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

Report of City Treasurer.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Report of Chief Engineer of Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Report of Har-  
bor Master.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Report of Survey-  
or of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

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Annual Report of Overseers of Poor. The Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor, in relation to the Insane, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Final Report of Sp. Committee on Thayer St. School House. The Special Committee appointed to provide new accommodations for school purposes in the second and third wards present their final Report: which having been read it is ordered that the same be received and printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation for School Houses in Second and Third wards - Sp. Com. Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the order of the Special Committee on School Houses in the Second and Third Wards for the completion of the same, the sum of \$15,000, the same to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated; but no money shall be paid under this resolution until the certificate of the City Auditor is furnished to the Treasurer that the bills therefor have been examined by him, found correct and audited.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Report of Finance Com. on communication of City Treasurer. The Standing Committee on Finance, to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen on the second day of March inst. a communication from the City Treasurer in reference to deficiency in the treasury, make Report by presenting the following Resolution, which is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolution instructing City Treasurer to hire money. Resolved. That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to hire for the use of the City, from time to time, such sums of money not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (250,000) Dollars in all, as may be necessary to pay the indebtedness of the City falling due before the close of the present fiscal year, and to issue the notes of the City payable during the month of October 1868, countersigned by the Mayor and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report of Finance Com. on Monthly Statement of City Treasurer. The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February last was referred by the Board of Aldermen the Report of the City Treasurer for the month ending January 31, 1868, with instructions to report what notes have

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been given make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The following resolution recommended by said committee is thereupon read and passed:

Resolution authorizing City Treasurer to pay notes given to Trustees of Sinking Funds. Resolved. That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to pay the notes given to the Trustees of the several Sinking Funds. Said notes being respectively No. 7 for Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.) No. 8 for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.) No. 16 for Nine Thousand One Hundred and forty Six and <sup>94</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars (\$9,146.94) with interest to November 30<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Also the sums of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$2690) received of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for 1885. And Three Thousand and Forty six and <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars received of the Trustees of H. P. & F. R. R. without interest.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Promenade Street. Resolved. That the Committee on Highways be instructed to ascertain and report upon

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what terms Promenade street can be laid out and established from the North Providence Line to Park street, along the Narragansett River.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance relative to Compensation to be paid by Horse R.R. Co's. Laid on table.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January last was recommended the bill entitled "An Ordinance relative to the compensation to be paid by Horse Railroad Companies," make Report recommending the passage of the same. Said Report having been received, said bill is amended by striking out the words "five hundred dollars" in the same and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "two hundred dollars." The bill as amended is thereupon laid on the table.

Resolution to exonerate Horse R.R. Co's from payment of Tax. Inst.

A Resolution to exonerate the Union Railroad Company and the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company from payment of tax for using the streets of the city is presented and read. It is moved that said resolution pass and the vote is taken thereon by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:-

Ayes. Messrs Barnaby, Slade and Sweet, 3.

Nays. Messrs President, Armington, Bartlett, Brown, Burrington, Calder, Carpenter, Clark,

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Carle, Fisk, Gladding, Harris, Jencks, Kendrick, Mauran, Metcalf, Parkhurst, Peirce, Place, Remington, Rounds, Snow, Tobey, White and Williams. 25

Said motion is therefore lost.

Report of S. Com.

on Claims on

petition of

George I. Dye.

(Vol. 12. p. 399.)

The Standing Committee on Claims, who on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February last were instructed to report in writing all the facts relative to the claim of George I. Dye for reimbursement, make Report, accompanied by a draft of a resolution: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution to pay

claim of Geo. I. Dye.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to George I. Dye the sum of three dollars, the same being the amount overpaid by him, in the matter of opening Broadway, as set forth in his petition.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mary D. Bowen.

Petition for

Compensation.

Vol. 12. p. 395.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February last was referred the petition of Mary D. Bowen for compensation for injury make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution:

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which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved That the Standing Committee on Claims of the City Council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to settle the claim of Mary D. Bowen against the city, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay thereon such sum as said Standing Committee on Claims of the City Council shall direct, upon receiving a satisfactory release.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

John Gillen.

Petition for

damages.

(Vol. 12. p. 395.)

The Standing Committee on Claims, to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February last was referred the petition of John Gillen for damages, make Report recommending that said petitioner have leave to withdraw; which Report is received and said petitioner has leave to withdraw.

Moving Building

Michael Greeley

(Vol. 12. p. 399.)

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February last, was referred the petition of Michael Greeley for leave to move a certain wooden building, make Report recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted; which Report is received, and a resolution granting

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Resolved. That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to George I. Dye the sum of three dollars, the same being the amount overpaid by him, in the matter of opening Broadway, as set forth in his petition.

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March 9<sup>th</sup> 1868.

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(Concurred)

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the prayer of said petition is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

16. Michael McEvay.

A petition of Michael McEvay for permission to move wooden building is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of Chambers & Calder et al. for repeal of Ordinance. 21.

Petitions of Chambers & Calder and others for repeal of Ordinance in relation to inflammable and explosive articles; and of

Abatement of Tax. Thomas Birtwell. 24.

Thomas Birtwell for abatement of Tax, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

E. Eastwood et al. Paving Palmer St. &c. 95.

A petition of Emmanuel Eastwood and others for paving gutters and setting curb-stones on Palmer, Pettis and Hedley streets, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Friday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Present. All the members except Messrs. Cory, Perkins Rogers.

M. Addey  
Clerk.

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Common Council - March 13<sup>th</sup> 1868.

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

The following resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolution for purchasing Steel Chests for City Treasurers Office.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Finance be hereby directed to procure one or more steel chests to be placed in the vault in the City Treasurer's office for the use of the Trustees of the several Sinking Funds, and the safety of the securities of the city. Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur therein with the following amendment thereto, viz:

In line 1, after the word "that" insert the words "the City Treasurer acting under the advice of."

(Concurred)

Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved. That his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the

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Transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

The above invitation having been accepted the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Several Deputy Surveyors of Lumber are elected.

The Convention in committee of the whole take up the Salary Bill for the year ensuing, and having fully considered the same, the two Boards separate.

Salary Ordinance.

A bill, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A.D. 1868", is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Resolution exonerating Union R.R. Co. et al. from payment of Tax. Laid on table.

A resolution providing for exonerating the Union Railroad Company and the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company from the payment of tax for using the

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streets of the city, is presented and read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be laid upon the table.

Relay of Sexton Street. 15.

A resolution, in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

"Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be requested to re-lay Sexton street of a width of thirty feet from Boggers lane to a point about thirty four and a half feet north of the westerly line of John Gorman's lot; and also to lay out a street from said Sexton street to North Main street thirty feet in width."

Thereupon said resolution is referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Blinds for Central Station. 20.

A Resolution authorizing the Standing Committee on Police to cause blinds to be placed on the Central Police Station, is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Patrick McEvay leave to move wooden Building. 8.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred the petition of Patrick McEvay for leave to move a certain wooden building make Report recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted; which Report is received and a resolution in accordance

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with said petition is thereupon read and passed.  
(Concurred.)

Petition of W.S. Patten  
Atty. at law for damages  
in re opening Baker St.

15

A petition of William S. Patten, Atty. at law, for settlement of damages in the matter of opening Baker street, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Petition of W.H. Pratt

Abatement of Tax.

24.

A petition of William H. Pratt for abatement of tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Remonstrance of  
W.E. Richmond et al  
against location of  
buildings on Vernon St.

36.

A remonstrance of William E. Richmond and others against removing certain wooden buildings and locating the same on Vernon street, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Fire Department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns to Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1868, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Earle, Harris, Hunt, Rogers, Snow and Williams.

M. Addeman  
Clerk.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Special Meeting.

Mayors Warrant.

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations.

The City of Providence &c.

To the City Sergeant, or either of the Constables of said City.

Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment, the good of the City requires that the Common Council of said City shall meet at an earlier day than that to which said Council stands adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded and required to summon the members of said Common Council to meet in their chamber on Saturday the fourteenth day of March A.D. 1868. at 4 1/2 o'clock P.M., then and there to transact such business as may legally come before them.

Hereof fail not, and make true return of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

L.S.

Given under my hand and the seal of said City this thirteenth day of March A.D. 1868.

Thos. A. Doyle  
Mayor.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Certificate of City

Sergeant.

City of Providence, Mar. 14, A.D. 1868.

I hereby certify that I have summoned all the members of the Common Council (with the exception of Horatio Rogers Jr. Esq. who is absent from the City), by reading the within warrant in their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes

City Sergeant.

Quorum present.

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the Common Council are this day assembled, — a quorum present.

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

Communication from

Mayor relative to re-

lay of Sexton street.

A communication from the Mayor, in the words following, is presented and read, viz:—

"Mayor's Office

City of Providence March 14, 1868.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

The relay of Sexton Street has seemed to me to be of sufficient importance to convene you at this time for its consideration, as the commissioners of the North Burial Ground cannot complete their fence, until the line of Sexton street is considered. The approach of Spring renders it necessary that the ground should be protected from the

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depredations of cattle from which it suffered last autumn.

Thomas A. Doyle

Mayor.

Re-lay of

Sexton street.

11.

The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March inst. was referred the resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting said Board to re-lay Sexton street, and to lay out a street from Sexton street to North Main street, make Report recommending concurrence therein: which Report is received, and said resolution having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Petition of Wm. S.

Patten, Atty. &amp;c.

for settlement of

claim for damage

in re Baker St.

12.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March inst. was referred a petition of William S. Patten, Atty. &c. relative to settlement of damages in the matter of opening Baker street, make Report by a draft of a resolution, recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay forthwith to William S. Patten, Trustee

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of Catherine E. Rockwood and to William S. Patten, Attorney of G. Lipman Dwight, the amounts allowed said parties by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment upon the lay out and extension of Baker street, upon said parties giving satisfactory releases and discharges.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1868. at 8 o'clock p.m.

Members Present.

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Mr President | Mr Kendrick |
| " Barnaby    | " Metcalf   |
| " Bartlett   | " Parkhurst |
| " Brown      | " Peice     |
| " Burrington | " Remington |
| " Calder     | " Rounds    |
| " Carpenter  | " Slade     |
| " Clark      | " Snow      |
| " Fisk       | " Sweet     |
| " Harris     | " White     |
| " Lencks     | " Williams  |

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1868.

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Quorum

present.

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

Pres. pro tem.

The President being absent, Mr Calder is elected President pro tempore.

Mo. Report of

City Treasurer.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.

Mo. Report of Chief

Eng. Fire Dept.

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

Mo. Report of Sur.

veyor of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

Mo. Report of

Harbor Master.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1868.Resolution relative  
to Salary Ordinance

The following resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:—

Resolved. That in engrossing the ordinance fixing the salaries of the several city officers for the year ending June 1869, the city clerk be and he is hereby directed to place the Superintendent of Lights among the other city officers, instead of among the Police, as passed by the city council.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Resolution for the  
purchase of Land  
for new Grammar  
School-house for Fourth  
and Seventh Wards.

(Vol. 12, page )

The Standing Committee on Education to whom on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February last was referred a resolution ordering the purchase of land for a new Grammar School House for the Fourth and Seventh Wards, make Report recommending the passage of the resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a location for the purpose of erecting a new Grammar School House thereon, for the accommodation of the children in the fourth and seventh wards, at a cost not to exceed the sum of fourteen thousand dollars.

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Ibid.

The above resolution having been sent to the Board of Aldermen is returned with their concurrence therein with an amendment, adding the following words:— "provided that before making payment for any land purchased under this resolution, the deeds thereof shall be approved by the law adviser of the city;"— which amendment having been read, it is ordered that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Invitation to  
join in Convention.

A resolution is received from the Board of Aldermen inviting the Common Council to join in convention for the purpose of acting upon the resignation of Lyman Klapp, Trustee of the Providence Reform School, and the transaction of such business as may come before them.

Said invitation is accepted, and the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

Resignation of  
Lyman Klapp.

The tender of resignation by Lyman Klapp of his office as Trustee of the Providence Reform School is presented, read and accepted.

A.R. Tourtellotte  
elected.

Amasa R. Tourtellotte is elected to fill the vacancy caused by said resignation.

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Several weighers of cotton are elected. Nahum Willard is elected Dog Officer.

The two Boards separate.

Report on Paid city  
Coupons destroyed.

The Standing Committee on Finance make Report in regard to the paid coupons of the city, that they have examined and destroyed all the coupons which were in the office of the late City Treasurer. The Report, with the accompanying schedules is read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Well and pump at  
Watering place on  
Exchange Place.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be hereby instructed to examine and report upon the practicability, expediency and expense of placing a well and pump at the watering place on Exchange Place.

Window Blinds for  
Central Police Station.

11.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred resolutions authorizing said Committee to cause blinds to be placed in the Central Police Station, make Report recommending the passage of said

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resolutions; which Report is received and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed:-

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Police be and they are hereby authorized to cause blinds to be placed on the inside of the windows in the Court Room, entries, offices, and Police sleeping rooms of the Central Police Station.

Resolved. That the sum of eleven hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the repairs of Public Buildings for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

(Mr President Binney in the chair.)

Report on  
Kerosene &  
Ordinance  
8.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred the petition of Chambers & Calder and others for repeal of "Ordinance in relation to inflammable and explosive articles", make Report and recommend that said petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and said petitioners thereupon have leave to withdraw.

Remonstrance

against its repeal.

A remonstrance of John A. Howland and others against the repeal of said Ordinance is present.

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ed, read and received.

St. Com. to Engross

Ordinances to report

an amendment to

Ord. relative to in-

flammable articles

The following resolution recommended by said Committee is read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Committee to Engross Ordinances be and they are hereby requested to prepare an amendment to the Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to inflammable and explosive articles"; that a more perfect enforcement of the same may be secured, and to report at an early day.

Res. exonerating Prov.

Pawtucket &amp; Central Falls

R.R. Co. from payment

of Tax.

A resolution exonerating the Union Railroad Company and the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company, from payment of tax for using the streets of the city, is presented and read.

It is moved to lay said resolution on the table. On which motion the ayes and nays are called, as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs Barnaby, Bartlett, Burrington, Cory, Earle, Jencks, Metcalf, Parkhurst, Place, Remington, Rounds, Slade, Sweet and White. 14

Nays. Messrs President, Armington, Brown, Calder, Carpenter, Fisk, Gladding, Harris, Kendrick, Mauran, Parco, Snow, Tobey and Williams. 14

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Said Motion is thereupon lost.

Said Resolution is then amended and as amended is thereupon read and passed, as follows, viz:—

Resolved. That from and after the first day of January A. D. 1868, and until otherwise ordered by vote of the City Council, the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company be exonerated from the payment of the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars payable under existing Ordinances on the first days of July, October, January and April of each and every year for the privilege of using the streets of the city for railroad purposes.

Water Committee

requested to report

in print.

34.

Whereas, The Committee on a supply of pure water, having intimated their intention to report within a few weeks, therefore—

Resolved. That, in order to the saving of time, said Committee be, and they are hereby requested to report in printed pamphlet for the use of the City Council, said printing to be done under direction of the Standing Committee on Printing, and not to exceed five hundred copies.

(See B. of Ald. laid on Table.)

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Battery Street.

A resolution to appoint a committee to settle with parties interested in the extension of Battery street, is presented and read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be laid upon the table.

Resignation of N. Bangs Williams as member of Common Council.

A communication from N. Bangs Williams Esq. tendering his resignation of his office of member of this Common Council, is presented and read; whereupon it is ordered that said communication be sent to the Board of Aldermen for their information.

Abatement of Tax.

Thos. Birtwell.

8.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred the petition of Thomas Birtwell for abatement of tax, make Report recommending the granting of the petition and the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the sum of Six <sup>48</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars erroneously assessed upon Thomas Birtwell, in the City Tax, assessed in the year 1867, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Ibid.

Wm. H. Pratt.

12.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred the petition of William H. Pratt for reduction of Tax make Report recommending that said petitioner have leave

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to withdraw: which Report is received and said petitioner thereupon has leave to withdraw.

Additional

Appropriations

The Standing Committee on Finance, to whom on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April inst. was referred (by the Board of Aldermen) a communication from the City Auditor relative to additional appropriations, report the following Resolution which is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, in addition to former appropriations, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, viz:-

Asylum Walls &c.

For Asylum Walls and Buildings, - Five Thousand Dollars.

Pumps and Wells.

For Pumps and Wells, - Two Thousand Dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The following Resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

North Court street

received.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive North Court street, from Canal street to North Main street, and to declare the same a public highway.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common

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Council do concur therein.  
(Approved)

Brighton street.

In be received.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be  
humbly requested to receive Brighton street from  
Knight street to Vinton street, and to declare  
the same a public highway.

The following Resolutions recommended by  
the Standing Committee on Highways, are read  
and passed, viz:—

Almy street, —

Curb-stones to be set &amp;c

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways  
be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb-  
stones to be set and gutters paved on Almy  
street from High street to Broadway.

Harkness street.

Do.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be,  
and he is, hereby directed to cause the curb-stones  
to be set and the gutters paved in Harkness street  
from High street to Broadway.

Olive street.

Do.

Resolved. — by the City Council, that the  
Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed

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to furnish and set the curb-stones and pave  
the gutters upon the northerly side of Olive street  
in front of the land of Brownell & Carpenter,  
whenever the said Brownell & Carpenter shall  
execute a deed to the city, satisfactory to the  
City Solicitor, of so much land as may be  
necessary to make Olive street of the width of  
forty feet.

High street

paving of.

A petition of Taft, Weed & Co., and  
others for the paving of High street from  
the foot of Bennett's Hill to the city line is  
presented, received and referred to the Stand-  
ing Committee on Highways.

Said Committee thereupon <sup>make</sup> report re-  
commending the passage of the accompanying  
resolution: which Report is received and the  
following Resolution is thereupon read and passed:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways  
be and he is hereby directed to cause High street  
to be paved from a point in range with the easter-  
ly side of Valley street, westerly to the city line.

Moving Buildings

Charles W. Moore.

Petitions of  
Charles W. Moore

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John Heap.  
-  
Eliza Warren.  
-  
Avis L. Harris.

John Heap  
Eliza Warren &  
Avis L. Harris

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Said Committee thereupon make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted; which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith, are thereupon read and passed.

Opinion of J.M. Clarke on tenure of office of certain members of City Council.

An opinion of James M. Clarke Esq. Acting City Solicitor, upon the tenure of office of certain members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, elected on the first Wednesday in May, 1867, is presented and read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be printed in the newspapers employed to do the city printing.

C.E. Paine.  
Petition for purchase Surveyor's instrument for city.  
-  
42.

A petition of C. E. Paine, City Surveyor, for authority to purchase a transit instrument for the use of his department, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Petition of Thos. E. Healey

A petition of Thomas E. Healey for leave to

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- or leave to erect wooden building.

erect a wooden building over the canal on Smith street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Alex. Burgess et al.

Fire Well or cistern

on Camp street.

42.

A petition of Alexander Burgess and others for fire wells or cisterns on Camp street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Samuel J. Howard.

Thayer street.

57.

A petition of Samuel J. Howard for compensation for land taken by the city, in the widening of Thayer street, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Jacob Symonds et al.

Petition for Deed of

part of Randall

farm.

53.

A petition of Jacob Symonds and William Corlies for deed of part of the Randall Farm is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

John F. Smith.

Remission of Tax.

39.

A petition of John F. Smith for remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Petitions.

E. P. Knowles

Seaton Street

44.

E. Walcott

India St.

94.

Petitions of Edward P. Knowles in relation to Seaton street, of Edward Walcott, Treasurer, for the paving of India street, of

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Ed. Pearce et al.  
Lippitt street.

Edward Pearce et al. for the drainage and reaption of Lippitt street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjournment.

The Common Council adjourns till Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1868 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present, - all the members except Messrs Clark, Hunt, Perkins and Rogers.

M. Addiman  
Clerk.

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

The President being absent, Mr Balder is elected President pro tempore.

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

Mayor's Office  
City of Providence, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1868

To the Honorable the Common Council of the city of Providence.

The Mayor and Aldermen who are charged with the care and superintendence of the Dexter Asylum had intended in accordance with the suggestion made at your last meeting, to submit to your honorable body at this time plans and estimates for certain alterations necessary to be made in the Asylum, and to ask for the passage of an ordinance calling a special town meeting to make changes in the rules and regulations for its government.

Having decided, however, to offer the office of Master, which will be vacant on the first proximo to Mr. Thomas C. Payson the very able and efficient Superintendent of the institutions

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of the city of Boston on Deer Island, the Mayor and Aldermen have thought it proper to await his answer to their proposition before taking further action in relation to any changes in the Asylum or in the regulations thereof.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Aldermen,

Thos. A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Communication from Mayor relative to Annexation of part of Cranston.

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The following communication from the Mayor is also presented and read, viz:-

Mayor's Office  
City of Providence, April 22<sup>d</sup> 1868.

Gentlemen of the City Council

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the citizens of Cranston, at their town meeting on Monday last, in relation to the annexation of a portion of that town to this city.

I respectfully recommend a concurrence on your part, and the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose named in the resolutions.

Thos. A. Doyle  
Mayor.

16.

Resolutions which were passed at a town meeting of the citizens of Cranston on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to the proposed annexation of a part of said town this city are read.

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The following resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolution consenting to propositions from Town of Cranston relative to annexation of part of said Town.

47.

Resolved. That the propositions of the Town Meeting of the Town of Cranston for the purpose of considering the question of annexing a portion of said Town to the City of Providence, as set forth in the resolutions passed by said Town April 20<sup>th</sup> 1868 be hereby consented to by the City Council, and that Commissioners be appointed to carry the same into effect.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor)

Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved. That his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the purpose of electing three Commissioners in accordance with the aforesaid resolution.

The above invitation having been accepted, the two Boards join in convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Commissioners elected.

The Assessors of Taxes, Messrs George W. Ham, Christopher J. Keith and Henry A. Webb, are elected

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Commissioners in accordance with the aforesaid resolution.

There being no further business the two Boards separate.

