth removed from the bed of the river,			11,496 $\frac{79}{100}$	
cubic yards, at 12 cents per cubic yard,				\$1,379.61

This dredging was done on the so-called Ohio, east end of Green Jacket, opposite the Baltimore line of steamers, making about twenty feet at common low tides.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL JOSLIN, Harbor Master.

Providence, December 23, 1878.

No. 602. Resolution for Curbing Post Office Court.

[Passed December 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, under the direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby directed to cause curbing to be set and the street paved in Post Office court, as shown by the plan of the city engineer; provided a written waiver of all claims for damages by changing the grade shall first be obtained from the parties in interest: and the sum of five hundred and nineteen dollars, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the highway department for new work, to carry this resolution into effect.

No. 603. Report relating to the offices of the Superintendent of Health and the License Commissioners, in the City Hall.

[Presented December 30, 1878.]

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

The joint special committee heretofore appointed under resolution No. 590, with regard to a "communication from the superintendent of health relating to a room assigned for his use in the city hall," beg leave to submit the following report: The committee has given the matter careful consideration and find it would be inexpedient to take from the superintendent of health, for the use of the license commissioners, the outer room now used by him, but in lieu thereof, your committee recommend that the room now occupied by the city hall commissioners in the third story, be assigned to said license commissioners; said license commissioners to take possession of the same as soon as vacated by the said city hall commissioners; they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

ROBERT E. SMITH, Chairman.

No. 604. Resolution assigning a room in the City Hall to the License Commissioners.

[Passed December 30, 1878.]

RESOLVED, That the room in the city hall, now occupied by the city hall commissioners, be and the same is hereby assigned to the license commissioners of said city; the license commissioners to take possession of the same as soon as vacated by said city hall commissioners.

No. 605. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Claim of Anson W. Aldrich.

[Presented December 30, 1878.]

CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1878. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By resolution No. 555, approved Dec. 2, 1878, the mayor was authorized and directed to refer the claims of Anson W. Aldrich for damages, arising from a change of grade on Washington and Eddy streets, to referees.

At the hearing of the case certain legal questions were raised concerning such grades, which were subsequently determined by the supreme court. This decision necessitates the appointment of new appraisers, and the board of aldermen have appointed the same gentlemen, viz.: Edward D. Pearce, James S. Phetteplace, and Oliver A. Washburn, Jr.

Mr. Aldrich being willing, as before, that his present claim shall be referred to these gentlemen, I recommend that another resolution be adopted by the city council authorizing such reference.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 606. Resolution Referring the Claims of Anson
W. Aldrich to Arbitration.

[Approved January 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause all claims made by Anson W. Aldrich for damages to his estates on Washington street and Eddy street, resulting from any changes made in the grade of said streets, or either of them, to be referred to Edward D. Pearce, James S. Phetteplace, and Oliver A. Washburn, Jr., under the existing rule of court between said Aldrich and the City of Providence.

No. 607. Resolution abating \$175.45 from Tax of
Rocksylvania True.

[Approved January 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Daniel W. True, executor of Rocksylvania True, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-five cents, being the amount of tax assessed against the estate of said Rocksylvania, or against said Rocksylvania, for 1878, on personal property, if the said tax has been paid into the city treasury; and if said tax has not been so paid, then the said sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-five cents is hereby remitted and abated from the total tax assessed against the said Rocksylvania or her estate; said payment, if made, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 608. Resolution to pay A. & W. Sprague Manu-
facturing Co. \$139.75 for Curb-stones.

[Approved January 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to pay the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Co. the sum of one hundred thirty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents, whenever said company shall execute and deliver to the city a release satisfactory to the city solicitor, of all claims against the city for curbing rejected by the city inspector, and received and used by the city; said payment to be charged to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 609. Resolution relative to Employing residents
of Providence.

[Approved January 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the several departments of the city government be and they are hereby instructed, (so far as con-

sistent with the public interest,) to employ only residents of the city of Providence ; this resolution to take effect on and after January 6, 1879.

No. 610. Resolution to pay the Expenses of Removal to the City Hall.

[Approved January 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of moving the various departments of the city government from the offices formerly occupied by them to the city hall ; said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the above purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 611. Resolution adding \$5,500 to the Appropriation for Furniture for the City Hall.

[Approved January 2, 1879.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for furniture for the city hall ; the same to be charged to the appropriation for the city hall.

No. 612. Report of the Water Commissioners upon the claim of Michael Loughran.

[Presented January 2, 1879.]

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, }
PROVIDENCE, Jan. 1, 1879. }

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN : The water commissioners respectfully report that, acting under the authority conferred by resolution of

your honorable body, No. 592, passed December 19, 1878, they have, with the approval of the city solicitor, settled the claim of Michael Loughran "for damage caused by water dammed back by Reservoir avenue," for the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

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