The following Resolution, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Appropriation for Providence Dispensary. Resolved. That the Overseer of the Poor be authorized to pay to the Providence Dispensary, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars for medical attendance and Medicines furnished the out door poor of the City on his order for the present Municipal year.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor.)

The following Resolution, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Water Committee requested to report in pamphlet form. Resolved. That the Special Committee upon the subject of procuring a supply of water for the City of Providence be hereby requested to present their report to the City Council in printed pamphlet form.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor.)

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The following Resolutions, recommended by the Standing Committee on City Property, are read and passed, viz:-

Resolution to fence City Lot on Knight St. Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to cause the city's lot on Knight street to be properly fenced.

Resolved. That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for Repairs of Public Buildings for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

(Concurred.)

(Approved.)

Petition of Thos. E. Healey. 28.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April inst. was referred the petition of Thomas C. Healey for leave to erect a building on Smith street, make Report recommending that said petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and said petitioner thereupon has leave to withdraw.

Supplementary Report on Kerosene Ordinance. 21.

The Standing Committee on Claims, who on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April inst. made Report on the petition of Chambers & Calder et al. for repeal of Ordinance in relation to Kerosene and other inflammable oils, make Report supplementary to said Report: which having been read it is ordered that

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the same be received.

Standing Committee on Claims authorized to present amended Report on Kerosene Ordinance.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Claims be and they are hereby authorized to withdraw the report submitted by them at the last meeting of the Common Council on the petition of Chambers & Calder and others for the repeal of the Ordinance in relation to Kerosene and other inflammable oils, and that said committee be authorized to present an amended report in accordance with the corrections submitted by them to this meeting of the Common Council, and to cause five hundred copies of the same to be printed for the use of the City Council.

Petition of Mary Mooney for relief. Leave to withdraw.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom was referred on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February last the petition of Mary Mooney for relief, make Report recommending that said petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon said petitioners has leave to withdraw.

Remonstrance of Wm. E. Richmond et al. 12.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred the remonstrance of William E. Richmond and others against

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The removal of certain wooden buildings and the locating the same in Vernon street, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Petition of Wm. Fletcher for payment of award. 52.

A petition of William Fletcher for prompt payment of award of commissioners in the matter of opening Baker street, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Petition of Wm. H. Reynolds et al. for paving &c. Pitman St. 91.

A petition of William H. Reynolds and others for paving gutters and setting curb-stones on Pitman street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Minor Buildings. Alvin Pray. 41. John Austin. 41.

Petitions of Alvin Pray, and John Austin

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Adjournment

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 8 o'clock p.m. - Present, all the members except Messrs President, Clark, Hunt, Perkins, Rogers, and Tobey.

A. Addeman  
Clerk.

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

Mr. Report of  
City Treasurer.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.

Mr. Report of Chief  
Engineer of Fire Dept.

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

Mr. Report of Sur-  
veyor of Highways

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

Mr. Report of  
Harbor Master.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

The following Resolution, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz: -

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Prospect Street  
Cross-walk on.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and hereby is directed to cause a cross-walk to be placed on the eastern side of Prospect street and across Muting street.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Appropriation  
for Book of  
Plats.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to expend in addition to a former appropriation, the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars, for the purpose of preparing a book of Plats of the real estate of the City.

John F. Smith.  
Remission of Tax.

29.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last, was referred the petition of John F. Smith for remission of tax, make Report recommending that the petition be granted, and the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved. That the sum of Eighty seven  $\frac{1}{10}$  dollars, erroneously assessed upon John F. Smith, in the city Tax assessed in the year 1867, be and the same is hereby remitted.

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Report of Com. on  
Reduction of City Debt.

The Joint Special Committee for the reduction of the City Debt, to whom were referred the Reports of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, make Report: which Report, having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Report of Expenditures on Central Police Station.

The Standing Committee on Police present a detailed Report of the expenditures under the appropriation of \_\_\_\_\_ for Repairs on the Central Police Station on Canal Street: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Report of Com. of N. Burying Ground.  
Receipts & Expenditures.

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground present their Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending April 30. 1868: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Ibid.  
Trust Funds.

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground present their Annual Report of the Trust Funds for the year ending April 30. 1868: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

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Ibid.  
Income from Trust Funds.

The Commissioners of the North Burying Ground present their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the Income from Trust Funds, for the year ending April 30. 1868: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

Appropriation for N. Burying Ground.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be directed to pay to the order of the Commissioners in the North Burial Ground the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), the same to be expended in repairs of Fence of said Grounds.

Moving Buildings.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the petitions of

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John Austin

37.

Alvin Pray

David C. Anthony, and

William F. French

for leave to move certain wooden buildings make Reports, recommending that said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions granting the prayers of said petitions are thereupon read and passed.

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Res. of adjournment.

Resolved. That when the Common Council adjourn this day, it adjourn to meet on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May inst. at 8 o'clock p.m.

Petition of A. Burgess.

Fire Well on Camp St.

29.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last, was referred the petition of Alexander Burgess et als for Fire wells or Cisterns on Camp street make Report recommending that the petition be granted, and the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report is received, and the following Resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Res. for construction of Reservoir on Camp st.

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, acting under advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they hereby are directed to construct a reservoir or cistern for the use of the Fire Department near the intersection of Camp and Lippitt streets.

Resolved. That a sum not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated out of the Appropriation for the Fire Department, for the construction of said reservoir.

Acct. of Jos. C. Peckham agst the City.

An account of Joseph C. Peckham against the city for amount paid for assistance in Treasurer's office, is presented, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. Said Committee

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thereupon make Report, recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Appropriation for assistance in Treasurer's Office.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay for assistance in his office such sums as may be approved by the Mayor, provided that the entire amount do not exceed the sum of one hundred and sixty two dollars.

Petition of C. E. Paine for Surveyor's Instrument.

28

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last, was referred the petition of C. E. Paine, for the purchase of a Surveyor's instrument for the use of the city, make Report recommending that the petition be granted, and the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a Transit Instrument for the use of the Surveyor's Department of the City of Providence, at a cost not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty dollars.

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Sexton Street.

Petition of E.P. Knowles.

29.

The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last, was referred the petition of Edward P. Knowles in relation to Sexton Street, &c., make Report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and said petitioner thereupon has leave to withdraw.

Curry &amp; Richards.

Claim for Beds &amp;c furnished Central Police Station.

49.

A resolution to pay Curry & Richards the amount due them from the city for furnishing, in January 1866, beds and bedding to the First Police Station, is presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Petition for amendment of Hack &amp;c. Ordinance

47.

A petition of Wheeler & Tallman et al for an amendment of the Ordinance relating to Hacks, &c., is, together with the accompanying draft Ordinance, referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances.

Acorn St.

A petition of Bernard Mc Gough et al for setting curb stones and paving gutters on Acorn Street, is presented, received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

Pursuant to the resolution this day passed, the Common Council adjourns to Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 8 o'clock p.m. - Present all the members, except Messrs Calder, Clark, Gladding, Hunt, Perkins and Rogers.  
M. Cadden, clk.

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

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz: -

Interest on  
Loans.  
-  
Non-concurred.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer pay to the Trustees of the several Sinking Funds Interest at the rate of four per cent upon the notes due said Trustees in October 1867 which were not paid till March 1868. Also upon the money loaned by said Trustees to the City for which no notes were given.

Whereupon, it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

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

Communication  
from Mayor

"Mayor's office

Providence May 25. 1868

Annexation  
of part of  
Cranston.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

I transmit herewith the report of the Commissioners appointed upon the subject of the annexation of a portion of the town of Cranston to this city, and also a map of the territory to be annexed.

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Annexation of  
part of Cranston.

The citizens of Cranston, at a special town meeting held to consider the question have voted by a large majority in favor of annexation, and I trust that it will also receive your approval. It is not simply the advantages to be derived at this time by the inhabitants of this city, and a portion of the town of Cranston that is to be considered, neither is it a mere financial question to be decided by the amount of revenue that is to be derived from, and the expenditures to be made in, that portion of territory, but it is a question of great importance to the future welfare of this city. The long water front extending from our present southern boundary to and including the Field's Point farm, must within a few years be of great value to us, while that portion adjoining our manufacturing district is necessary to our proper growth, and when brought under our municipal regulations will rapidly increase in value. The experience of larger cities has shown that it is highly necessary that districts compactly built and so closely united as South Providence and Elmwood are with this city should be brought under the same government, and although at the time of union it may seem to be more favorable to the part annexed, yet in reality the larger community derives the greater benefit.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

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Ibid.  
Report of  
Commissioners.  
33.

The Report of the Commissioners appointed by the town of Cranston and the City Council of Providence, relative to the annexation of a portion of Cranston to this city, is presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

Ibid.  
Resolutions  
Approving the  
above.

Resolved. That this City Council hereby approves of the recommendations made by the Board of Commissioners appointed by the town of Cranston and this city council upon the subject of the annexation of a portion of said town to this city, and which report has this day been presented to this council.

Resolved. That this City Council hereby approves of the annexation of so much of the town of Cranston to this city as is delineated upon a map presented with the report of the Commissioners aforesaid.

(Concurred.)

(Approved.)

Ordinance  
relative to  
Hacks, &c.  
44.

The Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst was referred the petition of Wheeler & Tallman et al for an amendment of the Ordinance relative to Hacks, &c. report a bill entitled 'An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance for the regulation of

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Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays, Trucks, &c; which is read and passed.

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Kerosene Ordinance.

The Standing Committee to Engraves Ordinances report a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to inflammable and explosive articles' approved March 26 1867," which is read and passed.

(Concurred.)

Resolution to pay Foremen

Resolved That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Foremen of the several Fire Engine, and Hook and Ladder Companies, the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars each, for their services during the year ending May 31. 1868, - the same to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

(Concurred.)

Promenade Street.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to lay out a street in continuation of Promenade street from Park street to the North Providence line.

(Concurred.)

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Claim of

Curry &amp; Richards.

44.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred the account of Curry & Richards for furnishing the Central Police Station make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Curry & Richards the sum of Eighty Eight  $\frac{32}{100}$  dollars, the balance due them for furnishing Police Station.

(Concurred.)

Shed to be erected on the Cove Lands.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause a shed to be erected on the Cove Lands, at a cost not exceeding four hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for Highways.

(Concurred.)

Tract of Land to be purchased for highway purposes

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby authorized under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways to purchase a tract of land in the northwesterly portion of the city for the purposes

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of procuring gravel for the highways.

Resolved. That the sum of six thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for Highways for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

(Concurred.)

Samuel J. Howard.

Compensation  
for damage.

29.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April last was referred the petition of Samuel J. Howard for compensation, make report by resolution, recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Samuel J. Howard the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full discharge of all his claim against the City, in the matter of opening Bagley Street, upon his giving a satisfactory receipt therefor.

(Concurred.)

David E. Howard.

Payment of.

Resolved. That the sum of ten dollars be paid to David E. Howard for his services during the past year in attendance upon the Common Council to be paid by the City Treasurer upon the order of the City Auditor out of any money in

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the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The above resolution having passed the Common Council is sent to the Board of Aldermen, and is returned from said Board with their concurrence therein with an amendment adding the words— "and that the City Treasurer be authorized to employ an attendant on the Common Council for the future:—" which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council concur therein with an amendment striking out the word "Treasurer," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Messenger."

(Concurred.)

Ordinance for

Registration of

Bonds of City.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for Registration of the Bonds of the City of Plover," having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

F. Smith, Adm<sup>r</sup>.

Remission of Tax

The Standing Committee on Claims, to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred by the Board of Aldermen the petition of F. Smith, Adm<sup>r</sup> of Estate of Thomas Maguire for remission of Tax, make report recommending that the petition be granted and the accompanying resolution be passed:

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which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the sum of Seventy Three <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, erroneously assessed upon the estate of Thomas Maguire, in the City Tax assessed in the year 1867, be and the same is hereby remitted

J.L. Stackpole, Agt. for Eliz. C. Ives.

Petition for remis.

Sum of interest on Tax.

A petition of J. L. Stackpole Agt. for Mrs Elizabeth C. Ives for remission of Interest for non-payment of Tax, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims. Said Committee thereupon make Report recommending granting the petition and the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved - That the interest on the Tax assessed upon Mrs. Elizabeth C. Ives in the City Tax assessed in the year 1867, be and the same is hereby remitted.

(Non-concurred.)

Petition of Wm. Fletcher for payment of award. 37.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April last was referred the petition of William Fletcher for prompt payment of award in the matter of opening Baker street, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and said petitioners has

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leave to withdraw.

Jacob Symonds et al. Petition for Decd of part of Randall Farm.

29 185.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last was referred the petition of Jacob Symonds and William Corlies for decd from the City of part of the Randall Farm, present a written report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Res. to purchase land at junction of Basset and Hospital Streets.

84.

A resolution to purchase land at the junction of Basset and Hospital streets for highway purposes is presented, read and referred to the Standing on Highways.

North Main St.

Widening of 309.

A petition of Rufus Waterman and others for widening North Main street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Unfinished Business continued.

Resolved - That all business lying unfinished before this Common Council be and the same is hereby referred to the Common Council to meet on the first Monday in June next ensuing.

Resolution of Thanks to the President - Wm. Binney Esq.

Resolved - That the thanks of this Common Council be and they are hereby gratefully tendered to its President, William Binney, Esq. for his able,

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dignified and impartial administration of its affairs as presiding officer during the past municipal year.

Adjourn Sine Die.

The Common Council adjourn sine die.

Members Present.

Mr President.	Mr. Mauran
" Armington	" Metcalf
" Barnaby	" Parkhurst
" Bartlett	" Pierce
" Brown	" Perkins
" Burrington	" Place
" Calder	" Remington
" Cony	" Rounds
" Earle	" Slade
" Fisk	" Snow
" Gladding	" Sweet
" Harris	" Tobey
" Jencks	" White
" Kendrick	

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J. W. Addiman  
clerk.

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Organization  
 of the City Government  
 of the City of Providence for the  
 Year commencing on the First Monday in  
 June 1868.

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1868.

This being the day designated by the City Charter for the organization of the City Government, for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Mayor and Aldermen and members of the Common Council elect, assemble in the Council Chamber at 3 o'clock P.M. and are called to order by Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor.

The certificate of the election of Thomas A. Doyle, as Mayor, is read; and the oath prescribed by law is administered to him by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

The Aldermen elect and the following members of the Common Council elect, being present, are

Thos. A. Doyle  
 Mayor.

oath  
 administered.

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duly engaged by the Mayor, according to law, viz:—

Members elect of  
the Common Council.

From the First Ward

Smith S. Sweet  
Alfred Metcalf  
Stillman White  
Stephen Cook.

From the Second Ward

William Binney  
Frank Mauran  
James H. Armington  
John F. Tobey

From the Third Ward

Benj. C. Gladding  
George H. Sencks  
Benj. W. Persons  
James Shaw Jr.

From the Fourth Ward

Albert L. Calder  
Abner J. Barnaby  
Thomas M. Rounds  
Charles F. Phillips

From the Fifth Ward

Charles C. Carpenter  
Joshua R. Brown

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James C. Hidden  
Freborn Johnson

From the Sixth Ward

Samuel S. Sprague  
Samuel B. Duffer  
Fitz James Rice  
Charles Sidney Smith.

From the Seventh Ward

Alfred W. Fisk  
Obadiah Glade  
Samuel S. Harris  
Joseph T. Snow

From the Eighth Ward.

J. Lippitt Snow  
Raymond G. Place  
Cyrus T. Eddy  
Alfred A. Harrington

Samuel W. Brown  
elected City Clerk

Samuel W. Brown is elected City Clerk  
for the present Municipal year; and, being  
present, he is duly engaged by the Mayor

Prayer.

Prayer is offered by the Rev. Mark Trafton.

Mayor's Address.

An Address by the Mayor, relative to the  
Municipal affairs of the City, is read.

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The City Council proceed to the election of City Officers for the present municipal year; and having completed the same, the two Boards separate.

The members elect of the Common Council are called to order by the Clerk.

President.

William Binney is elected President of the Common Council for the present municipal year.

Clerk.

Joshua M. Addeman is elected Clerk of the Common Council for the present municipal year, and is sworn by the Mayor, according to law, in the presence of the Board of Aldermen.

Standing Rules of Order.

The Standing Rules of Order of the last Common Council are adopted as the Standing Rules of Order of this Council.

Standing Rules of the City Council.

Resolved. That the Standing Rules of the City Council, adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> days of June 1867, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the City Council for the present Municipal Year.

The foregoing Resolution having passed the Common Council is sent to the Board of Aldermen and is returned with their concurrence therein with

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an amendment adding three additional Rules, designated as the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth: - which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein. Thereupon the Board recede from their amendment and concur with the Common Council.

Standing Committees.

Pursuant to the Standing Rules this day adopted by the City Council, the following Joint Standing Committees are now appointed, according to the respective rolls of the two Boards, viz: -

<u>On Finance</u>	Members J. L. Snow	} Ald. Knight
	Swet	
	Pearson	
	Sprague	

<u>On Highways</u>	Members Stade	} Ald. Angell.
	Brown	
	Cook	

<u>To Congress Ordinances</u>	Members Tobey	} Ald. Snow
	Rounds	
	Harrington	

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On Education

Messrs Calder }  
Harris } Ald. Burrington.  
Place }  
Rice }

On the Fire Department

Messrs Carpenter }  
Armington } Ald. Hopkins.  
White }

On City Property

Messrs Fisk }  
Jencks } Ald. Earle  
Johnson }

On Police

Messrs Gladding }  
Metcalf } Ald. Coggeshall.  
Dunfee }  
Eddy }

On the North Burying Ground

Messrs Barnaby }  
Smith } Ald. Earle  
Phillips }

On Claims

Messrs Armington }  
Shaw } Ald. Snow  
Hadden }

On Railroads

Messrs Mauran }  
Gladding } Ald. Brayton  
J. L. Snow }

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On Printing

Messrs Metcalf }  
Calder } Ald. Burrington  
J. T. Snow }

Publication of  
Mayor's Address. Resolved. That Messrs Calder, Metcalf and  
J. T. Snow with such as the Board of Alder-  
men may add, be, and they are hereby  
appointed a committee to wait upon the  
Mayor, and request him to furnish for publi-  
cation, a copy of the Address this day deliv-  
ered by him to the City Council, and to cause  
the same to be published in such manner as  
they may deem expedient.

(Concurred and Ald. Burrington added.)

Annual Reports  
to be printed

Resolved. That the Joint Committee who  
were appointed to cause the Mayor's Address  
to be printed, be and they are hereby author-  
ized to cause

- The Annual Report of the Surgeon General,
- The Annual Report of the Commissioners of  
the North Burying Ground (made May 11. 1868)
- The Annual Report of the Superintendent of  
the North Burying Ground,
- The Annual Report of the Board of Engineers  
of the Fire Department, and
- The Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of  
the Poor.

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to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred.)

City Manual.

Resolved. That the Joint Committee, who were appointed to cause the Mayor's Address to be printed, 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 in pamphlet form, for the use of the City Council, - under the general title of the "City Manual."

(Concurred.)

City Printing.

86.

Resolved. That Messrs Metcalf, Calder and Jos. I. Snow, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to contract for the City Printing for the present Municipal year.

(Concurred and Ald. Burrington added.)

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Number of

City Documents

to be printed.

Resolved. That the number of City documents to be printed in the several resolutions passed this day, shall not, except when otherwise specially ordered, exceed in each case five hundred copies.

The foregoing resolution having passed the Common Council is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "five hundred" and inserting the words "seven hundred and fifty"; which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

The Board of Aldermen insist upon their amendment; and thereupon the Common Council recede from their non-concurrence and concur in the amendment of the Board of Aldermen.

City Treasurer's Bond.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take a Bond of the City Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, - said Bond to be in the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars.

(Concurred.)

(Approved.)

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Reduction of  
City Debt.

Whereas, Messrs Fisk, Sweet and Hidden have been, this day, appointed by the Common Council, as the Committee, on their part, for the reduction of the City Debt, for the present municipal year, - pursuant to the requisition contained in the first section of the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt," -

It is Resolved, That the names of said Committee be communicated to the Board of Aldermen, in order that said Board may add an Alderman to said Committee, pursuant to the requisition contained in said section.

(Concurred, and Ald. Knight added.)

Com. to expend  
Dredging Money

Resolved, That Messrs Mauran, Gladding and Slade, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee for the purpose of expending the money received from the Harbor Master, as already appropriated by Ordinance.

(Concurred, and Ald. Hopkins added.)

Fourth of July.

Resolved, That Messrs Hidden, J. F. Snow and S. Cook, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for a Municipal

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celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence.

Resolved, That the sum of Three Thousand 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 out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred and Ald. Carlisle added.)

Police Court.

88.

A Resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz: -

Resolved, That William W. Douglass and Francis A. Daniels be selected from the Justices of the Peace within the City of Providence to compose the Police Court of said City for the ensuing municipal year.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur therein with an amendment, striking out the name of William W. Douglass and inserting in lieu thereof the name of Stephen Essex.

The Board of Aldermen refusing to concur in said amendment, the Common Council insist upon their amendment and ask for a committee of conference and appoint

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Meets J. T. Snow, Tobey and Smith conferees on their part.

The Board of Aldermen agree to the conference and appoint Aldermen Coggeshall, Snow and Knight conferees on their part.

Said Committee report that they are unable to agree: which Report is received and the Committee discharged.

Ordinance to embody Standing Rules.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances be hereby requested to prepare an Ordinance embodying the Standing Rules of the City Council with such amendments and improvements as they may deem expedient, and to report the same at an early meeting of either Board of the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Annual Report of School Committee

The Annual Report of the School Committee is presented, read and received, and ordered to be printed.

(Concurred)

of Fire Department.

The Annual Report of the Board of Engineers

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of the Fire Department is presented: whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

Overseer of Poor. Report.

The Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the Overseer of the Poor is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

Report of Supt. of North Burying Ground

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of the North Burying Ground is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

Sinking Funds.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem Bonds due in 1893, is presented read and received.

(Concurred)

Inspector of Kerosene

The Annual Report of the Inspector of Kerosene is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

Dredging Harbor.

The Harbor Master's Report of Dredging of the

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Harbor is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

Surveyor of Highways.

Report.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

Harbor Master.

Report.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

Hedley street.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Hedley street from Walling street to the east side of Palmer street.

(Concurred)

Palmer street.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Palmer street from Hedley street to Pettis street.

(Concurred)

Acorn Street.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to set curb-stones and

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pare gutters in Acorn street from Potter's Avenue to Atwell's Avenue forthwith.

(Concurred)

College street

Curb-stones &c.

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Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb-stones to be set, and the gutters paved in College street from South Main street to Benefit street, and that the work be commenced within thirty days.

In B. of A. Ref. S. C. on Highways

Ibid.

To be put in order.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he hereby is ordered to plow College street forthwith in a safe condition for travel so long as the said street shall be left open to the Public in order that the City may not be held responsible for damages arising therefrom.

(Non-concurred)

Additional Standing Rules 60.

135.

A Resolution is received from the Board of Aldermen providing for the adoption of additional Standing Rules of the City Council, designated as numbers, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen. Read and referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances.

A petition of Joseph Belcher for permis-

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Jos. Belcher. sion to remove a certain wooden building, is  
 Moving Building. presented, received and referred to the Stand-  
 85. ing Committee on the Fire Department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to meet  
 on the second Monday in July (July 13<sup>th</sup>) 1868,  
 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the Members.

M. Oddeum  
 Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's

Warrant.

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations.

The City of Providence, Jc.

To the City Messenger or either of the Constables  
 of said City.

Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment, the good of the City  
 requires that the Common Council of said City  
 shall meet at an earlier day than that to  
 which said Council stands adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded and  
 required to summon the members of said  
 Common Council to meet in their chamber  
 on Monday the fifteenth day of June A. D.  
 1868 at 8 o'clock P. M., then and there to trans-  
 act such business as may legally come  
 before them.

Herof fail not and make true return  
 of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the seal  
 of said City this eleventh day of  
 June A. D. 1868.

Thos A. Doyle  
 Mayor.

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Certificate of  
City Messenger.

City of Providence, June 13. A.D. 1868.  
I hereby certify that I have summoned all the members of the Common Council of said City by reading the within warrant in their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes  
City Messenger

Quorum present.

Pursuant to the requisition contained in the foregoing warrant, the members of the Common Council on this day assembled at 8 o'clock p.m. - a quorum present.

Warrant Read.

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

Mayor's Message.

Reasons of Meeting.

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

"Mayor's Office  
City of Providence, June 15. 1868.

Gentlemen of the Common Council

Your adjournment until the second Monday of July without action in relation to the annual tax bill rendered it necessary for me to convene you at an earlier date.

There are matters growing out of the annexation of a portion of Cranston to this City which will require your early attention.

I suggest for your consideration

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whether the interests of the City would not be promoted by your assembling at least once in two weeks. The great accumulation of business, when so long an interval occurs as between the monthly meetings of the Council renders it impossible to give that due consideration to the subjects which their importance oftentimes demands.

The alternative should not as heretofore be often presented to the Executive of assuming responsibilities which belong to another branch of the government rather than to specially convene the Council when its members might feel that it was the accommodation of the citizen rather than the good of the City which required them to meet.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Mayor's Message

Payment of \$50000

to Cranston.

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

"Mayor's Office  
City of Providence, June 15. 1868.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

The act by which a portion of the town of Cranston was annexed to this City, provides that the sum of fifty thousand

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dollars shall be paid by the city to the town of Cranston on or before the first day of July next, and a further sum to defray the indebtedness of the school districts in said portion.

This is one of the unusual demands upon the Treasury which it seems to me might be provided for by a loan payable in equal sums for ten successive years.

Thomas A. Doyle,  
Mayor.

Res. referring the  
above Com. to St.  
Com. on Finance.

Resolved, That the communication of the Mayor dated this day relative to the payments to be made to the town of Cranston be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.

The foregoing resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor)

A communication from the Mayor in the words following is presented and read, viz:—

"Mayor's Office  
City of Providence, June 15, 1868.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence.

In accordance with a vote of the School

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Committee I have the honor to request that your honorable body will cause a suitable fence to be erected upon Charles Field and Thayer streets in front of the new Grammar School building.

Also that an appropriation may be made for the purpose of providing additional grammar school accommodation for the children of the sixth and eighth wards. At the time of the passage of the latter vote by the School Committee it was understood that it could be carried into effect by the erection of an additional story upon the Bridgman School building, but from the consideration I have since given to the subject I am by no means satisfied that such a course can be safely adopted. The matter should receive thorough investigation by competent persons, and the necessity for immediate relief to the district requires prompt action on the part of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Doyle.

President of the School  
Committee.

Resolved, That the request of the School

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Fence for Thayer St.  
Grammar School.

New Grammar School  
for 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Wards  
Additional Story on  
Bridgman School.

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Res. referring the  
foregoing message  
to St. Com. on Education

Committee presented this day in regard to a fence on Charles Field and Thayer streets, and additional grammar school accommodation for the children of the sixth and eighth wards be referred to the Standing Committee on Education to examine and report thereon, with instructions to cause an examination to be made of the Bridgham School building with reference to the safety of placing another story thereon, or the feasibility of otherwise enlarging the same.

The foregoing resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor.)

Mayor's Message.

Collection of Taxes.

86.

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

"Mayor's Office,

City of Providence, June 15, 1868,

Gentlemen of the City Council

Some action is necessary on your part in relation to the change made by the General Assembly at the last January session in the method of collecting taxes in this city.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

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Res. referring the  
foregoing message  
to St. Com. to  
Engross Ordinances

Resolved. That the communication of the Mayor of this date in relation to a change in the method of collecting taxes in this city be referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances to examine and report thereon.

The foregoing resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor.)

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

Mayor's Office

City of Providence, June 15, 1868

Gentlemen of the City Council

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Messrs F. W. and K. D. Cheney in relation to the condition of Doyle Avenue.

These gentlemen have at different times called my attention to an apparent delay in carrying into effect the resolution of the City Council approved August 13, 1866, respecting the work referred to by them, and I have as often pressed the matter upon the proper department.

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Doyle Avenue.

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Thomas A. Doyle,  
Mayor.

Ibid.

Letter from F.W. &  
K.D. Cheney, Hartford.

(Copy)

"Office Cheney Brothers, Silk Manufacturing Co.  
Hartford, Conn. June 1. 1868

Hon. Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor of the City of Providence  
Dear Sir.

We wish to notify you in your official capacity that in the final settlement of accounts on the contract to open Doyle Avenue, we shall claim damages for the non-fulfillment of said contract, which has resulted in a heavy loss to us and a general complaint on the part of all the purchasers of lots on said Avenue.

Trusting further steps on our part will not be necessary.

We remain very respectfully yours  
F. W. Cheney  
K. D. Cheney."

Res. referring the foregoing Message to St. Com. on Highways.

Resolved. That the communication of the Mayor dated this day relative to work upon Doyle Avenue with the paper accompanying the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

The foregoing resolution having passed

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The Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor)

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

Mayor's Message.

Mayor's Office

City of Providence, June 15, 1868.

Gentlemen of the City Council,

An increase in the number of men in the police force will be necessary in consequence of the recent increase in our territory.

I suggest that the number of men to be employed in the ninth ward and the hours of patrolling the same might with propriety be left with the Mayor and Aldermen to decide.

Hack Ordinance

In connection with this subject I call your attention to the necessity for a change in the hack ordinance, relative to the rates of fare to be charged for the conveyance of passengers from place to place within this city.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

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Foregoing Message re-  
ferred to Standing  
Com. on Police.

133.

Resolved, That the communication of the Mayor of this date in relation to an increase in the police force and a change in the rates of hack fare be referred to the Standing Committee on Police to examine and report thereon.

The foregoing resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor)

Ordinance appointing  
times and places for  
holding Municipal Court.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appointing the times and the place for holding the Municipal Court", is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of said Ordinance.

(Approved June 18. 1868)

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved. That the Standing Committee to Engrave Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of making some change

Out-Door Poor, Relief of.

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in the mode of affording relief to outdoor poor and report thereon at an early date."

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor)

Tax Bill &c.

92.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby instructed to prepare an Ordinance for the Raising, Assessment and Collection of a Tax, and an Ordinance making Appropriations for the ensuing Fiscal year, and report the same in print.

Fire Alarm Tel-  
egraph for  
Ninth Ward.

Resolved, That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be, and they are hereby authorized, acting under advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to extend the Fire Alarm Telegraph into the Ninth Ward the cost of said extension to be paid out of the appropriation for the Fire Department.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May last was referred

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Purchase of land  
at junction Bassett  
& Hospital sts for  
highway purposes

\$3.

"a resolution to purchase land at junction of Bassett and Hospital streets", make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars (or so much thereof as may be necessary,) be, and the same is, hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to purchase under the direction of the Committee on Highways the triangular piece of land at the junction of Bassett and Hospital streets for the use of the highways, provided the owner thereof shall give a title thereof satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Mo. Report Chief Eng<sup>r</sup>  
of Fire Dept.

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

Moving Buildings,  
Fessenden & Co.  
Jas. H. Wright

Petitions of  
Fessenden & Co.  
James H. Wright

for leave to remove certain wooden buildings are presented, received and referred to the Standing Com-

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mittee on the Fire Department.

Jos. Belcher.  
72.

Subsequently said Committee report said petitions together with that of Joseph Belcher (referred to said Committee on the first day of June inst.) recommending that the prayers thereof be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

John B. Atkins.

Petition for damages  
250.

A petition of John B. Atkins for compensation for injuries received on Washington Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

B. B. Dyer.

Petition for gate  
in Benefit St. Park.

A petition of B. B. Dyer relative to a gate in Park at foot of Benefit street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1868, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members.

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, - a quorum present.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer for the Month ending May 31. 1868, is presented, read, and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of City Treasurer.

The Annual Report of the Quager General is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of Quager General.

The Standing Committee on Printing make Report relative to the Advertising and Book and Job Printing for the City for the current year: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report on City Printing.

64.

The Standing Committee to Engrass Ordinances make Report on the Message of the Mayor in reference to change in the law respecting the Collection of Taxes: which Re-

Collection of Taxes.

Report on Mayor's Message.

78.

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port having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

City Documents to be bound.

Resolved. That the City Clerk be hereby authorized to cause one hundred and fifty copies of the printed documents of the city, with a proper title page and table of contents to be bound for the use of the City Council and for distribution to other cities.

Which Resolution having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with an amendment striking out the word "annually".

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The following Resolution, recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance, is read and passed, viz:-

Appropriation for Contingencies

Resolved, that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for contingencies in addition to the amount already appropriated.

(Concurred) (Approved)

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The following Resolution is presented and read, viz:-

Justices of Police Court. 67.

Resolved. That from the Justices assigned to keep the Peace within this City, Stephen Essex and Francis A. Daniels &c and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court during the present Municipal Year.

Upon which resolution the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:-

Ayes. Messrs Brown, Calder, Cook, Duffer, Eddy, Fisk, Gladding, Harrington, Harris, Hidden, Inck, Johnson, Phillips, Plaw, Rice, Rounds, Slade, Smith, J. L. Snow, J. S. Snow, and Sprague. 21.

Nays. Messrs Armington, Barnaby, Carpenter, Maurau, Metcalf, Persons, Shaw, Sweet, Tobey, and White. 11.

Said Resolution is therefore passed.  
(Concurred)

Report on Mayor's Message relative to Bridgham School, &c. 76.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June inst. was referred the Mayor's Message relative to the Bridgham School and to increased accommodations for Grammar Scholars of the sixth and eighth wards, make Report; which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

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Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Education &c and they are hereby authorized to cause a suitable fence to be erected around the Grammar School Building, corner of Charles Field and Thayer Streets, and also the cellar to be cemented, at a cost not to exceed the sum of Fourteen Hundred dollars, the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for Public Schools.

Appropriation to fence Grammar School on Thayer St. 76.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education &c and they are hereby authorized and instructed to sell by public auction the buildings and other improvements on the land recently purchased by the City on Federal and Parker streets.

School Buildings to be sold at auction.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

A Resolution authorizing the Standing Committee on Education to purchase land for school purposes and appropriating for the same the sum of Two Thousand dollars, is presented, read, & indefinitely postponed.

Appropriation for purchase of land for Schools &c. Indefinitely postponed.

Resolutions authorizing the Standing Com-

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Removal of School Buildings  
125.

Committee on Education to remove School Buildings on Federal Street are presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Transfer of Paupers from town of Cranston.  
164.

Whereas, A difference has arisen between the authorities of the City of Providence and those of the town of Cranston, relative to the number of paupers to be transferred to said City of Providence under the provisions of the Act, annexing a part of said town of Cranston to said City of Providence, therefore,

Resolved, That a special Committee consisting of the President of the Common Council, Messrs Barnaby, Calder and Hidden, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be appointed to investigate the facts and to recommend to this body what course shall be pursued in the premises.

(Concurred and Ald. Brayton & Tew added,  
(Approved.)

Gates in Cove Dam.  
135.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, relative to the Gates in the Cove Dam, is read and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Highways be instructed to examine and

Washings on Broadway.

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Report what measures are necessary to prevent the frequent washings of the lower part of Broadway.

(Concurred,  
(Approved)

Deputy City Treasurer.

111.

A communication from the City Treasurer announcing the appointment of Benjamin Tripp as a Deputy City Treasurer is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Said Committee thereupon report resolutions approving said appointment, and fixing the salary of said Deputy City Treasurer at fifteen hundred dollars per annum; which resolutions having been read, it is ordered that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Pitman St.

A petition of Samuel B. Bullock and others for paving gutters and setting curb stones on Pitman Street, is presented, read and received.

Do.

37.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1867 was referred the petition of Willard Sayles and others for the paving and curbing of Pitman Street; and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April last

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the petition of William H. Reynolds and others for the same purpose; make Report recommending that the whole subject be suffered to lie upon the table: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitions and the whole subject be laid upon the table.

Report on Estimated Receipts and Expenditures.

The Standing Committee on Finance present a Report in relation to the Tax Ordinance, and showing the estimated receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1869: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received and the further consideration thereof postponed to the next meeting of the Common Council.

Tax Bill.

83.  
116.

Said Committee, in accordance with instructions given at the last meeting of the Common Council report a bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the real and personal estate in the City of Providence"; which bill having been read, it is ordered that the consideration of the same be postponed till the next meeting of the Common Council.

Purchase of Land next to Warren Street School.  
113.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education be authorized and instructed

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to purchase the two lots of land each measuring 40 by 95 feet and lying next to the Warren street school, at an expense not exceeding the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Warren St. School. Alterations of.

114.  
114.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to alter and enlarge the Warren street School House, in accordance with plans suggested by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Leach.

Do. Appropriation.

Resolved. That the sum of Five Thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the foregoing resolution, - the same to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

City Park. Field's Point Farm.  
102.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property, be directed to cause a Plat to be made of the Field's Point Farm, and so much of the land adjacent thereto, as they may deem necessary, for the formation of a suitable "City Park"; and to report to the City Council, with the price at which said land may be obtained.

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The following Resolutions (recommended by the Standing Committee on Highways) are read and passed, viz:

List of Highways in Ninth Ward.

104.

Resolved, That the City Engineer acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Highways, be hereby directed to furnish for the use of the City Council a list of the number, names, and location of the highways in that portion of the City lately set off from Cranston which have been by the lawful authority of said Town received, or declared public highways; also the names and location of other streets or highways (if any) for the repairation of which the Town was chargeable, or on account of such streets or highways the Town had incurred any liabilities whatsoever.

Appropriation for Gravel Land.

104.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay for gravel land, in the westerly part of the City for the use of the highways.

India Street.

Paving of.

29.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April last was referred the petition of the Providence Gas Co. for the paving of India Street, make Report recommend-

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ing the passage of the accompanying resolution:—which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to pave India Street, from Brook to Ives Street whenever, (or as soon thereafter as practicable) the Committee on Railroads shall make an arrangement, satisfactory to the aforesaid Committee, with the Rail-Road Company or Companies occupying that portion of India Street.

(part of it laid on table)

Palmer, Pettis & Hedley Sts. Paving, &c.

8.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1868, was referred the petition of Immanuel Eastwood and others for paving gutters and setting curb-stones on Palmer, Pettis and Hedley Streets, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb-stones to be set, and the gutters paved on Palmer Street; also on Hedley Street, from Palmer to Walling Streets; and on

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Pettis street from Palmer to Walling streets.

*(Inquiry in case of 121)*Culvert on  
Thayer Street.

100.

Resolved. That the City Engineer be, and he hereby is required, acting under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, to prepare plans and specifications for the laying out of Thayer street from Angell street to Keew street according to the grade heretofore established and also for the building of a Culvert in said Thayer street from said Keew street to Angell street to connect with the culout in Brook street.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Highways are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for laying out and grading Thayer street from Keew Street to Angell street and for building a culout therein according to the plans and specifications of the City Engineer and report the result to the City Council.

*(Inquiry in case of 121)*Resolution to  
pay Town of  
Cranston - \$50,000.

100.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is instructed to pay to the Town of Cranston the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Remission of Tax.

Kingsley T. Lewis.

122.

A petition of Kingsley T. Lewis for remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Geo. F. Martin et al

Driving of cattle  
thro' Pine Street.

A petition of George F. Martin and others in reference to the driving of cattle swine and sheep through Pine street, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee to Engrave Ordinances.

Gilmore St.

Petition for  
reception of  
137.

A petition of Nathan H. Parker and others for the reception of Gilmore Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Vagrancy.

A petition of the "Provident Women's City Missionary Society" relative to vagrancy is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Geo. A. Brown

claim agst City

124.

A claim of George A. Brown against the city, for labor and materials furnished, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Sale of land  
on Eddy St.  
121.

A Resolution for the sale of lot of land on Eddy street, next South of Atlantic street is read and referred to the Standing

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Committee on City Property.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1868, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present - all the members.

A. M. Addey  
Clerk.

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Common Council - July 6. 1868.

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

Clerk pro tem.

In the absence of the clerk, Charles C. German is appointed clerk pro tem.

Members-elect from the Ninth Ward.

Messrs Albert S. Gallup, Elisha M. Aldrich, William V. Daboll and Francis M. Smith, members-elect from the Ninth Ward, being present, are duly engaged by the Mayor and take their seats.

Mo. Report of Harbor-Master

The Monthly Report of the Harbor-Master is presented, read and received.

A resolution, in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz: -

Flag-Staffs.

Removal of.

120.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be requested to examine and report upon the expediency of moving the flag-staffs at the westerly end of Exchange Place and in the Park, to some other localities.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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Ordinance to pro-  
hibit Bathing, &c.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amend-  
ment of and in addition to an Ordinance  
entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit bathing  
in certain places;" having passed the Board  
of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence  
and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the  
Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved by the Mayor.)

A resolution in the words following  
having passed the Board of Aldermen is  
sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz:-

Resolved. That the Standing Com-  
mitted on Highways be hereby directed to  
report to this City Council upon the ex-  
pediency of building a Culvert on Thayer  
Street, - and completing the work hitherto  
ordered by the City Council on said Street  
by contract".

Whereupon it is resolved that the Com-  
mon Council do concur therein.

Culvert on  
Thayer Street.

96.

Res. to pay Town  
of Cranston \$50,000.

96.

117.

The Resolution to pay to the Town of Cran-  
ston the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars,  
which passed the Common Council on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of June last, is received from the Board of  
Aldermen with their concurrence therein with  
an amendment adding the words "whenever

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Said Town of Cranston shall make convey-  
ances to the City of Providence, satisfactory  
to the City Solicitor, of all real estate belong-  
ing to said town, including all school-houses  
and lots lying in the Ninth Ward".

Which amendment having been read, it  
is ordered that the same be referred to the  
Standing Committee on Finance.

Standing  
Committees.  
61.

Mr. Francis M. Smith having this day  
been appointed a member of the Standing  
Committee on Claims in place of Mr James  
M. Armington resigned,

And Mr Elisha M. Aldrich having been  
appointed a member of the Standing Commit-  
tee on Railroads in place of Mr. J. Litchitt  
Snow, resigned,

Resolved. That the aforesaid appoint-  
ment be communicated to the Board of  
Aldermen.

Deputy City  
Treasurer

Benj. Tripp.

91.

A Resolution is received from the Board of  
Aldermen approving the appointment by  
the City Treasurer of Benjamin Tripp as  
Deputy City Treasurer; - whereupon it is  
resolved that the Common Council do concur  
therein.

(Approved)

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Ordinance  
fixing compensation  
of Depy City Treas.

A Bill, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Compensation of the Deputies of the City Treasurer," having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is ~~moved~~ that the Common Council <sup>do concur</sup> therein with an amendment adding the following words, viz:-

"Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect on and after the first day of September A.D. 1868."

Upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:-

Ayes. Messrs Aldrich, Brown, Durfee, Eady, Harris, Hidden, Johnson, Place, Slade and J. T. Snow. 10.

Nays. Messrs Armington, Barnaby, Calder, Carpenter, Cook, Daboll, Fisk, Gallup, Gladding, Harrington, Jencks, Metcalf, Persons, Phillips, Rice, Rounds, Shaw, J. L. Snow, F. M. Smith, Sweet and Sprague. 21.

Said amendment is therefore lost.

Thereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur in the passage of said Ordinance.

(Approved)

Public Park.

93.

344.

Resolved. That Messrs Barnaby, Metcalf and Gallup with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing a Public Park

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in this City, with the probable expense and proper location thereof, and what legislation if any is needed in relation thereto; and the proper means of paying for the same; and also to present with their Report such surveys as they may deem necessary.

Appropriation  
for School Houses  
and Lots.

Resolved. That the sum of six thousand six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for School Houses and Lots.

Purchase of  
Land next to  
Warren St. School.

92.

The Resolution, authorizing the Standing Committee on Education to purchase two lots of land next to the Warren street school, which passed the Common Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last, is received from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment, striking out all after the word "dollars", and substituting the words "to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots."

Which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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List of Highways  
in Ninth Ward.  
94.

The Resolution, which passed the Common Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last, relative to the preparation of a list of the number, names and location of the highways in the ninth ward, is received from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "City Engineer acting upon the advice of:"

Which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Purchase of Gravel  
Land for Highways  
94.

The Resolution for the purchase of gravel land in the westerly part of the city for the use of the highway, which passed the Common Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last, is received from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment adding the words "provided that a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor be first obtained."

Which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Warren Street  
School-House  
Alterations to  
93.

The Resolutions, making appropriation for altering and enlarging the Warren Street School House, which passed the Common Council on

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the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last, are received from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment as follows: "Add to the first resolution the words 'so as to make the building two stories high and to contain four rooms': Strike out in the second resolution all after the word 'paid', and substitute the words 'from the appropriation for school houses and lots.'"

Which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Isaac Chace  
Remission of Tax.  
123.

A petition of Isaac Chace for remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Invitation to  
join in Con-  
vention.

Resolved. That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the purpose of electing certain city officers and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

The foregoing invitation having been accepted the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

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## In Convention

Sundry Deputy Squares and City Constables are elected.

Committee of the Whole.

The Convention resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Tax Bill, which having been considered, the Committee rises, and the two Boards separate.

Tax Bill.

83.  
92.  
116.

The bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence," which on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was postponed to this meeting of the Common Council, is taken up and read.

It is moved to amend said bill by striking out the word "eleven" in the third line, and the word "eleven" in the fourth line of section 1<sup>st</sup> of said bill, and substituting in lieu of each of said words, the word "twelve".

Upon which motion the question is taken by yeas and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs Armington, Brown, Cook, Surfe, Eddy, Gladding, Hadden, Sencks, Johnson, Phillips, Place, Rounds, Shaw, J. L. Snow, J. T. Snow, Sprague, Aldrich, Saboll, Gallup

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and F. M. Smith

20.

Nays. Messrs Calder, Carpenter, Harrington, Harris, Metcalf, Persons, Rice, Slade and Sweet.

9.

Said amendment is therefore passed.

Said Bill is further amended by adding to Section 4, the words "He shall deduct from the respective sums assessed upon those who shall then pay their tax, the sum of three per cent. thereon;" and by striking out in Section 5, the words "one per cent. per month after the said first day of October," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "six per cent. per annum, after the expiration of the period aforesaid."

Said Bill as amended is thereupon read and passed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 1868, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present all the members, except Messrs Murrain, C. M. Smith, Toboy and White.

William Binney  
President.

M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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

Mo. Report of City Treasurer

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer for the month ending June 30. is presented, read and received.

Mo. Report of Surveyor of Highways

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

Mo. Report of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department

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

Petition of Florence Sullivan for damages

229.

A Resolution, in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

Resolved. That the petition of Florence Sullivan for remuneration for damages sustained by him by the action of the Surveyor

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of Highways be referred to Alderman Case with such as the Common Council may add to examine and report thereon.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein, and Messrs Surfe, Slade and Armington are added.

Appropriation for Ungraded Schools.

A Resolution, in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz: -

Resolved. That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to open for eight weeks, during the summer vacation, not to exceed four ungraded schools, and that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose, from the funds for the support of Public Schools.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Mayor's Message

Widening of College Street

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

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City of Providence, July 20. 1868

Gentlemen of the City Council.

When the report of the Commissioners under which the city council elected to

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Mayor's Message

Widening of  
College Street

widened College street, came up for confirmation in the Supreme Court. The following corporations viz: Brown University, the First Congregational Society, the Central Congregational Society and the Providence Athenaeum, severally objected to its confirmation because the Commissioners had deemed that the respective estates of these corporations would be benefited by the proposed widening and had assessed them accordingly.

The Court after hearing arguments thereon, referred the matter to a new board of Commissioners, who have made their Report, reducing the assessments upon these corporations to merely nominal sums, and making a loss to the City Treasury, if confirmed, of nearly three thousand dollars. Their report does not state the reason for this large reduction, but it is understood to have been made in consequence of the uses to which the estates in question are at present dedicated. If this be so, it is a principle of too much importance to the city to be quietly acquiesced in.

In law there can be no distinction between an individual and a corporation, and if the purpose for which the latter occupies its estate is to be considered in

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estimating the increased value to the property caused by the opening, straightening or widening of a highway, then the former is entitled to the same consideration.

The individual would receive but slight attention who should plead that his estate had been fitted for his residence; that it was to be used for no other purpose while he lived; that after his decease his heirs would continue to use it for a dwelling, and for such a purpose the improvement of the highway was of no value to it; yet his defence would be as valid as that of either of the corporations referred to.

The framers of the highway law intended that the estates to be benefited should be considered and not the owners, and that in making assessments the commissioners should judge of the location of the several estates with reference to a proposed improvement, without regard to the purposes for which they were used, or the parties who owned them.

If any other principle is to be admitted, the assessment law might as well be repealed at once, or we may have churches claiming damages because, by the opening of a highway, travel and business has

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Widening of College St.

been so increased in their vicinity as to render their locations unsuitable for the purposes for which they were purchased, and this claim would be as equitable as the one recently made before the Commissioners on College Street, and thus far successfully maintained.

In view, therefore, of the importance of the matter with reference to future action, I recommend that an appeal be taken by the City to a jury in each of the cases of these corporations.

In this connection I ask your consideration of the important questions involved in the two cases of Henry C. Clark against the City and the State against the City.

The first named case has been heard before a single judge and under his rulings a heavy verdict was returned for the Plaintiff. If the question at issue in this case was one of damages only I should not refer to it at this time, but instead of that the right of the City to construct sewers and to allow them to discharge into the harbor is involved, and a matter of such vast importance to our future welfare requires that the best legal talent should be secured by the City in order that when brought before the full bench proper arguments may be

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College Street.

presented, and if possible the rulings of the former trial be reversed.

The other case brought by the Attorney General in behalf of the State has reference to the title of the City to the lands flowed by tide water, and to the land redeemed by the City from tide water above Keybasset Bridge, and will come up at the next October term of the Supreme Court.

The importance of the issues in this case requires also that high legal talent should be secured by the City to defend its interests, and I therefore recommend that the Mayor may be authorized to employ such counsel to act with the City Solicitor in these cases, as he may deem necessary.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

City Solicitor  
to demand Jury  
Trial in matter of  
Widening College St.

Resolved. That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to demand a jury trial upon the assessments made by the second Board of Commissioners on the widening of College Street, upon Brown University, the First Congregational Society, the Central Congregational Society and the Providence Athenaeum.

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Mayor authorized  
to retain Counsel.

Resolved. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to retain such counsel to act with the City Solicitor for the City in the case of Henry C. Clark and the State against the City, as he may deem necessary.

Mayor's Message  
vetoing Resolu-  
tions for altering the  
Warren St. School.

93.

A communication from the Mayor, returning without approval the resolutions making appropriation for the Warren Street School House, which resolutions passed the Common Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last, is presented and read, as follows, viz:—

Mayor's Office

City of Providence, July 20. 1868

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

The resolutions providing for the alteration and enlargement of the Warren Street School House, in accordance with plans suggested by the Superintendent of Public Schools, and appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars therefor, which were passed by you on the twenty ninth ultimo, I have not approved.

The building proposed to be altered is of wood, one story in height, measuring about thirty three by sixty feet on the ground, containing one school room and is now in

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complete order.

The alterations contemplated by the resolutions under consideration may be thus stated, — to raise the building and place a story underneath eleven feet and six inches in height; to add twenty five feet to its length; to place a projection on each side three feet wide and seventeen feet long; to build two flights of stairs; to alter the positions of all the present windows, and to build clothes closets, chimney and ventilator flues.

The building when thus altered would be two stories high, contain four school rooms, and measure thirty three by sixty five feet on the ground.

It is the opinion of master builders, whom I have consulted, that these alterations could not be made for the sum appropriated, and although they might probably be completed for a less sum than the cost of a new building, the difference would be so slight, that the latter course would be the wisest policy.

I therefore return the resolutions in order that you may give the subject further consideration.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

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Appropriation  
for new School  
House on Warren St.

133.

A resolution in the words following is presented, read, and the consideration thereof postponed to the next meeting of the Common Council, viz:—

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to cause a School House to be erected and furnished, upon the City's lot on the corner of Warren and Fuller streets, in accordance with plans submitted to the Council this evening, — the cost of the same not to exceed the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), the same to be paid out of the appropriation for School Houses and Lots.

Tax Bill

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106.  
131.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the real and personal estate in the City of Providence," which passed the Common Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July inst., is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendments, viz:—

Section 1. Strike out the words "twelve hundred thousand", and substitute the words "one million".  
Strike out the words "twelve hundred and fifteen" and substitute the words "one million and twenty".

Section 3 & 4. Strike out the word "tenth" and substitute the word "twentieth".

Section 4. Strike out all after the word "payments".

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Amend the last clause in section 5, so as to read as follows, "at the rate of one per cent per month after the said first day of October."

Which amendments having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with the following amendments, viz:—

"In section 1. strike out the words "one million" and insert in lieu thereof the words "eleven hundred and fifty thousand"; and strike out the words "one million and twenty", and insert in lieu thereof the words "eleven hundred and sixty five thousand."

In section 4, insert after the word "payments" the words "We shall deduct from the respective sums assessed upon those who shall then pay their tax, the sum of three per cent. thereon."

In Section 5, amend the last clause so as to read as follows, "At the rate of six per cent. per annum after the expiration of the period aforesaid."

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July inst. was referred the amendment of the Board of Aldermen to the resolution passed on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last for the payment to the Town of Cranston of Fifty Thousand Dollars, report back said amendment and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; whereupon said Committee

Resolution to  
pay Cranston  
\$50,000

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are discharged, and said amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

Appropriation of  
\$60,000 to pay to  
Town of Cranston.

Resolved. That the sum of sixty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to the town of Cranston the sum of fifty thousand dollars as provided by the act entitled 'An Act annexing a portion of the town of Cranston to the City of Providence' and the debts of the several school districts in said portion annexed by said act, said payments to be made, whenever the said town of Cranston and the trustees of said school districts shall respectively execute to said City of Providence conveyances satisfactory to the City Solicitor of the town and school property located in said portion so annexed, as provided by said act, the amount paid for said school property to be first approved by the Mayor and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance.

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Assessors of  
Taxes authoriz-  
ed to employ  
assistance -  
Ninth Ward.

Resolved. That the Assessors of Taxes be and they are hereby authorized to employ such assistance as may be required in the assessment of taxes in the Ninth Ward, and that the expense thereof be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies upon the order of the Mayor, provided the sum expended therefor, shall not exceed Three Hundred Dollars.

College Street

Curbing &amp; paving.

71.

The Resolution for the curbing and paving of College Street, which passed the Common Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June last, is received from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendment (recommended by the Standing Committee on Highways) viz: - "Strike out all after the words 'Benefit street'."

Which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

E. Walcott.

Petition rela-  
tive to Sewer  
on Broad St.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July inst. was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Edward Walcott relative to Sewer at corner of Mathewson and Broad streets, make

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Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolution to fill sewer and to construct surface gutter on Broad St.

128.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee of the City Council on Railroads be, and he is hereby directed to cause the culvert or sewer under the Railroad at the corner of Broad and Mathewson streets to be filled up; also to construct a broad, shallow, surface gutter <sup>near as</sup> ~~as may~~ be in line with and in continuation of the gutter on the westerly side of Broad street, at the head of Mathewson street.

Fourth of July.

Report of Committee of arrangements

A report of the Committee on the Municipal Celebration of the Fourth of July is presented, read and received.

Removal of Flag Staff in Exchange Place

99.

The Standing Committee on City Property, who, by resolution passed on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July inst. were requested to report on the expediency of removing the flag staff in Exchange Place, make Report recommending the passage of the

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accompanying resolution; which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be directed to cause the flag staff on the Park to be removed about six hundred feet south and placed near the Bridge on Exchange Place.

Sale of Lot on Eddy St.

97.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a resolution to sell lot of Eddy street next south of Atlantic street, make Report, that it is inexpedient to sell said lot: which Report is received and said resolution is not passed.

Purchase of land for Reform School.

The Standing Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the request of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School for the purchase of additional land, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby

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authorized and instructed to purchase the tract of land adjoining the estate of the Reform School belonging to the heirs of Sarah B. Eaton, and also the tract belonging to Charles E. Paine, and also the small lot adjoining and formerly a part of the last named tract belonging to

provided that the whole cost of all said tracts shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and provided also that a title chart can be obtained satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Appropriation for purchase of Land for Reform School.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Reform School, for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution passed at this meeting for the purchase of land for the Reform School

Remission of Tax Kingsley T. Lewis.

97.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred the petition of Kingsley T. Lewis for remission of tax, make Report recommending

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

Resolved. That the tax on personal property assessed against Kingsley T. Lewis for the year 1867 amounting with the interest thereon to sixteen dollars and forty seven cents be and the same is hereby remitted, and that the Collector of Taxes be directed to charge the expense of advertising and levying upon the real estate of said Lewis, amounting to Two <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, to the City of Providence.

Ibid.

Isaac Chace.

105.

Said Committee to whom on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July inst. was referred the petition of Isaac Chace for remission of tax make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the sum of Five <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars assessed against Isaac Chace on personal property for the year 1867, be and the same is hereby remitted, said Chace being a non-resident.

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Ibid.

Robt Gardner.

Said Committee, to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Robert Gardner for remission of Tax, makes Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the sum of Thirty seven and  $\frac{6}{100}$  dollars, assessed against Robert Gardner for the year 1866, and that the expenses of collecting the same Ten and  $\frac{66}{100}$  dollars, together amounting to Forty eight and  $\frac{26}{100}$  dollars, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Geo. A. Brown

Claim vs. City.

97.

Said Committee to whom on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a claim of George A. Brown against the City, make Report, not recommending the payment of said claim; which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mary Flynn

Petition for damages  
Acorn St.

Said Committee to whom the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July inst. was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Mary Flynn for compensation for damages to her real estate on Acorn Street, make Report returning said

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petition without recommendation, but ask that the same may be placed on file; which Report is received, and it is ordered that said petition be placed on file.

Appropriation for  
Lamp Dept.

Resolved. That the sum of Sixty five hundred (650) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the "Lamp Department," in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated.

Removal of  
School Buildings  
on Federal St.

90.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a resolution instructing the Standing Committee on Education to remove the Federal Street School House, make Report recommending the passage of the within resolutions: which Report is received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to remove the Federal Street Intermediate School from its present location at the junction of Dean and Federal Streets, and place the same on the lot recently purchased by the city on

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Barker Street.

Resolved. That the sum of Five Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect, - the same to be paid out of the annual appropriation for Public Schools.

Moving Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the petitions of

Michael Slaven  
John P. Hazard  
Constantine Miner &  
Draper & Thomas

for leave to remove certain wooden buildings, make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

Meeting Street.

Widening &amp;c. of

332.

A petition of Thomas E. Steere and others for widening, curbing and repairing sidewalk on north side of Meeting Street between Benefit and Congdon Streets is presented, received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

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Brown Street

Extension of.

254.

A petition of Albert Bailey and others for the extension of Brown Street from Olive to Olney Streets is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

John Gainer

Remission of Tax.

166.

A petition of John Gainer for remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Adjourns

The Common Council adjourns to Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Members Present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barnaby, Persons, Sprague and Sweet 4.

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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

Mo. Report of  
City Treasurer.

The Monthly Report of the Deputy City Treasurer is presented, read and received.

Mo. Report of  
Surveyor of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented read and received.

Mo. Report of Chief  
Engineer of Fire Dept.

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

Mo. Report of  
Harbor Master.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

Estimate of Receipts  
and Expenditures.

A communication from the City Auditor transmitting an Estimate of the Receipts and Ex-

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penditures of the City for the financial year ending September 30. 1868, and for the year ending September 30. 1869, is presented, read and received in concurrence.

Resolution to fill  
sewer and con-  
struct surface  
gutter on Broad  
St. near Mathewson.

120.

The resolution, which passed the Common Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July last, for the construction of a surface gutter on the northern side of Broad street at the head of Mathewson street, is received from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "on Railroads", and substituting the words "on Highways": - which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Additional Ap-  
propriation for  
High School and  
for Federal St.  
School.

Resolved, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to expend not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred dollars in addition to the amount already appropriated, for repairs on the High School Building; also, that the School Committee be also authorized to expend not to exceed the

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sum of Five Hundred dollars, in addition to the amount already appropriated, for removing the Federal street school House and constructing a cellar under the same.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Barker Street  
Widening of.  
142.

A resolution, authorizing the Board of Aldermen to widen Barker street from Federal street to Atwells Avenue, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence, and is read and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:—

Res. of inquiry into expediency of paving Market Square.

218.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of paving Market Square east of Keyboaset bridge with the Nicholson or other similar pavement, and the probable cost thereof.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Report on

The Standing Committee on Highways pre-

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Highway work ordered by the City Council.

sent a Report of the work ordered by the City Council (not yet done), and the probable cost of the same: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received in concurrence.

Report on Expediency of Sewer in Thayer street.

Said Committee also present a Report upon the Expediency of building a sewer in Thayer street, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received in concurrence and the following resolution (having passed the Board of Aldermen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August inst.) is thereupon read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Sewer in Thayer St.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to report plans and specifications with the probable cost of a sewer in Thayer street from Keene street to Angell street, and through Angell street to Brook street, connecting with the Brook street sewer.

Do.

Said Committee thereupon make Report upon the cost of building a sewer in Thayer street, accompanied with a plan and specifications: which Report having been read, it

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is ordered that the same be received.

Surveyor of Highways  
to advertise for propo-  
sals for Sewer in  
Thayer Street.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals to construct a sewer in Thayer street, and to contract the same out to the lowest responsible bidder according to the plans and specifications herewith submitted.

Tax Bill.  
83  
92  
116.  
141.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence", which passed the Common Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July last, and which was passed in concurrence by the Board of Aldermen with amendments on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July last; and in which said amendments the Common Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July last concurred with amendments, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their non-concurrence in said amendments.

Whereupon the Common Council insist upon their amendments and ask for a committee

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of conference, and appoint Messrs Gallup, Hadden and Metcalf conferees on their part.

Communication  
from Depy City  
Treasurer.

A communication from the Deputy City Treasurer, asking for a loan of money, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Thereupon said committee make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

City Treasurer  
authorized to  
hire money.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance be and he is hereby authorized and directed to hire for the use of the City, from time to time, such sums of money not exceeding the sum of One hundred and fifty Thousand (\$150,000) dollars in all, as may be necessary to pay the indebtedness of the City falling due before the close of the present fiscal year, and to issue the notes of the City payable during the month of November 1868, countersigned by the Mayor and by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance.

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The following Resolution, postponed from the last meeting is read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to cause a School House to be erected and furnished, upon the City's lot on the corner of Warren and Fuller streets, in accordance with plans submitted to the Council this evening, - the cost of the same not to exceed the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.-) the same to be paid out of the appropriation for School Houses and Lots.

School House to be erected on Warren Street.

116.

Report on Increase in Police Force

82.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a communication of the Mayor relative to increase in the Police Force, make Report that they do not recommend any increase of the Police Force at present, but suggest whether the patrolling of the Ninth Ward may not be provided for by the re-districting of the whole city; which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

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Ordinance in relation to Police.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to Police'" (increasing the Force to one hundred and eighteen) is presented, read and laid on the table.

Ordinance in relation to Bonds of City Officers.

139.

A Bill, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Bonds of City Officers", is presented, read and passed.

Ordinance providing for payment of money due the City.

140.

A Bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the payment of money due to the City", is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Police Station on Knight st. to be repaired.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Police be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Police Station on Knight street to be repaired and cells for the detention of prisoners to be placed therein, the expense thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for Repairs of Public Buildings.

Resolved. That the sum of Two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

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Police Station  
on Wickenden St.  
to be repaired.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Police, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Police Station on Wickenden Street to be repaired, and cells for the detention of prisoners to be placed therein, the expense thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for Repairs on Public Buildings.

Resolved. That the sum of Twenty two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

Standing Com. to  
Engross Ordinances  
requested to report  
on Standing Rules.

71.  
141

Resolved. That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to report at the next meeting of this body upon the resolutions in relation to the Standing rules of the City Council, referred to them on the first Monday of June last.

Gates in Cove Dam.

90.  
139.  
154.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department relative to the gates in the Cove Dam, report by resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution reported by

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said committee is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to stop the flow of water through the opening in the Cove Dam formerly closed by tide gates, in such manner as their judgment may dictate; provided the cost of the work shall not exceed the sum of Two hundred dollars - to be paid out of Appropriation for the Fire Department.

Moving Buildings.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August inst. were referred, by the Board of Aldermen, the petitions of

Dexter H. Leach,

Mary S. Fenner, and

Edmund Cole

for leave to move certain wooden buildings, make Reports recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom

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B.B. Dyer.  
Gate in Park on  
Benefit Street.

85.

on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a petition of B. B. Dyer with reference to gate in Park at the foot of Benefit street, make Report recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon said petitioner has leave to withdraw.

Gilmore Street.

Petition of N.W. Parker to whom

97.

on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred a petition of Nathan W. Parker and others for the reception of Gilmore street, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Petitions of

E.P. Knowles,  
Sixton St.  
257.

Edward P. Knowles, relative to Six-

ton Street, of

Jas. Y. Smith et al.  
M. W. Gardner Case

James Y. Smith and others for set-

tlement of suit as sureties for M. W. Gardner, of

Geo. W. Hazard,  
188.

George W. Hazard, and

Owen Bartley,  
117.

Owen Bartley

for remission of tax,

are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

E. Walcott et al

Nuisance on Broad St.

140.

A petition of Edward Walcott and others relative to the driving of cattle and logs through

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Broad street, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Petitions of

Abram Bliss et al. for grading of

Thurber's Avenue (9<sup>th</sup> Ward), and of

N. H. Wilbur for drainage on

Pitman street

Thurber's Av.  
386.

Pitman St.  
219.

are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Brown and Tobey. 2.

M. Addeman,  
Clerk.

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

Pres. pro tem. The President being absent, Mr Calder is elected President pro tem.

Gates in Cove Dam. 135. The resolution relative to closing the gates in the Cove Dam, which passed at the last meeting of the Common Council is sent down from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment adding in the second line after the word "Department," the words "under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department."

Which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Ordinance in relation  
to Bonds of City Officers  
134.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Bonds of City Officers," which was passed at the last meeting of the Common Council, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment as follows: Amend the 6<sup>th</sup> Section

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as to read as follows: "All the bonds herein required shall be kept in the custody of the Mayor for the time being."

Which amendment having been read it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Ordinance pro-  
hibiting driving  
Cattle in Streets,  
137

The Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances, to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August inst. was referred the petition of E. Walcott et al relative to the driving of cattle through Broad Street, make Report recommending the passage of a draft Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the driving of cattle in the streets of the City of Providence", which Report is received, and thereupon said Ordinance is ~~thereupon~~ read and passed.

Ordinance pro-  
viding for the  
payment of  
money due City  
134.

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August inst. was referred a draft Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the payment of money due to the City"; make Report recommending the passage of the same; which Report is received, and said Ordinance is thereupon read and passed.

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Tax Bill.

131.

The Tax Bill, wherein the Board of Aldermen on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of August inst., refused to concur in the amendments of the Common Council, and wherein the Common Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August inst., insisted upon their amendments and asked for a committee of conference, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their agreement to the Conference, and their appointment of Aldermen Coggeshall and Burlington conferees on their part.

Said Committee of Conference now make Report recommending the passage of a Substitute, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence," which Report is received, and thereupon said Ordinance is read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules and Standing Committees of the City Council.

135.

135.

The Standing Committee to Engrass Ordinances, in accordance with the resolution of instructions passed at the last meeting of the Common Council, report a Bill entitled An Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules and Standing Committees of the City

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Council"; which Report is received, and said Bill is read; whereupon it is ordered that the same lie on the table and that the usual number of copies thereof be printed for the use of the City Council.

Gift of Jas. Wheaton.

153.

A draft resolution entitled "Resolution accepting gift of James Wheaton to North Burial Ground Fund," is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on the North Burying Ground.

Pitman St.

219.

A petition of Samuel B. Bullock et al., relative to curbing and paving of Pitman Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Barker Street

Widening of.

129.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting of the Common Council was referred a resolution from the Board of Aldermen authorizing said Board to widen Barker Street from Federal Street to Atwell's Avenue, make Report recommending the passage of the same in concurrence; which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to widen

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Barker street nine feet on the westerly side thereof, from Federal street to Atwell's Avenue, the same to be done under the old Highway Act.

Ordinance in relation to Police.  
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134.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to Police'" which at the last meeting of the Common Council was read and laid on the table, is now taken from the table and read; whereupon it is moved to fill the blank therein with the word "eighteen", upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows; viz:

Ayes. Messrs Aldrich, Armington, Brown, Carpenter, Daboll, Gallup, Gladding, Harris, Place, Rounds, C. S. Smith, F. M. Smith, Tobey and White 14

Nays. Messrs Calder, Cook, Durfee, Eddy, Hidden, Jencks, Johnson, Metcalf, Persons, Phillips, Slade, J. L. Snow, J. T. Snow, Sprague and Sweet. 15

Said motion is therefore lost.

Thereupon it is moved to fill said blank with the word "thirteen", upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays as follows:

Ayes. Messrs Aldrich, Brown, Calder, Car-

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penter, Cook, Daboll, Durfee, Eddy, Gladding, Harris, Hidden, Jencks, Johnson, Persons, Phillips, Place, Rounds, C. S. Smith, J. T. Snow, Sprague, Sweet, Tobey, White. 23

Nays. Messrs Armington, Gallup, Metcalf, Slade, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow. 6

Said amendment is therefore passed. Said Ordinance as amended is thereupon read and passed.

Ordinance in relation to road on buildings

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of 'An Ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings'" is read and indefinitely postponed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 7<sup>th</sup> o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs President, Barnaby, Harrington, Maman, Rice and Shaw. 6

M. A. Addey,  
Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant.

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations.  
The City of Providence &c.

To the City Messenger or either of the Constables of said City:

Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment the good of the City requires that the City Council of said City shall meet at an earlier day than that to which the Aldermen and Common Council stand adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded and required to summon the members of said City Council to meet in the chamber of the Common Council on Monday the twenty fourth day of August A. D. 1868 at 8 o'clock P.M., then and there to transact such business as may legally come before them.

Heretofore fail not, and make true return of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my hand and the seal of said City this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August A. D. 1868  
Thos. A. Doyle, Mayor

August 24. 1868.

Certificate of City Messenger.

City of Providence, August 24. A. D. 1868

I hereby certify that I have summoned all the members of the City Council of said City (with the exception of Messrs. Loggesshall, Fisk and Rice who are absent from the City) by reading the within warrant in their presence and hearing.

Edward J. Rhodus  
City Messenger.

Quorum present

Pursuant to the requisition contained in the foregoing warrant, the Common Council are assembled, - a quorum present.

President and Clerk pro tem.

The President and the clerk being absent Mr. Calder is elected President *pro tem*, and Charles C. Gorman, clerk *pro tem*.

Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the purpose of receiving a message from the Mayor, for the election of City Treasurer, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

Do. accepted.

The foregoing invitation having been accepted the two Boards join in convention of the City Council.

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Mayor's Message.

Death of Jno. C. Peckham,  
City Treasurer.

The following message is read by the Mayor.

Mayor's Office

Providence, August 24. 1868

Gentlemen of the City Council.

I have convened you at this time for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of City Treasurer, occasioned by the death on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. of Joseph C. Peckham, who for nearly six years has filled that position.

I cannot permit the decease of this officer, to pass without bearing testimony to the fidelity with which he has performed the various duties of his office. From the time of my election, in 1864, to the office I now hold, I have been a daily witness of his devotion to duty. As those familiar with the increase of the labors of his department from year to year saw his determination to perform whatever was assigned to his office, they felt that it was but a question of time when his bodily health must give way unless assistance was furnished to him; and although this was repeatedly urged upon him, it was not until July 1867, that he would consent that such assistance should be asked for.

So desirous was he to do all that belonged to

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his office, that it was with difficulty he could be persuaded during the summer of last year to take a few days rest; although he acknowledged its necessity, he felt that he was transferring even for a little while labor which he had engaged to perform, and his own needs must give way to duty. With this same feeling he for a great portion of the present year, devoted some twelve hours per day to the service of the city, and continued to labor even after he was too weak to walk to and from his office.

In June last he was compelled to remain at home, and for more than two months he has been confined to a bed of suffering, bearing submissively the dispensation, and until the election of a deputy treasurer, supervising the business of the office, as performed by the City Auditor.

A short time since, feeling that his end was drawing near, he requested the latter officer to examine his accounts, in order that if anything needed explanation he might be able to make it; but no explanation was needed; the accounts of so faithful a steward were readily adjusted and nothing more remained for him but to await his Heavenly Father's will. In his last hours while under the influence of anodynes, his wandering mind

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returned to the duties of his office, and once more he was the faithful servant at his post.

It is not for me to speak of him in any other than his official capacity. In that position he will be missed by the many who regularly transact business with the department, and the city has lost one who will long be mourned for his excellent traits of character.

Of Joseph C. Peckham it may be said with truth, that an honest man has passed from earth.

Thos. A. Doyle, Mayor.

Resolutions on  
Death of Jos. C. Peckham.

Whereas, on the twentieth day of August, instant, Mr. Joseph C. Peckham, the estimable City Treasurer of the City of Providence, was called to take his departure from this mortal life - it is therefore

Resolved, That the members of both branches of the City Council, do hereby express their estimation of the faithfulness with which Mr. Peckham, for nearly six years past, has fulfilled the duties of his responsible and important office and for the many excellent qualities which adorned the personal character of their fellow citizen.

Resolved, That the City Council respectfully tender the assurance of their sympathy to the family of the deceased in their bereave-

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ment, and that the Mayor be requested to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions.

Benj. Tripp  
elected City  
Treasurer.

Benjamin Tripp is elected City Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph C. Peckham.

Sundry civil officers are elected and the two boards separate.

Thayer Street  
Sever.

Resolutions in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down for concurrence and are read, viz: -

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to cause plans and estimates to be made by an Engineer who is skilled in the subject of sewerage for a brick sewer of egg shape to be built in Thayer street from Angell to Keene streets of proper size to drain the territory required to be drained by a sewer in that street.

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to ad-

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notice for proposals for the building by Contract of the sewer referred to in the above resolution, and upon the coming in of said proposals to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the building and completion of said sewer with the necessary manholes and traps, provided that the faithful performance of said Contract shall be secured by satisfactory bonds.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Tax Bill.  
Laid on Table -

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence," having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be laid upon the table.

Water Committee  
excused from attendance -

Resolved. That the Committee on the introduction of pure water be excused from further attendance at this meeting of the Common Council.

Com. to examine books &c  
of late City Treasurer.

155.

Resolved. That Messrs J. Lippitt Snow, Sweet, Persons and Sprague, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and

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they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the late City Treasurer with the City of Providence, and to transfer all books and papers, together with all monies standing to his debit on said books to his successor in said office.

(Concurred, and Ald. Knight added)  
(Approved)Res. to pay Salary  
to widow of late  
City Treasurer.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the widow of our late City Treasurer Joseph C. Peckham, the full amount of the salary for the quarter ending on the first day of September next.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)Appropriation for  
Fire Department.

Resolved. That the sum of two thousand and dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

(Concurred)  
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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Gift of Jas. Wheaton to North Burial Ground Fund, - accepted.

142.

The Standing Committee on the North Burying Ground, to whom on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August inst. was referred a draft resolution accepting gift of James Wheaton to North Burial Ground Fund, make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved. That the gift of James Wheaton of the sum of eighty dollars to the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of Chapter 367 of the Revised Statutes, to the preservation and care of the burial lot of said Wheaton in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Gates in Benefit St Park.

A petition of B. B. Dyer for gates in the Benefit Street Park is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Moving Buildings.

A petition of Maria G. Bowers for permission

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Maria G. Bowers. 168.

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Resolution to close Gate in the Cove Dam.

135

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Do. Veto Message of Mayor.

Mayor's Office

Providence, August 24. 1868.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

The resolution authorizing and directing the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department of the City Council "to stop the flow of water through the opening in the cove dam formerly closed by tide gates in such manner as their judgment may dictate," which passed your body on the tenth instant I return without approval.

Under the resolution a committee of the city council would be authorized to direct the Board of Engineers to permanently

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close the opening in the core dam which was made for the passage of scows or suitable boats at all times of the tide; and this is the authority the Board desired to obtain as I am informed.

I object to the passage of the resolution because in my judgment there is no power vested in the City Council to erect a dam across the tide waters above Weybosset bridge without providing a passage through that dam for such craft as may be able to pass under that bridge. I am confirmed in the judgment I have formed by the opinion of the City Solicitor whom I have consulted upon the subject.

The present dam was intended to supply the fire wells on Exchange Place with water, and was constructed under a resolution of the City Council passed April 8. 1850, which also provided that "proper draws or flood gates" should be placed in the dam.

If the dam does not at the present time answer the purpose for which it was erected in consequence of the want of proper gates to retain the water, let the Board of Engineers be authorized to place suitable gates there, but I trust the City Council will not order work to be done which clearly they have no

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legal authority to do.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Said resolution is thereupon referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Tax Bill.

The Committee of conference on the subject of the Tax Ordinance make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying Ordinance: which Report is received and a Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a Tax upon the Real and Personal Estate in the City of Providence" is thereupon read and passed.

(Am. concurred.)

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 1868, at 7<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock P.M.

Present - all the members except Messrs President, Brown, Cook, Eddy, Fisk, (Maurau,) Persons, Rice and Sprague.

Charles E. Gorman  
Clerk pro tem.

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Common Council, September 14. 1868.

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

Mo. Report. The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer  
City Treasurer. is presented, read and received.

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

Mo. Report. The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of High-  
Surveyor of Highways. ways is presented, read and received.

Mo. Report. The Monthly Report of the Harbor-Master  
Harbor-Master. is presented, read and received.

Com. from Pres<sup>t</sup> of School Committee on new Grammar School for 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards. A communication from the President of the School Committee, in the words following, is presented and read, viz: -

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Do.

Providence Septem. 12. 1868

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence.

Appointment of Sub-Committee

In February last the School Committee appointed a sub-committee to procure plans and estimates for a grammar school building for the accommodation of the children of the fourth and seventh wards. The sub-committee after an examination of the plans of school buildings recently erected in other cities at greater cost than the new building on Charles Field street decided that the interior arrangements of the last were superior to either of the others and they therefore advertised for plans and estimates for a building arranged like that.

Selection of Designs.

In accordance with their request several architects presented designs, and the sub-committee accepted the one furnished by Mr. E. L. Howland who was a pupil in our High School, and directed him to prepare the estimates for his plan, which he did and reported that the sum of eighty nine thousand three hundred and eighty dollars would be required to erect and furnish the building complete including fences and out buildings.

The sub-committee also decided to select

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Selection of Name.

a name to designate the building, believing that the system adopted in many other cities and inaugurated by the City Council of this city at the erection of the Bridgman School House should be continued, especially as the proposed structure will be located at the intersection of five streets.

To be called the

"Hughes School."

After a careful consideration of the matter the sub-committee concluded to recommend that the building should be called the "Hughes School" in remembrance of the valuable services rendered by the late John L. Hughes in the cause of free education while a member of the Common Council from the fourth ward, and to whose persistent efforts the city is mainly indebted for the present well arranged system of public education.

The sub-committee having finished the duty assigned to them, presented their report at a special meeting of the School Committee called for the purpose of taking action thereon. At this meeting the plans reported and the name of the school were unanimously adopted, and the undersigned was directed to request your honorable body to appropriate a sum sufficient to erect the proposed building.

In obedience to the vote of the School

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committee I have the honor to submit herewith the plans adopted by them, and I respectfully request that your honorable body will authorize the erection of a building and appropriate the amount necessary to complete the same in all respects as approved by the School Committee.

I am also instructed to inform your honorable body that by the erection of the Hughes School building, the large and valuable estate on Fountain Street now used for school purposes will be no longer needed and in the opinion of the School Committee the school building on Sabin Street should be removed to some other and less noisy locality, which will enable your honorable body to dispose of that estate also in connection with the former. And I therefore request that a more suitable lot of land be purchased for the Sabin Street School and the house be removed there at once.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas A. Doyle

President of the School  
Committee.

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Above Commu-  
nication referred  
to St. Com. on  
Education.

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Resolved. That the communication of this date from the President of the School Committee asking for an appropriation for the erection of a grammar school house for the accommodation of the children of the fourth and seventh wards, together with the plans accompanying the same, be and they are hereby referred to the Standing Committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

Tax Bill.

172.

A bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the City of Providence" is presented by Mr. C. S. Smith and read: (said bill providing for the assessment of a tax of not less than \$1,050,000 nor more than \$1,070,000) thereupon a substitute for said bill with the same title (and providing for a tax of not less than \$1,100,000 nor more than \$1,115,000) is presented by Mr. Hidden and read.

Upon the adoption of said substitute as an amendment to the original bill the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs President, Aldrich, Armington, Brown, Calder, Cook, Daboll, Durfee, Eddy, Fisk, Gallup, Gladding, Harrington, Harris, Hidden,

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Johnson, Mauran, Phillips, Plau, Rice, Rounds, Shaw, Wade, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow, J. T. Snow, Sprague and Tobey. 28.

Nays. Messrs Barnaby, C. S. Smith, Sweet and White. 14.

Said amendment is therefore adopted, and the original bill as amended is thereupon read and passed.

Communica-  
tion from Col-  
lector of Taxes.

A communication from the Collector of Taxes requesting the appointment of a committee with necessary power for a final settlement of his accounts is presented, read and received.

Committee to  
settle accounts  
of Collector of  
Taxes.

Resolved. That Messrs Hidden, Sweet and Daboll with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be appointed a committee to audit and settle all unadjusted accounts with the Collector of Taxes, whose term of office expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> instant.

(Non-concurred)

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Resolution for purchase of Horse, Cart and Harness for Highway Dept.

The following resolution, recommended by the Standing Committee on Highways, is read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to purchase for the use of the Highway Department one Horse and Cart and one single Harness, at a cost not exceeding the sum of six hundred dollars, to be paid out of the annual appropriation for Highways.

Com. from City Auditor asking appropriations

A communication from the City Auditor requesting additional appropriations for "Health Department" and "Assessors Plats and Street Lines", is presented, read and received.

Appropriation for Health Department.

Resolved. That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the "Health Department."

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Appropriation for Plats and Street Lines.

Resolved. That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for "Correcting Assessors's Plats & defining Street Lines."

Report on Transfer of Cranston paupers.

90.

The Committee to whom was referred the investigation of facts relative to the transfer of Paupers from the town of Cranston to this city—make Report; which Report is received and the following resolution recommended by said Committee is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Do. Resolution transferring fifteen paupers.

Resolved. That the Overseer of the Poor, be and he is hereby directed to receive from the town of Cranston under the Report of the Commissioners appointed to arrange for the annexation of a portion of said town to this city, fifteen paupers, to be treated and disposed of in the manner provided by law. And he is further directed to appeal from any order that may be passed by the Town Council of the Town of Cranston, ordering any paupers now in said town, to be chargeable to the City of Providence.

(Un-concurred)

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Report of Committee to transfer books &c. of late City Treas.  
157.

The Committee appointed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August last to transfer books, papers &c. of the late City Treasurer, make Report that they have attended to the duty assigned them; which Report is received and thereupon said Committee is discharged.

Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules, &c. referred to Special Committee.

141.

156.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules and Standing Committees of the City Council," which on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August last was reported by the Standing Committee to Engrave Ordinances and laid on the table, is taken from the table; and thereupon the following resolution is presented, read and passed, viz:—

Resolved That the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules and Standing Committees of the City Council," reported to the Common Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August last, be and the same is hereby referred to a special committee consisting of the President and Messrs Tobey, Stiddon and Carpenter, of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

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John Gainer.

Tax Remitted.

126.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July last was referred the petition of John Gainer for remission of tax, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to John Gainer the sum of eleven  $\frac{7}{100}$  dollars, being the amount of personal property tax paid by him for the year 1867 as said Gainer was a non-resident at the time of assessing said tax.

Henry J. Angell.

Tax refunded.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. an account against the city of Henry J. Angell, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Henry J. Angell the sum of fourteen  $\frac{25}{100}$  dollars, being

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to transfer books  
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September 14. 1868.

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186.

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Resolved. That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to John Gainer the sum of eleven  $\frac{17}{100}$  dollars, being the amount of personal property tax paid by him for the year 1867 as said Gainer was a non-resident at the time of assessing said Tax.

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The amount of tax paid on land purchased of said Angell in 1866 and taxed to him in 1867 by the Town of North Providence.

Owen Bartley

Remission of Tax.

137.

Said Committee to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last was referred the petition of Owen Bartley for refunding of Tax, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon said petitioner has leave to withdraw.

Culvert on Acorn St.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed, under the advice of the Committee on Highways, to construct a culvert under Pottis Avenue in Acorn street, - the whole to be done at a cost not exceeding the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid for out of the annual appropriation for Highways.

Work on Acorn street to cease.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cancel all work hitherto ordered to be done

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on Acorn street to cease.

Moving Buildings.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred petitions of

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Maria S. Bowers

Charles W. Holbrook

John Bligh

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make Report recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

Ordinance in relation to streets and highways.

151.

A bill, entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to streets and highways,'" is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

Petition of Jacob Symonds and Wm. Corlies for Deed.

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250.

On the petition of Jacob Symonds & William Corlies for Deed from the City of part of the Randall farm, wherein said

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petitioners, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May last, had leave to withdraw, the vote giving said petitioners leave to withdraw, <sup>is reconsidered</sup> and said petition is recommitted to the Standing Committee on Claims to examine and report thereon.

Meetings of Council.

A Resolution fixing the time of meeting of the Common Council is presented, read and rejected.

Petition to Cut off side-walks on Broadway. 23.

A petition <sup>of Benj. Hoppin et al.</sup> to cut off the sidewalks on Broadway is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Claims against City.

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Claims of

George T. Spicer  
Albert G. Sprague, and  
Charles E. Paine

for services as Street Commissioners; and of Charles E. Paine, as clerk of Board of Street Commissioners; and for services rendered to said Board, are presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Bureau of Supplies.

A draft resolution directing the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances to report an Ordinance establishing a Bureau of Supplies, the same to be under the direction of a competent Engineer, is presented, read and referred

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to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances.

Alleged Abuses at Reform School.

A draft resolution of inquiry into alleged abuses at the Reform School is presented, read and subsequently withdrawn.

The Common Council adjourn to Friday September 18. 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Mitealy and Persons. 2.

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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

Mr. Hidden  
President pro tem.

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

Message from Mayor.

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

Communication from

Treasurer of Town of Cranston. - Payment of interest on money due said Town for annexation of 9<sup>th</sup> Ward.

"Mayor's Office  
Providence Sept. 16 1868.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

I have received from Amasa Sprague, Esq. Treasurer of the Town of Cranston a communication relative to the non-payment by the city of interest upon the sum due to said town on the first day of July last, under the act annexing a portion of said town to this city.

The communication from Mr. Sprague I forward herewith and suggest that prompt action be taken thereon.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor."

It.

Ref. In St. Com. on Finance.

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Said communication of Amasa Sprague, Treasurer, having been read, the following resolution, having passed the Board of Aldermen,

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is presented and read, viz:-

Resolved. That the Message from the Mayor with the communication from the Treasurer of the Town of Cranston, claiming interest on the money paid said Town on the annexation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, be received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Tax Bill.

161.

177.

The Bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence", which passed the Common Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendments, viz:

"Strike out the words 'eleven hundred thousand dollars'; and substitute the words 'ten hundred and fifty thousand dollars'.

"Strike out the words 'eleven hundred and fifteen thousand dollars'; and substitute the words 'ten hundred and seventy thousand dollars'."

Which amendments having been read it is moved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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Upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:-

Nays. Nays. Messrs Hiddin, Aldrich, Armington, Brown, Calder, Cook, Daboll, Durfee, Eddy, Fisk, Gallup, Gladding, Harrington, Harris, Jencks, Johnson, Mauran, Metcalf, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rounds, Shaw, Stade, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow, J. T. Snow, Sprague, Tobey. 29 Nays.

Ayes. Ayes. Messrs C. S. Smith, Sweet and White. 3 Ayes.

The Common Council, therefore, do not concur in said amendments.

The following resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Finance be hereby instructed to examine the accounts of the Collector of Taxes and, if found correct, audit the same, and to receive from him all books, papers and property belonging to the city in his hands.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

The Standing Committee on Education to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred the communi-

Com. to examine accounts of Collector of Taxes.

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Grammar School for 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wards

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cation of the President of the School Committee relative to a new Grammar-School House for the accommodation of children in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> wards make Report: which Report is received, and the following resolution recommended by said committee is thereupon read, and the further consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting of the Council, viz:-

Resolved. That Messrs and such as the Board of Aldermen may add to and they are hereby authorized and instructed to cause a school building to be erected and furnished upon the city's lot at the junction of Federal and Deau streets, the same to be in accordance with the plans furnished by Mr Howland and presented to the Council this evening.

Resolved. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect.

Res. of Adjournment.

Resolved. That when the Common Council adjourns this day, it adjourn to meet on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September inst. at 7 1/2 p.m.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred by the Board of

James C. Guff. Aldermen a petition of James C. Guff for permis-  
 sion to remove a certain wooden building make  
 Report recommending that the prayer thereof be  
 granted: which Report is received and a res-  
 olution in accordance therewith is thereupon  
 read and passed.

Gates in Cove Dam to be replaced.  
Resolved. That the Board of Engineers  
 of the Fire Department acting under advice of the  
 Standing Committee on the Fire Department be,  
 and they hereby are authorized to replace the  
 Gates in the "Cove Dam", provided the cost of  
 said work shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Petition of Hez. Anthony  
 Pump on Broad St.  
 The Standing Committee on the Fire de-  
 partment to whom was referred by the Board  
 of Aldermen a petition of Hezekiah Anthony,  
 requesting that the Pump on Broad Street be not  
 placed in front of his residence, make Report and  
 recommend that the petitioner have leave to with-  
 draw: which Report is received and thereupon it  
 is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

City Treas. to hire money.  
 A draft resolution authorizing the City  
 Treasurer to borrow a sum of money, not exceed-

ing in all the sum of Three Hundred and  
 twenty thousand Dollars, is presented, read  
 and referred to the Standing Committee on  
 Finance.

Abuses in Re-  
form School.

A draft resolution for the appointment of  
 a committee of inquiry into "the alleged  
 abuses at the Providence Reform School" is  
 presented, read and laid on the table.

Friendship St.

181.

A draft resolution requesting the Board  
 of Aldermen to receive Friendship Street from  
 Dorance Street to Orange Street and to declare  
 the same a public highway, is presented,  
 read and referred to the Standing Com-  
 mittee on Highways.

Moving Building.

Geo. A. Cooke.

196.

A petition of George A. Cooke for leave  
 to move a certain wooden building is presented,  
 received and referred to the Standing Com-  
 mittee on the Fire Department.

Broadway to be  
graded. - Rails  
of Union R.R. Co.  
231.

A petition of Fred. M. Ballou et al. to lower  
 the rails of the Union R. R. Co. on Broadway and to  
 properly grade said street is presented, received  
 and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

Pursuant to the resolution this day passed  
 the Common Council adjourn to Monday,

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September 21<sup>st</sup> 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except the President, and Messrs Barnaby and Persons. 3

A. Addiman  
Clerk.

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

Tax Bill.

172.

The Bill entitled the Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the City of Providence, which passed the Common Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. and in which the Board of Aldermen on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. concurred with certain amendments, in which amendments the Common Council refused on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. to concur, is returned from the Board of Aldermen who recede from their amendment and concur with the Council in the passage of the Ordinance.

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Do.

Veto Message of the Mayor.

A message from the Mayor returning said Ordinance to the Common Council without his approval is presented and read.

Do.

Passage of the Bill over the Veto.

Thereupon it is moved to pass said Ordinance, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:-

Ayes - Messrs President, Aldrich, Arrington, Brown, Calder, Carpenter, Cook, Daboll, Durfee, Eddy, Fisk, Gallup, Gladding, Harrington, Harris, Hidden, Sencles, Johnson, Mauran, Metcalf, Persons, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rounds, Shaw, Slade, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow, J. T. Snow, Sprague Totey and White 33.

Nays - Messrs Barnaby, C. S. Smith and Sweet 3.

More than three fifths, therefore, of the members of the Common Council, voting in favor of said Ordinance, the same is passed the objections of the Mayor thereto, notwithstanding.

Grammar School for 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wards. 183.

Resolved. That the City Council approve and adopt the plans for a School House furnished by Mr. C. L. Howland, and unan-

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imously adopted by the School Committee, excepting the name of said School House, and that they elect to erect a building upon the City's lot at the junction of Federal and Dean Streets in accordance with said plans; provided that the cost of building and furnishing the same for school purposes shall not exceed the sum of ninety thousand dollars.

Resolved that Messrs Armington, Micals, Hadden, Calder and J. T. Snow, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add to and they are hereby constituted a building committee to carry out the above resolution with instructions to advertise for proposals for the erection of said building, and to contract with the lowest responsible bidders for the same within the above specified sum - and in case no such bids shall be received to report the same to this Council.

Resolved. That the sum of Ninety thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the aforesaid resolutions.

Resolved. That when the Common Council adjourns this day, it adjourn to meet on Mon-

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day next at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Thayer street  
curbing & paving of.

A petition of John D. Jones et al. for grading and curbing Thayer street from Charles Field to Power streets is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Thereupon said committee report the following resolution which is read and passed, viz:-  
Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is (acting under the direction of the Committee on Highways), instructed to set curb and pave gutters between Charles Field street and Power street in Thayer Street, forthwith.

Oliver Street  
to be curbed & paved.

Said Committee also report the following resolution which is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the direction of the Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Oliver street in front of N. L. Brownells Lane, forthwith.

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Friendship street  
from Dorrance to Orange  
Sts. to be received.

176.

Said Committee to whom on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, inst., was referred a draft resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Friendship street from Dorrance to Orange Streets, make Report recommending the passage of said resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Friendship street from Dorrance street to Orange street and to declare the same a public highway.

Ordinance in relation  
to streets & highways.

168.

Said Committee to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September inst., was referred a Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance in relation to streets and highways';" make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received, and thereupon said bill is laid on the table.

Camp Street.

A petition of H. C. Bushnell et al<sup>s</sup> for paving and curbing of Camp street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

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Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn to Monday September 28. 1868 at 7<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock p.m.

Present — all the members.

J. M. Addemaun  
Clerk.

Common Council — September 28. 1868.

The Common Council met pursuant to adj

Quorum present, ournumt, — a quorum present.

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:—

Resolution or-  
dering rails to be  
removed from  
South Main St.

Resolved. That the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company be and they are hereby directed to remove forthwith the rails laid by them in South Main street, formerly used for the passage of freight cars, and to put said street in good order, satisfactory to the Surveyor of Highways.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Resolutions in the words following, having

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passed the Board of Aldermen, are sent down for concurrence, and are read, viz:-

Resolutions to  
pay for Grade  
of Acorn Street.

259.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they hereby are authorized to settle with Mary Flynn for damages done to her in the making of Acorn Street, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

Resolved. That the sum of one thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated to defray the expenses of the change of grade on Acorn Street as ordered by the Board of Aldermen, Sept. 28. 1868.

Resolved. That the foregoing monies be paid from the appropriations for the Highways.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Resolutions for  
erection of Grammar  
School Building for  
4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards

178.

193.

The Resolutions for the erection of a Grammar School Building for the Fourth and Seventh Wards, which passed the Common Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September inst., are returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendments, viz:-

"Strike out in the first resolution all after the words 'said plans'"

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"Strike out in the second resolution all after the words 'building committee', and substitute the words following:-

"to cause the cellar to be excavated and the foundation for said building to be erected forthwith, with instructions to report as soon as practicable full working drawings and specifications for the said building, furniture, out-buildings and fences."

"Strike out in the third resolution the word 'ninty' and substitute the word 'eight'."

"Aldermen Burrington and Brayton with Messrs Seth Padelford and Henry J. Angell, Executive Committee of the School Committee, added."

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with an amendment striking out the words "with Messrs Seth Padelford and Henry J. Angell, Executive Committee of the School Committee."

Payment of  
Interest to  
Town of Cranston,

171.

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. the message of the Mayor relative to the claim of the Town of Cranston for interest on money due said Town, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution:

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which Report is received, and thereupon the following resolution is read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to pay to the Town of Braunston in addition to the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars heretofore ordered, interest thereon from July 15. 1868, at the rate of four per cent per annum.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Claim of Gen. T. Spicer  
for services as Street  
Commissioner.

164.

The Standing Committee on Claims, to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. was referred a claim of George T. Spicer for services as Street Commissioner; make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to George T. Spicer the sum of Thirty three dollars, the same being in full for his bill for services as Street Commissioner from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> 1868.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Albert G. Sprague. was referred a similar claim of Albert G. Sprague,  
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companying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Albert G. Sprague the sum of Thirty three dollars, the same being in full for his bill of services as Street Commissioner from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> 1868.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Chas. E. Paine.

169.

Said Committee to whom on the same date were referred claims of Charles E. Paine for services as Street Commissioner, as Clerk of Board of Street Commissioners, and for services rendered Board of Street Commissioners in surveying &c. make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Reports are received, and the following resolutions are thereupon severally read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles E. Paine the sum of Thirty three dollars, the same being in full for his bill of services as Street Commissioner from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> 1868.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer is hereby

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directed to pay to Charles E. Paine, the sum of Twenty five dollars, the same being in full for services rendered by him as clerk of the Board of Street Commissioners.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ibid.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles E. Paine the sum of Forty nine <sup>57</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, being in full for his bill of services rendered the Street Commissioners, which is transmitted herewith.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said Committee to whom on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of August last was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of John Clarke for remission of fine; and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last a petition of George W. Hazard for remission of tax; make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

John Clarke

Remission of Fine

Geo. W. Hazard

Remission of Tax

Ordinance establishing certain joint Rules & Standing Committees.

115.  
207.

The Joint Special Committee to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. was referred the bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules and Standing Committees of

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the City Council," make Report recommending the passage of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees"; which Report is received, and said Bill is thereupon read and passed.

Ordinance providing for Committee on Accounts &c.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a Committee on Accounts and presenting their duties," is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to Accounts &c of the City.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance in relation to the Accounts, Expenditures and Finances of the City," is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance for collection of bills &c due the city.

206.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the collection of bills and accounts due the city and left at the office of the City Treasurer," is presented, read and passed.

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directed to pay to Charles E. Paine, the sum of Twenty five dollars, the same being in full for services rendered by him as Clerk of the Board of Street Commissioners.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ibid.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles E. Paine the sum of Forty nine <sup>54</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, being in full for his bill of services rendered the Street Commissioners, which is transmitted herewith.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Said Committee to whom on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of August last was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of John Clarke for remission of fine; and on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last a petition of George W. Haszard for remission of tax; make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

John Clarke

Remission of Fine

Geo. W. Haszard  
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Remission of Tax

Ordinance establish-  
ing certain joint  
Rules & Standing  
Committees.

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207.

The Joint Special Committee to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September inst. was referred the bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Standing Rules and Standing Committees"

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the City Council," make Report recommending the passage of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees"; which Report is received, and said Bill is thereupon read and passed.

Ordinance pro-  
viding for Com-  
mittee on Accounts  
&c.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a Committee on Accounts and presenting their duties," is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance in  
relation to Ac-  
counts &c of  
the City.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amend-ment of an Ordinance in relation to the Accounts, Expenditures and Finances of the City," is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance for  
collection of  
bills &c due  
the City.

206.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance provid-  
ing for the collection of bills and accounts due  
the City and left at the office of the City  
Treasurer," is presented, read and passed.

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Ordinance  
Superintendent of  
Public Buildings

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the election and prescribing the duties of Superintendent of Public Buildings," is presented, read and passed.

Ordinances.

System of Accountability  
195.

Certain Bills severally entitled, "An Ordinance establishing a system of accountability in the expenditure of money";-

City Auditor  
195.

"An Ordinance in amendment of "An Ordinance establishing the office and prescribing the duties of City Auditor";-

City Debt.  
195.

"An Ordinance in amendment of "An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt";- and

Purchase of Supplies  
195.

"An Ordinance providing for the purchase of supplies for the several departments and institutions of the city";-

are severally presented and read: whereupon it is ordered that the consideration of the same be postponed till the next meeting of the Common Council, and that the usual number of copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Moving Buildings

208.

207.

Petitions of  
Ebenezer Nichols, and  
Joseph Hagan

for leave to move certain wooden buildings are pre-

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sented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Thos. Seckell.  
Claim for relief  
218.

A petition of Thomas Seckell for relief and damages for flowing of lands in Seckell's Hollow, so called, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Mawney St.  
Upholke St.

A petition of Cyrus Butler and others for reception of Mawney and a portion of Upholke Streets is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Crosswalks on  
Greenwich St.  
209.

A petition of Daniel Jackson and others for crosswalks on Greenwich street and Pottis Avenue, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn to Monday October 12. 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Brown and White

M. Uddeman,  
Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant

The City of Providence &c.

To the City Messenger or either of the Constables of said City,

Greeting:

Whereas in my judgment the good of the City requires that the Common Council of said City shall meet at an earlier day than that to which said Council stands adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded and required to summon the members of said Common Council to meet in their chamber on Monday the fifth day of October A.D. 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M. then and there to transact such business as may legally come before them.

Hereof fail not, and make true return of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my hand and the seal of L.S. said City this first day of October 1868

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor

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I hereby certify that I have summoned all

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the members of the Common Council of said City by reading the within warrant in their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes  
City Messenger.

Quorum present.

Pursuant to the requisition contained in the foregoing warrant, the Common Council are this day assembled, - a quorum present.

President pro tem.

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

Warrant Read.

The Warrant of the Mayor calling the present meeting is read.

Mayor's Message.

Appropriation for  
police etc.

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

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Gentlemen of the Common Council

As the annual appropriation bill has not been passed, there is no authority for the Auditor to allow any drafts upon the Treasury for the ordinary expenses of the government, so that the engineers whose monthly pay became due last week, and the police whose pay will be due on Wednesday of this week, must remain unpaid, unless

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the Auditor be authorized by the City Council to pass their pay rolls.

Great inconveniences will result to these men and their families if they are not promptly paid, and I have deemed the matter to be of sufficient importance to require your attendance at this time in order that the resolution giving the needed power to the Auditor, which passed the Board of Aldermen this afternoon may be acted upon by you.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

Resolved. That the City Auditor be and he is hereby directed to audit the pay rolls of the Policemen and Engineemen for the month of September last, and charge the same to the usual appropriations.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Resolved. That the City Treasurer acting under the direction of the Standing Committee on Finance be hereby directed to borrow for the use of the City a sum of money not exceeding

City Auditor authorized to audit certain pay rolls.

City Treasurer to borrow money.

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Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in all, and to issue the City's notes therefor payable on the tenth day of December 1868; said notes to be countersigned by the Mayor and by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Grammar School  
for 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wards.

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The Resolutions for the erection of a Grammar School Building for the Fourth and Seventh Wards, which passed the Common Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September last, and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen with amendments, in which amendments the Common Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September last concurred with an amendment, are returned from the Board of Aldermen with the following endorsement:

"In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 5. 1868, Amendment of the Common Council read: whereupon it is Resolved. That under the Standing Rules and the resolution itself, the Council, in the opinion of the Board, has no power to object to the members of the Committee added by the Board of Aldermen."

Said Resolutions are thereupon laid on the Table.

Ibid.

The following Resolutions are presented, read and passed:

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Grammar School  
for 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wards.

200.

Resolved. That the City Council approve and adapt the plans for a School House furnished by Mr. C. L. Howland and unanimously adopted by the School Committee, excepting the name of said School House, and that they elect to erect a building upon the City's lot at the junction of Federal and Dean street in accordance with said plans.

Resolved. That Messrs Armington, Metcalf, Hadden, Calder and Jos. J. Snow, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby constituted a building committee to cause the cellar to be excavated and the foundation to said building to be erected forthwith, with instructions to report as soon as practicable full working drawings and specifications, for the said building, furniture, outbuilding and fences.

Resolved. That the sum of Eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the aforesaid resolution.

Ordinance

System of Accountability

188.  
206.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing a system of accountability in the expenditure of money," (presented at the last meeting of the Common Council and postponed till this day,) is taken from the table, read and passed.

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Ordinance -  
Office of City  
Auditor

188.  
206.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of 'An Ordinance establishing the office and prescribing the duties of City Auditor'," which was presented at the last meeting and postponed till this day, is taken from the table, read and passed.

Ordinance in  
relation to the  
City Debt.

188.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of 'An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt'," which was presented at the last meeting and postponed till this day, is taken from the table, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance

Purchase of Supplies

188.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the purchase of supplies for the several departments and institutions of the City," which was presented at the last meeting and postponed till this day, is taken from the table, read and passed.

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Concrete Sidewalk  
on Thayer street.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways  
do and he is hereby instructed to cause a side-  
walk of concrete to be put down on Thayer and  
Charles Field streets next to and in front of the  
Grammar School lot; also to lay a walk  
of concrete from the sidewalk on Charles Field  
street to the stone steps in front of the grammar  
school house; the whole cost to be paid out of  
the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.  
(Concurred)

Purchase of lot  
on Willow street  
for school purposes.

211.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen)  
to purchase lot on Willow street for school  
purposes is received, read and referred to the  
Standing Committee on Education to examine  
and report thereon.

Res. to construct  
Reservoir in 9<sup>th</sup> Ward.  
202.

Draft resolutions to construct Reservoir in  
the Ninth Ward, and

To grade Engine Lot.

212.

To grade Engine House Lot and erect out-  
Buildings,  
are presented, read and referred to the  
Standing Committee on the Fire Department  
to examine and report thereon.

Moving Buildings

Geo. A. Cooke.

176.

Said Committee, to whom on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sep-  
tember last was referred a petition of George A. Cooke  
for leave to move a certain wooden building, make

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Report, recommending that the prayer of said  
petition be granted: which Report is re-  
ceived, and a resolution in accordance there-  
with is thereupon read and passed  
(Concurred)

Inquiry in to  
certain uses of  
Ward Rooms.

A draft resolution, directing the Standing  
Committee on City Property to inquire whether  
any of the ward rooms of the city are used  
for other than city purposes, is presented,  
read and laid on the table.

Moving Buildings

L. Oregan.

208.

A petition of Lawrence Oregan for leave to  
move a certain wooden building is presented,  
received and referred to the Standing Com-  
mittee on the Fire Department.

Prospect Street

Crosswalks on.

219.

A petition of H. R. Nightingale and others  
for crosswalks on Prospect street is presented,  
received and referred to the Standing Com-  
mittee on Highways.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn to Monday  
October 12, 1868 at 7<sup>th</sup> o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except the President  
and Messrs Calder, Gallup, Gladding, Shaw & Sobey. C.

M. Addeman, Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant  
 Quorum present, to adjournment - a quorum present.

J. Leppitt Snow  
 Pres. *pro tem.*

The President being absent, Mr J. Leppitt  
 Snow is elected President *pro tem.*

Mr. Report

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer  
 City Treasurer. is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mr. Report

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master  
 Harbor Master. is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mr. Report

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of High-  
 Surveyor of Highways ways is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mayor's Message

Visit of Newport  
 authorities

A message from the Mayor in the words fol-  
 lowing is presented and read, viz: -

Mayor's Office

Providence October 8. 1868

Gentlemen of the City Council.

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I am informed that His Honor the Mayor  
 and the City Council of the City of Newport  
 have accepted an invitation from the  
 Trustees of the Rhode Island Hospital  
 to visit that institution at an early date.

I suggest that you take this occasion  
 to tender the hospitalities of the City to  
 the distinguished visitors, and by so doing  
 strengthen the ties of good feeling which  
 have ever existed between the two cities  
 of our state.

Thomas A. Doyle  
 Mayor.

Resolutions for  
 receiving mu-  
 nicipal author-  
 ities of Newport.

227.

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

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor and  
 the City Council of the City of Newport  
 propose visiting the City of Providence  
 for the purpose of inspecting the Rhode  
 Island Hospital, which has been es-  
 tablished by the munificence of the  
 people of the state, and recently dedi-  
 cated to charitable uses, therefore

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor,  
 Aldermen Coggeshall and Tew with such  
 as the Common Council may add, be  
 and hereby are appointed a committee

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to extend ~~to extend~~ to the municipal authorities of Newport the hospitalities of the City, and that they be and hereby are authorized to draw upon the City Treasury for an amount sufficient to defray the expenses thereof.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein, and that Messrs Carpenter, Sprague, Harris, Persons and Shaw be added to the committee.

(Approved)

The resolutions for building Grammar School House for Fourth and Seventh Wards, which passed the Common Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October inst. are returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with amendment "~~striking out the word 'forthwith'~~" and Aldermen Burrington and Snow, and Messrs Henry J. Angell and Seth Padelford of the School Committee added; which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

The Standing Committee on Education to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution, passed by the Board of Aldermen, to purchase lot on Willow Street for School pur-

Grammar School  
for 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards.  
194.  
306.

Purchase of lot on  
Willow street for  
School purposes.  
196.

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poses, make Report recommending concurrence therein: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education, be and they are hereby authorized to purchase the lot of land corner of Willow and Messer streets, containing 18,000 square feet more or less, for school purposes, at a cost not to exceed the sum of Thirty Two Hundred dollars, the same to be paid for out of the Appropriation for Public Schools, provided that a title thereto can be obtained satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(Approved)

Mayor's Message.

Children's Friends  
Society - Annual  
Meeting

A Message is received from the Mayor inviting the City Council to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Providence Children's Friends Society to be held in City Hall, Sunday evening, the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.; which having been read it is ordered that said invitation be accepted.

Report of Com.  
on introduction  
of Pure Water.

284.

The Committee, appointed by Resolution approved July 9, 1866, "to examine and report upon the best source of obtaining a supply of pure water for the City of Providence, with the estimated cost thereof"; make Report in print:

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which Report having been read by title, it is ordered that the same be received and laid upon the table till the next meeting.

Resolutions in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down for concurrence and are read, viz:—

Reservoir in 9<sup>th</sup> Ward.

196.

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby directed to construct a Reservoir for the use of the Fire Department, near the Catholic Church in the Ninth Ward; and to make more accessible to said Department the small runs of water in that part of the same ward.

Resolved. That the sum of Fifty Five Hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect, the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Res. to grade Engine House (No. 5) East to 196.

Resolutions in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down for concurrence and are read, viz:

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of

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the Fire Department, acting under advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, be and they are hereby authorized to grade the lot of Engine House No. 5, corner of North Main Street and Doyle Avenue; and to erect suitable wagon sheds and other out-houses upon said lot, and upon the lot of Engine House No. 6 on Benevolent Street.

Resolved. That One Thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for the Fire Department, to carry into effect the above resolution.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

The following resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:—

Resolution to line cell in Police Station

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to cause one of the cells in the Central Police Station to be lined throughout with leather cushions, for the accommodation of insane persons, the expense thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for repairs of public buildings. Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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Resolutions in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are sent down for concurrence and are read, viz:

Res. to place door  
in City Building.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property &c and they are hereby authorized to cause a door to be placed at the head of the basement stairs in the City Building where the window now is.

Res. to procure furni-  
ture for City Building.

Resolved. That said committee be and they are hereby authorized to procure from time to time such furniture for the various offices in said building and to make such repairs in said building as they may deem necessary.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with an amendment adding the words "provided, the whole amount to be expended under this resolution shall not exceed one thousand dollars."

Mayor's Message.

Hiring Money.

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

Mayor's Office

Bromden October 12. 1868

Gentlemen of the City Council

I have received from the City

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Auditor a communication in relation to the present condition of the finances of the city which I transmit herewith and recommend that immediate authority be given for the hiring of a further sum sufficient to meet the demands upon the Treasury.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Com. from  
City Auditor

The communication of the City Auditor referred to in the foregoing Message is read.

Resolution to  
Hire money.

A resolution in the words following, having passed in the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Finance &c and he is hereby authorized to hire from time to time such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the payments due by the city, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, provided that the notes issued by him for said loan shall be payable not later than the tenth day of December next and shall be countersigned by the Mayor and the Chairman of said Standing Committee.

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Whereupon it is resolved that the Com-  
mon Council do concur therein.

(Approved.)

Ordinance establish-  
ing System of Ac-  
countability in the  
expenditure of money.  
188  
194.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance estab-  
lishing a system of accountability in the  
expenditure of money," which passed the  
Common Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October inst.  
is returned from the Board of Aldermen  
with their concurrence therein with certain  
amendments, which amendments having been  
read, it is resolved that the Common Coun-  
cil do concur therein.

Ordinance providing  
for collection of bills  
and accounts due the city  
187.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance provid-  
ing for the collection of bills and accounts  
due the city and left at the office of the  
City Treasurer," which passed the Common  
Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September last,  
is returned from the Board of Aldermen with  
their concurrence therein with  
certain amendments, which amendments  
having been read, it is resolved that the Common  
Council do concur therein.

(Approved.)

Ordinance establish-  
ing Office of City Auditor  
188  
195.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amend-  
ment of an Ordinance establishing the office  
and prescribing the duties of City Auditor" which

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passed the Common Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
October inst. is returned from the Board of  
Aldermen with their concurrence therein with  
certain amendments: which amendments  
having been read, it is resolved that the  
Common Council do concur therein.

Ordinance es-  
tablishing Joint  
Rules & Committees  
186.  
216.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance estab-  
lishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Stand-  
ing Committees of the City Council," which  
passed the Common Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
of September last, is returned from the Board  
of Aldermen with their concurrence therein  
with certain amendments: which amendments  
having been read, it is resolved that the  
Common Council do concur therein with  
amendments (1) inserting after line 18, in Section  
1, the words "A Committee on Railroads"; (2) strik-  
ing out in Section 3, the word "standing"; and  
the words "and the person first named in the  
appointment of a special committee shall be  
chairman thereof."

Moving Buildings

188.

Resolutions having passed the Board of  
Aldermen granting the petitions of  
Joseph Hagan

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197.

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Lawrence Oregon, and  
Ebenezer Nichols,

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings  
are sent down for concurrence and are read:  
whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council  
do concur therein.

(Approved)

Report on paving  
Market Square  
129.

The Standing Committee on Highways who, on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last, were instructed to in-  
quire into the expediency of paving Market Square  
make Report: which Report having been read  
it is ordered that the same be received in con-  
currence.

Res. to cover Mar-  
ket Square with  
concrete.

A resolution in the words following having  
passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for  
concurrence and is read, viz: -

Resolved. That the Surveyor of High-  
ways under the advice of the Standing Com-  
mittee on Highways be hereby directed to cause  
Market Square south of the City Building  
to be covered with concrete.

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be  
referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Do.

Said Committee thereupon report recom-  
mending concurrence therein with an amend-

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ment adding the words "the thickness and  
quality of the same to be made satisfactory  
to the Committee on Highways:" which  
report is received, and said resolution is  
thereupon passed in concurrence with said  
amendment.

Prospect Street

Crosswalk on

197.

The Standing Committee on Highway  
to whom on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October inst. was  
referred a petition of H. R. Nightingale  
and others for crosswalks on Prospect street,  
make Report recommending the passage of  
the accompanying resolution: which Report  
is received, and the following resolu-  
tion is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Resolved. That the Surveyor of High-  
ways be and he is hereby directed to cause  
at his earliest convenience a crosswalk to  
be laid on Prospect Street in range with  
the easterly side of Barnes street.

(Concurred)

Greenwich Street

Crosswalks on

189.

Said Committee to whom on the 28<sup>th</sup> of  
September last was referred a petition of  
Daniel Jackson and others for crosswalks on  
Greenwich Street and Pottery Avenue make  
Report recommending that the prayer of the petition

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be granted and the accompanying resolution passed: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause crosswalks to be laid at the intersection of Greenwich Street with Potters Avenue.

(Concurred)

Report of Finance Com.  
on accounts of Collector of Taxes.

173.

222

The Standing Committee on Finance who on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September last were instructed to examine the accounts of the Collector of Taxes, make Report: which, having been read it is ordered that the same be received and that said committee be continued in the investigation of the subject.

(Concurred)

Estimates of Expenditures for 1868-9.

Appropriation Bill.

217.

Said Committee report "Estimates of Expenditures of the City of Providence for the Financial Year ending September 30, 1869"; and also "An Order making appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A. D. 1869"; which Report is received and said Order is thereupon

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read and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the same is passed, is lost.

Moving Building

Isaac S. Batty.

A petition of Isaac S. Batty for leave to move a certain wooden building is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Hugh O'Brian

Damage to lot.

231.

A petition of Hugh O'Brian for damages from flowage of lot on corner of Friend and Division Streets is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns to Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except the President and Messrs Calder and Stiddow 3

J. M. Addeman,  
Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant.

State of Rhode Island &c  
The City of Providence &c.

To the City Messenger or either of  
the Constables of said City.

Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment, the good of  
the city requires that the Common Coun-  
cil of said City shall meet at an earlier  
day than that to which said Council  
stands adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded  
and required to summon the members of  
said Common Council to meet in their  
chamber on Monday the nineteenth day  
of October A.D. 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.,  
then and there to transact such business  
as may legally come before them.

Herof said not, and make true return  
of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my hand and the seal  
of said city this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1868  
Thos. Doyle Mayor

L.S.

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City of Providence, October 19. 1868

I hereby certify that I have summoned  
all the members of the Common Council of  
said City (with the exception of Mr. Carpen-  
ter who is absent from the City) by  
reading the within warrant in their pres-  
ence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes  
City Messenger.

Pursuant to the aforesaid warrant,  
the Common Council on this day as-  
sembled - a quorum present.

Common present.

Mayor's Message

Objects of Meeting

Appropriation Bill.

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

Mayor's Office

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Gentlemen of the City Council

I have convened you  
this evening in order that you may take  
action upon the Appropriation Bill  
which should be completed during the  
present month, and also that you may  
elect a Committee on Accounts for  
which there is immediate need.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

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Mayor's Message

Visit of Newport  
authorities.

198.

A message from the Mayor in the words following is read:

Mayor's Office

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Gentlemen of the City Council.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> instant I received from His Honor the Mayor of Newport a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of that City in response to the invitation to them to accept the hospitalities of this City, which I transmit herewith in order that the same may be placed among the papers of the City Council.

Thomas A. Doyle

Mayor.

Resolution passed  
by City Council of  
Newport accepting  
hospitalities of the  
City of Providence.

The following is the resolution above referred to, viz:—

Resolved. That the thanks of the City Council of Newport are hereby tendered to His Honor the Mayor and City Council of Providence for their generous invitation to receive their hospitalities of their City on Friday next, after visiting the Rhode Island Hospital, and that we will be happy to accept them on that occasion, trusting that our visit may promote and strengthen the fraternal feeling, which should ever exist between corporate bodies of a similar kind,

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and thus be productive, as is so kindly expressed by Mayor Doyle in his communication, "of great good in the future."

In witness my hand and the seal of  
I. S. said City this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1868

Benjamin Marsh 2<sup>nd</sup>

City Clerk

Report on Dred-  
ging Harbor.

Reports of the Harbor Master relative to the dredging of the Harbor from June 5, to June 30, and from July 1 to July 11, are presented, read and received.

Concurred,

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read;

Resolution for  
Crosswalks.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he hereby is directed to cause the following crosswalks to be laid this fall.

From the west side of Sutton street across Broadway

On the South side of George street across Magee street.

On Benefit street and across the same at about equal distances from Benevolent to George streets.

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Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:—

Resolution relating to Manure.

Resolved. That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to place at the disposal of the Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum all manure made at the Engine Houses and City Stables and all gathered from the streets, and also that said Surveyor be directed to cart the loam taken from Olive street to the Asylum Farm.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Ordinance establishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees

207.  
227.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees of the City Council", which passed the Common Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September last, in which the Board of Aldermen on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October inst. concurred with certain amendments, in which amendments the Common Council on the same day concurred with certain other amendments, is returned from the Board of

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Aldermen with their non-concurrence in the amendments of the Common Council.

Whereupon the Common Council insist on their amendments and ask for a Committee of conference and appoint Messrs Hidden, Tobey and Carpenter, conferees on their part.

The Board of Aldermen agree to the conference and appoint Messrs Angell, Knight and Jew conferees.

Expenses of Highway Dept.

The Standing Committee on Highways ask leave to amend their Report, estimating the expenses of the Highway Department for the current financial year, which Report was presented with the Appropriation Bill for said year; whereupon the Common Council concur in an order receiving and granting said request.

Appropriation Bill.

210.

The Bill entitled "An Order making appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1869", which passed the Common Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October inst. is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with certain amendments: which

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amendments having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Appropriation Bill to be printed in papers.

A resolution to print the foregoing Bill in the newspapers employed to do the City Printing is read and passed

(Concurred)

Ordinance repealing Ordinance conferring upon Surveyor of Highways powers of Street Commrs. &c.

229.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance conferring upon the Surveyor of Highways the powers and duties of Street Commissioners and Commissioners of Sidewalks'" is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances.

Thomas Seekell Petition for relief.

189. 231.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September last was referred a petition of Thomas Seekell for relief and damages, make Report asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways: which Report is received, and said petition is thereupon referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

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Pitman Street.

138.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom were referred the petition of H. W. Milbur for drainage of Pitman Street and of S. B. Bullock et al for curbing and paving said street make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

142.

Do. Res. for curbing &c.

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause Pitman Street to be brought to the established grade, commencing at a point westerly of Sans street, where the grade line cuts the present surface of the ground and continuing the same easterly to Butler Avenue, providing the same does not exceed in cost the sum of \$2500.

(Concurred)

Invitation to join in Convention

An invitation is received from the Board of Aldermen to join in Convention for the purpose of electing a Trustee of the Sinking Fund of the P. H. and F. Railroad Co., which invitation is thereupon accepted.

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In Convention.

Benj. Tripp elected Trustee Sinking Fund of P.H. & F. R.R. Co.

Benjamin Tripp is elected Trustee of the Sinking Fund to redeem the City Bonds issued to the H. Prov. and F. Railroad Co.

City Constables.

Daniel Hill and Charles E. Schaffer are elected City Constables without power to serve civil process.

The two Boards separate.

Expenditures of Highway Deficit for year ending Sept. 30, 1868.

The Standing Committee on Highways make Report of the amount expended by the Highway Department for the year ending Sept. 30, 1868: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

Resolution for proposals for Highway work.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade such of the highways as to the Committee may seem best, that have been or may be ordered by the City Council and to contract the same

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out to the lowest responsible bidder.  
(Am-concurred)

Doyle Avenue Estimate of cost of.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to furnish for the use of this Council, a statement of the cost of Doyle Avenue up to September 30, 1868, computing and returning the exact cost of the roadway including sidewalks and curbing, also the cost of the sewer in Doyle Avenue separate therefrom.

(Concurred)

Committee of Accounts

The following members of the Common Council are elected by ballot members, on the part of the Council, of the Committee of Accounts, viz:

Alfred J. Lippitt Snow, Alfred Metcalf, Smith S. Sweet, James C. Hidden and James H. Armington.

Mr Smith S. Sweet tenders his resignation as a member of said committee, which resignation is accepted, and Mr Joseph T. Snow is elected to fill the vacancy caused by said resignation.

The Board elect as members of said Com-

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mitted Messrs George P. Jew and Benjamin B. Knight.

Condition of  
Eddy Street.

A communication from Mr. E. M. Aldrich relative to the impassable condition of Eddy street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Report on Accounts  
of Collector of Taxes.  
210.

A Supplementary Report of the Finance Committee relative to the Accounts of the late Collector of Taxes is presented, read and received.

Res. to settle Ac-  
counts of Collector  
of Taxes.  
225.

A draft resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to settle with the Collector of Taxes, and a substitute for said resolution, are presented, read and laid on the Table till the next meeting of the Common Council.

Wooden Pavement

Res. of Inquiry  
into cost of &c.

Resolved. That the Committee on Highways be requested to report to the City Council the cost, durability, and such other facts as may be necessary to determine the advantages or disadvantages, if any, of the wooden pavement as compared with other.

(Concurred)

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Res. of Inquiry  
into repeal of  
Sec. 12 of Ord.  
in relation to  
streets &c.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances be and they are hereby directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing Section 12, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to streets and highways."

The Common Council adjourns to Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 1868 at 7<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Carpenter and Place

J. M. Addeman,  
Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, - a quorum present.

Harbor-Master's Report

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

Do.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging the Harbor for the Month of October, is presented, read and received.

Chief Eng. Fire Dept. Report.

The Monthly Reports of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the months of September and October are severally presented, read and received.

Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund for redemption of City Bonds

A Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Bonds of the City of Providence payable in 1885, of the Securities held by said Trustees, is presented, read and received.

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Report of Trustees Sinking Fund for redemption Bonds H.P. & F.R.R.

A Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Bonds of the City of Providence issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Rail-Road, of the Securities held by said Trustees, is presented, read and received.

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read:

Highway Work to be done under Contract.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Highways be hereby authorized to cause such highway work now or hereafter ordered by the City Council, as they may deem expedient to be done under contract, provided all proposals for contracts shall be first advertised for at least one week in the newspapers employed to do the city printing, and that all persons contracting for such work shall give bond satisfactory to said Committee, to the City Treasurer, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

Steam Heating  
Apparatus for  
Central Police Station.

242.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to place Gold's patent steam heating apparatus in the Central Police Station on Canal street of sufficient capacity to thoroughly warm the entire building, provided that the cost thereof shall be charged to the Police Department, and shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein with the following amendments, viz:

(1) Strike out the words "City Property" and insert the word "Police";

(2) Strike out the words "Gold's Patent" and insert the words "some suitable"

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz: -

Brick for new  
Grammar School  
House in 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wards.

306.

Resolved. That the Building Committee on the new Grammar School House for the Fourth and Seventh Wards, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to

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contract for one hundred and sixty thousand Bravers pressed brick for said Edifice, at a cost not to exceed the sum of twenty seven dollars per thousand, the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for said Building

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Report on visit of  
Newport Authorities  
199.

The Committee of the City Council, appointed in the 12<sup>th</sup> of October last, to extend the hospitalities of this city, to the city authorities of Newport, make Report: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received in concurrence.

Well at Wash-  
ington Bridge.

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen for the construction of a well at the Eastern end of Washington Bridge is read and laid on the table.

Joint Rules and  
Standing Committees.  
216.

The Committee of Conference, appointed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October last, relative to the disagreeing votes of the two Boards upon an Ordinance establishing certain joint rules and joint Standing Committees of the City Council, make Report recommend-

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ing certain amendments therein stated: which Report is received; and thereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur in the passage of said Ordinance with the amendments recommended by said Committee, and also with an amendment striking out Section 8 of said Ordinance.

The following resolutions, which were presented and laid on the table at the last meeting of the Common Council, are taken from the table, read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed to allow the claim of Benjamin S. Draper late Collector of Taxes for clerk hire, amounting to Two hundred twenty three <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, and that upon the delivery by said Draper to the City Treasurer of the tax books for the time the said Draper has held the office of Collector of Taxes, the said Committee be and they are hereby instructed to release the said Draper from all liability which he may be under to the City of Providence as such Collector.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deliver to said Draper his bonds as Collector of Taxes when-

Res. allowing claim of Collector of Taxes and releasing him from liability on bond.

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ever he shall present to said City Treasurer the release provided for in the preceding resolution.

Resolved, That the sum of Five thousand (\$5000) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in addition to a former appropriation for the payment of the debt of the Town of Cranston.

Appropriation to pay debt of Town of Cranston.

Florence Sullivan

Report of Committee

108.

The Committee <sup>on</sup> whom the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July last was referred the petition of Florence Sullivan for damages, make report that said petitioner can be settled with by a payment of seven hundred and fifty dollars, which payment is recommended by said Committee: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Ord. conferring certain powers on Surveyor of Highways. 218 263.

The Standing Committee to Engrave Ordinances to whom on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October last

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was referred a bill entitled "An Ordinance repealing 'An Ordinance conferring upon the Surveyor of Highways the powers and duties of Street Commissioners and Commissioners of Sidewalks'; make Report recommending the passage of the same: which Report is received, and thereupon said bill is laid on the table.

Broadway -  
Petitions to cut off  
sidewalks and  
to lower rails.  
Report of Com.  
789.  
176.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September last was referred the petition of Benj. Stoppin and others to cut off the sidewalks on Broadway; and on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September last, the petition of Fred. M. Ballou and others to lower the rails of the Union R.R. Co. on Broadway, make Report, and recommend that the first named petition be referred to the Surveyor of Highways for his consideration or action; and that the last named petition lay upon the table to await the action of the Surveyor of Highways upon the former, which Report is received, and thereupon said petitions are laid upon the table.

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A resolution, referring said petition of Benj. Stoppin and others to the Surveyor of Highways for his action, is <sup>presented, read, and</sup> laid upon the table.

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Hugh O'Brian  
211.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October last was referred a petition of Hugh O'Brian for damages to lot, make Report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Thos. Seckell.  
218.

Said Committee to whom on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October last was referred the petition of Thomas Seckell for relief and damages, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz: -

Meadow Street  
&  
Summer Street  
Extension and  
lay out of.  
389.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Meadow street of the width of thirty (30) feet from Summer street to Pearl street: also, to lay out Summer street of a uniform width of forty feet from Broad street to Pine street.

And whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment, under

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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 application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is 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.

Charges against Prov. Reform School.

A petition of Thomas Cosgrove and others for the appointment of a committee to investigate charges against the Providence Reform School, is presented, read and received.

Committee on do.

Resolved, That Messrs Binney, Gallup, White, Hadden and Barnaby, on the part

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of the Common Council and — on the part of the Board of Aldermen be appointed a committee with authority to send for persons and papers, to hear the parties and examine into the truth of the charges contained in the petition of Thomas Cosgrove and others relative to abuses in the Providence Reform School, and to report thereon.

Removal of Warren St. School.

A draft resolution, instructing the Standing Committee on Education to remove School on Warren street, is read and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Moving Buildings

Patrick Calligan.

H.N. Carpenter.

Petitions of Patrick Calligan and Horatio A. Carpenter

for leave to remove certain wooden buildings, are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department. Said Committee thereupon make Report, recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted; which report is received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

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Removal of old  
Warren Street  
School House.

Resolved That the Standing Com-  
mittee on Education be and they are  
herby authorized and instructed to re-  
move the old Warren Street School  
House from its present location on  
Warren Street, and place the same on  
the City's lot on Messer Street, when-  
ever said intended removal shall have  
been duly advertised according to law.  
Provided the cost of the same shall not ex-  
ceed the sum of seven hundred dollars,  
which sum is herby appropriated, the  
same to be paid out of the annual ap-  
propriation for public schools.

Brown Street.

Extension of  
126.

The Standing Committee on Highways  
to whom on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July last was  
referred a petition of Albert Dailey and others  
for the extension of Brown Street from Olive  
to Chury streets, make report recommending  
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw:  
which Report is received and thereupon said  
petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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Petitions.

Crosswalks-Pine St.  
260.

Do. Greenwich St.  
261.

Curbings-Dexter St.

Petitions of  
Thomas Grimes for crosswalk on  
Pine Street,

M. B. Scribner and others for  
crosswalks on Greenwich Street, and

Calb W. Anthony and others for  
curbing of Dexter Street

are severally presented, read and referred  
to the Standing Committee on High-  
ways.

Memorial agt  
building north  
of Weybosset bridge  
249.

A memorial of Henry J. Beckwith and  
others against the erection by the Union Rail-  
road Co., of proposed building on the north  
side of Weybosset Bridge is received, <sup>read</sup> and re-  
ferred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

Covering bell on  
Steam Engine  
No. 8.

313.

A petition of E. R. Osgood and others  
for covering bell on the house of Steam  
Engine No. 8, is presented, received and re-  
ferred to the Standing Committee on the  
Fire Department.

C. M. Smith  
250.

A. R. Tourtellotte.

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Petitions of,  
Charles Morris Smith, Assignee,  
for remuneration, and of  
Alma R. Tourtellotte, Administra-  
trix for compensation,  
are severally presented, received and referred

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to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Sundry Accounts  
recommitted.

The Committee of Accounts upon bills in favor of Wheeler & Tallman, Daniel Joslin and E. S. Rhodes, which having been read, it is ordered that the same be recommitted to said Committee.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, December 14, 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present all the members, except Messrs Gladding, Shaw, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow and Sprague.

M. Addeman,  
Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

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State of Rhode Island &c  
The City of Providence, &c.

To the City Messenger or either of the  
Constables of said City,

Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment, the good of the City requires that the Common Council of said City shall meet at an earlier day than that to which said Council stands adjourned,

You are therefore hereby commanded and required to summon the members of said Common Council to meet in their chamber on Monday the twenty third day of November A. D. 1868 at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M. then and there to transact such business as may legally come before them.

Hereof fail not, and make true return of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

L.S.

Given under my hand and the  
seal of said City this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
November A. D. 1868.

Thos. S. Doyle  
Mayor.

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City Messenger's  
certificate

I hereby certify that I have summoned all the members of the Common Council of said City by reading the within warrant in their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes

City Messenger.

(The Common Council being convened accordingly)

Mayor's Message

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

Mayor's Office

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Payment of notes  
of City.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

All the notes issued for the entire floating debt of the city are payable on the tenth day of December next, and under the existing ordinances there is no authority for the Treasurer to pay but a portion of them, although there will be probably ample means in the Treasury, which he could use.

As the Common Council had adjourned until the fourteenth of December it was necessary that there should be an earlier meeting of both branches of the City Council to provide for the payment of the notes, and I therefore convened you this evening.

I recommend that such amendments be made to the proper ordinances as

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authorize the Treasurer to pay any note issued by authority of the City Council when it is due from any money in the Treasury whether appropriated or not, and also that the Ordinance in relation to the city debt be so amended as to enable the committee on the reduction of the city debt to contract a loan at a higher rate of interest than they are now allowed to do. The annual appropriation order provided for the payment of eighty thousand dollars on the notes due in December, this was intended to be one quarter of the entire floating debt at the close of the fiscal year, but a further appropriation should be made of sufficient amount to pay all the notes issued for the expenses of the government since the thirtieth of September last, and which should clearly be paid from the first monies received into the Treasury.

I therefore recommend the passage of such an appropriation, which if done, there will then remain a floating debt of less than three hundred thousand dollars to be provided for by the committee on that subject.

My attention has been called

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Message continued.

Suits against bondsmen of M. W. Gardiner.

to the suits against the bondsmen of M. W. Gardiner our former City Treasurer, which have been pending in Court for some years with no immediate prospect of their termination. In one of the suits a verdict in favor of the City was obtained and a new trial has been asked for. In the other case no verdict has been rendered. The parties against whom the verdict was given are desirous of a settlement without further litigation and I suggest to you in view of the length of time which has already elapsed, whether it would not be better to authorize a committee of the City Council to settle with all the parties in both suits upon such terms as the Committee may deem expedient. Such a course it seems to me would be best both for the City and the bondsmen.

Thomas A. Doyle,  
Mayor.

Message referred.

249.

Resolved. That so much of the Message of the Mayor this day presented to the City Council as refers to the subject of giving authority to the City Treasurer to pay notes issued by order of the City Council be referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordina-

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nances.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation to pay notes of the City.

Resolved. That the sum of One Hundred thousand Dollars (in addition to the eighty thousand heretofore appropriated) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the notes of the City falling due and payable on the tenth of December next ensuing.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Suits against bondsmen of M. W. Gardiner.

316.

The Standing Committee on Claims, to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last was referred a petition of James Y. Smith and others for settlement of suit as sureties of M. W. Gardiner, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the Committee on Claims acting under the advice of the Mayor and City Solicitor be and they are hereby authorized to settle the two suits now pending in the Supreme Court of this

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State in favor of the City against Marinus W. Gardiner late City Treasurer and his Sureties, upon such terms and conditions as to them shall be deemed for the best interests of the City.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

Resolution to settle claim of Florence Sullivan.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer, acting under the advice of the Standing Committee on Claims, be hereby authorized to settle the claim of Florence Sullivan & wife, growing out of the moving of their house by the Surveyor of Highways, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars, and that a full release satisfactory to the City Solicitor be obtained from said Sullivan & wife, and that said sum be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Steam Heating apparatus for Central Police Station 226.

The resolution authorizing the Standing Committee on City Property to place Gold's patent

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Steam heating apparatus in the Central Police Station, which passed the Board of Aldermen on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October last, and in which the Common Council concurred with certain amendments on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November inst., is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their non-concurrence in the amendments of the Common Council:

Whereupon the Council recede from their amendments and concur with the Board in the passage of the resolution.

(Approved)

Veteran Message, Alleged abuses in Providence Reform School.

232.

A message from the Mayor in the words following is read, viz:

Mayor's Office

Providence 23<sup>rd</sup> Novem. 1868.

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

The resolution passed by you on the ninth inst and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the eleventh instant, appointing "a committee with authority to send for persons and papers to hear the parties and examine into the truth of the charges contained in the petition of Thomas Cosgrave and others relative to abuses in the Providence Reform School and to report thereon," I return

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Veto Message  
continued.

without my approval.

I object to the resolution because the City Council cannot legally confer upon a committee the authority contemplated, and consequently an investigation attempted by the committee would not produce the desired end, which is to ascertain the truth or falsity of the grave charges contained in the memorial referred to, besides an investigation under such circumstances would be unjust to the Trustees and officers of the school whose management and conduct are to be enquired into.

For the first time the alleged abuses in the Reform School have been brought to the attention of the City Council in such manner as to demand action thereon; and although similar charges have heretofore been made to the Board of Trustees having control of the school and been enquired into by them, yet the Board desire that the City Council should now order such an investigation as will effectually dispose of all accusations against the school up to this time.

The present Superintendent of the Reform School has held his position for

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two years. Of the six Trustees chosen by the City Council Edwin M. Snow was elected for the first time in June 1855, William J. King in June 1856, Charles Anthony in January 1861, and William C. Snow in January 1864, and each of these gentlemen has been reelected annually. If as is alleged in the memorial now before the Council "the children usually leave the school more corrupt than when they entered it," it is full time that the City Council were made aware of the fact not by the assertions of a memorial but under the solemnity of an oath, so that men who have for so long a time received the confidence of the community may also receive the condemnation which their faithlessness would demand.

By Chapter 731 of the Statutes, enacted in March last, either the City Council or the Board of Aldermen may by the Mayor summon witnesses to testify before them, administer oaths to such witnesses, compel their appearance, and punish them for their non-appearance in the same manner as is done by the Courts of the State.

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I suggest therefore that instead of passing the resolution which I have been considering, the City Council make the investigation themselves or request the Board of Aldermen to do so in their behalf as may be deemed most expedient. In either case much time will undoubtedly be occupied but the importance of the subject at issue demands that the work shall be performed.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Board of Ald. requested to investigate charges agt. Prov. Reform School.

Resolved That the petition of Thomas Cosgrove and others, for appointment of Committee to investigate charges against the Providence Reform School, be referred to the Board of Aldermen, who are hereby requested to investigate the truth of the charges therein contained.

(Concurred.)

(Approved.)

Res. to notify R.R. Co's of intention to amend Ordinances

A resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice to the several railroad companies having rails in the

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streets of the City of Providence of the intention of the City Council to alter and amend the ordinances under which said rails were laid and used, so that the powers, duties and requirements of the Standing Committee on Railroads, in said Ordinances contained may be transferred to and imposed upon such officer or committee as the City Council may decide.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

Joint Rules &c

Non-Concurred.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees of the City Council," having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

Hack Ordinances

256.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays, Trucks, &c," is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee to Engrave Ordinances.

Ordinance - Joint Rules and Joint Standg Com's.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing certain Joint Rules and Joint Standing Committees of the City Council," is pre-

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sented, read and passed.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to the City Debt.

2411.

The Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances, in accordance with the resolution this day passed, report a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance in relation to the City Debt" <sup>and recommend its passage</sup> which Report is received and said bill is thereupon read and passed.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Board of Aldermen requested to return Report of St. Com. on Highways.

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they hereby are respectfully requested to return to the Common Council a Report made by the Standing Committee on Highways to the City Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1867, in conformity with a resolution of said Council ordering said Report, passed February 11. 1867, - provided said Report be in their possession; said Report is upon the subject of gangways below Weybosset Bridge on both sides of the River.

(The B. of A. laid on table)

Annual Report of City Registrar.

The Annual Report of the City Registrar is presented and read: whereupon it

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is ordered that the same be received and seven hundred fifty copies thereof be printed.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

In Convention

A resolution is passed inviting His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to join the Common Council in convention for the transaction of such business as may legally come before them.

The foregoing invitation being accepted the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

Constables elected.

Charles C. Chaffin and James W. Brown are chosen constables with power to serve civil process.

The two Boards separate.

H. T. Beckwith et al.

Memorial against erection of building on Weybosset Bridge.

235

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred the Memorial of H. T. Beckwith and others against the erection by the Union R. R. Co. of proposed building on the north side of Weybosset Bridge, make Report and recom-

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and that said petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Randall Farm.

E.P. Knowles  
137.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last was referred a petition of Edward P. Knowles, and on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September last was

J. Symonds & W. Corliss

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recommitted a petition of Jacob Symonds and William Corliss, for deed from the City of part of the Randall Farm, make Report in writing, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

John B. Atkins

Petition for damages.  
85.

Said Committee to whom on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June last was referred the petition of John B. Atkins, for damages, and on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November inst. the petition of

Chas. Morris Smith.

235.

Charles Morris Smith, Assignee, for remuneration, make Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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Mr. Hidden  
appointed on  
Com. - City Debt.

Mr. Hidden is appointed a member of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt.

Remission of Tax

Job Shaw

266.

A petition of Job Shaw for reimbursement of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

J.H. Bongartz.

262.

Petitions of John H. Bongartz to delay the removal of the easterly side of the building on the corner of Westminster and Eddy Streets, and of

Planet Street

A. E. Burnside and others, to widen the lower end of Planet street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, December 14, 1868. at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Harrington and Sprague.

Charles E. Gorman  
(per H. A. & deen au)  
Clerk pro tem.

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

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council.

The Joint Standing Committees of the City Council (appointed December 1868,) are announced as follows, viz:

Finance

J. Lippitt Snow, Smith S. Sweet  
Benjamin W. Persons, " Albert S. Gallup  
Ald. Benjamin B. Knight,

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Highways

Obadiah Stade, Stephen Cook  
Joshua R. Brown, William V. Daboll,  
Ald. Henry S. Angell.

Education.

Albert L. Calder, Lemuel S. Harris,  
Fitz James Rice, Raymond G. Place,  
Ald. Henry H. Burrington.

Fire Department.

Charles E. Carpenter, James H. Armington,  
Stellman White, Elisha M. Aldrich,  
Ald. William H. Hopkins.

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City Property.

Alfred A. Fisk, George H. Sencks  
Frederic Johnson, Samuel B. Darfee,  
Ald. Geo. B. Earle.

Police.

Benj. C. Gladding, Cyrus T. Eddy  
Alfred Mitealf, <sup>12)</sup> Samuel S. Sprague,  
Ald. Jas. H. Coggeshall.

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Ordinances.

John F. Tobey, Thomas M. Rounds,  
Alfred A. Harrington, Smith S. Sweet.  
Ald. Geo. P. Tew.

Claims.

Francis M. Smith, Jas. C. Hidden,  
James Shaw Jr., Chas. Sidney Smith.  
Ald. Amos H. Snow.

Printing.

Alfred Mitealf, Albert L. Calder  
Joseph T. Snow, Abner J. Barnaby,  
Ald. Geo. P. Tew.

North Burying Ground.

Abner J. Barnaby, Charles Sidney Smith,  
Charles F. Phillips, Ald. Geo. B. Earle.

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Harbor.

Frank Mauran, Obadiah Slade,  
Benj. C. Gladding, Ald. Wm H. Hopkins.

Railroads.

Frank Mauran, Benj. C. Gladding,  
Elisha M. Aldrich, Ald. Lodowick Brayton.

Committee on Reduction of City Debt.

Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor.  
Henry J. Angell, Pres. of the Board of Aldermen,  
William Binney, Pres. of the Common Council,  
J. Lippitt Snow, Chairman of Committee on Finance,  
James C. Hidden, of the Common Council.

Committee of Accounts.

(Appointed pursuant to Ordinance of Oct. 12, 1868)

James C. Hidden, Chairman,  
J. Lippitt Snow, Joseph T. Snow,  
Alfred Meealy, Jas. H. Armington,  
Ald. Benj. B. Knight, Ald. George P. Lee.

Harbor Master's  
Report.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor  
Master is presented, read and received.

Dredging Harbor.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor

Joint Standing  
Committees  
conferred.

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Master on Dredging the Harbor, is pre-  
sented, read and received.

Report of Sur-  
veyor of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor  
of Highways is presented, read and  
received.

Monthly Report of Chf  
Engr of Fire Dept.

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

City Treasurer's  
Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the City Treas-  
urer for the year ending Apr. 30, 1868  
is presented and read: whereupon it  
is ordered that the same be received and  
referred to the Standing Committee on  
Printing, with instructions to cause the  
usual number of copies thereof to be  
printed.

Auditor's Report.

A Report of the City Auditor con-

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taining the 22<sup>d</sup> Annual Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City for the fiscal year ending the 30<sup>d</sup> day of September 1868, is presented, read and received.

Hack Ordinance.

333.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to an Ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance for the regulation of hacks, omnibuses, drays, trucks &c,'" having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved to amend the same by inserting after the word 'wagon' in the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) line thereof, the words "for hire."

Whereupon said Bill is referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances to examine and report thereon.

Hack Ordinance

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The Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances to whom on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November last was referred a Bill (from the Board of Aldermen), entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of Hacks, Omnibuses, Drays, Trucks, &c" make Report recommending that the Common Council concur with the Board in the passage of said Bill: which

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Report is received, and thereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of said Ordinance.

Changes in  
Standing  
Committees.  
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Mr Gallup is, by vote excused from serving on the Standing Committee on Finance.

Mr Sprague is elected a member of said Committee.

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Mr Sprague is excused from serving on the Standing Committee on Police.

Mr Gallup is appointed a member of said Committee.

Ordinance in  
relation to Pub-  
lic Buildings.

272.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Buildings" having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence, and is read:

Whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to the Standing Committee to Engross Ordinances to examine and report thereon.

Resolved: That all matters and papers which were in the hands of the several joint

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Resolution re-  
ferring business  
to Joint Committees

standing committees of the City Council at the time of the approval of the Ordinance establishing certain joint rules and joint standing committees of the City Council (approved November 28th, 1868) be severally referred to the joint standing committees now appointed and bearing the same names respectively, except those then in the hands of the standing committee to Engrave Ordinances, which are hereby referred to the standing committee on Ordinances.

Appropriation for  
Pioneer Hall Building.

Resolved. That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to expend the sum of Five hundred dollars in repairs upon the Pioneer Hall building, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

Appropriation for  
land for Highway  
purposes.

Resolved. That the sum of fifty dollars in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay for a strip of land at the corner of Bassett and Hospital Street; said land is for the use, and to be

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paid for out of the annual appropriation for the Highways.

Resolution  
directing mode  
of payment of  
damages on  
Acorn St.

183.

Resolved. That the sum of ten thousand dollars appropriated by resolution of the City Council approved September 28, 1868, for the expenses of the change of grade of Acorn street and the damages to the estate of Mary Flynn on said street be paid out of the Treasury upon the order of the Standing committee on Highways.

Moving Buildings.

S. M. Noyes.

D. Mathewson.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred by the Board of Aldermen the petitions of S. M. Noyes, and Daniel Mathewson, for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make Reports recommending that the prayers of the petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

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Job Shaw

Remission of Tax.

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The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November last was referred a petition of Job Shaw for remission of Tax, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Job Shaw the sum of Thirty ten & 40/100 dollars, the same being a remission of City Tax for year 1867 on Three thousand dollars.

(Non-Concurred.)

Thomas Grimes

Cross-walk on Pine St.

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The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last, was referred a petition of Thomas Grimes for cross-walk, make report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to lay a cross-walk on Pine street at the easterly side of Potter street.

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O. A. Ballou et al.

Cross-walk on

Prospect St.

The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen, a petition of O. A. Ballou and others for cross-walks, make Report recommending the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause a cross walk to be laid across the head of Lloyd street at its junction with Prospect street, and another across Prospect street in line with Lloyd street.

M. B. Scribner

Cross-walk on

Greenwich St.

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Said Committee to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last was referred a petition of M. B. Scribner and others for cross-walks on Greenwich street, make Report returning said petition without recommendation: which Report is received, whereupon it is ordered that said Committee be discharged from further consideration of said petition.

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and that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

J. H. Bongartz.  
Delay in removal  
of building.  
257.

Said Committee to whom on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November last was referred a petition of John H. Bongartz for delay in removal of building on the corner of Westminster and Eddy streets, make Report and recommend that said petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Clerk of Common  
Council to procure  
Report of C. E. Paine.

Resolved. That the Clerk of this Council be and he is hereby directed to obtain from the City Clerk a report made by Chas. E. Paine, to the Committee on Highways, dated May 18<sup>th</sup> 1867, for the examination of the members of the Council; said report being in reference to streets and highways leading to the river.

Account of Thos. J.  
Hill for wharfage.  
344.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen an Account of Thomas J. Hill against the City, for wharfage, make Report asking to be relieved from further consideration of the same and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Accounts; which Report is received, and there-

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upon it is ordered that the Committee on Claims be discharged from further consideration of said account, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

Semi-Annual  
Report of Overseer  
of Poor.

The Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor is presented, read and received.

Ordinance re-  
pealing Ordi-  
nance confer-  
ring on Survey-  
or of Highways  
certain powers.  
229.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance repealing An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance conferring upon the Surveyor of Highways the powers and duties of Street Commissioners and Commissioners of Sidewalks," which on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last was laid on the table, is taken from the table and read, whereupon it is ordered that the same lie upon the table.

P. & W. R. R. Co.  
Use of Canal.  
Geo. U. Legg et al  
Use of Salt &c.  
on Street Railways.  
286.

A petition of the Providence & Worcester R. R. Co. for permission to use canal for railroad purposes, and of Geo. U. Legg and others relative to the use of salt and snow plows upon street railways,

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are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

Time given to Com. on Highways to report.

Upon the request of the Standing Committee on Highways, an extension of time for four weeks is allowed said Committee within which to make certain reports.

Olney St.

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A petition of Charles Lasell and others for repairs on Olney street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Remission of Tax.

Petitions of the following named persons for remission of tax as presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims, viz:-

- 283. Maria Peuno,
- 282. Leander M. Walling,
- 284. Rev. E. J. Cooney,
- 315. Eliza A. Fiske,
- 281. William H. Chaffee,
- 283. Joseph J. Cooke, Adm<sup>r</sup>,
- 281. Abby T. Dearth,
- 283. Trustees of Hope Lodge No. 4, A.O. of O.F.
- 283. J. B. Dunbar,
- 283. Henry L. Norris,
- 282. David Smith,

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Street Commissioners.

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Claims in favor of  
George T. Spicer,  
Alvan G. Sprague,  
Charles E. Paine,

for services as Street Commissioners, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Alleged Misconduct of Chief of Police.

Res. of Inquiry.

The following resolution is presented and read, viz:-

Whereas it is currently reported that the Chief of Police has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and prejudicial to good order and discipline in the Police Force, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be requested to investigate his conduct and report at the next regular meeting of the Council, with such recommendations as they may deem necessary.

Thereupon it is moved that said resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which motion the question is taken by yeas and nays, as follows, viz:-

Ayes. Messrs Barnaby, Brown, Calder, Sabre, Purfu, Eddy, Fisk, Gallup, Glad-

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ding, Harrington, Harris, Hidden,  
 Jencks, Johnson, Phillips, Place, Rice,  
 Shaw, C. S. Smith, J. T. Snow, 20  
 Says: Mr President, Messrs Armington,  
 Carpenter, Cook, Mauran, Metcalf,  
 Persons, Shaw, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow,  
 Sprague, Sweet, Tobey and White. 14

Said resolution therefore is in-  
 definitely postponed.

The Common Council adjourns to  
 Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 1869, at 7<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock p.m.

Present, all the members except Mr.  
 Rounds.

J. M. Addemary,  
 Clerk.

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Special Meeting.

State of Rhode Island re  
 The City of Providence &c.

To the City Messengers, or either of  
 the Constables of said City.

Greeting:

Whereas in my judgment the good of the  
 City requires that the Common Council  
 of said City shall meet at an earlier  
 day than that to which said Council  
 stands adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded,  
 and required to summon the members  
 of said Common Council to meet in their  
 chamber on Monday the twenty eighth  
 day of December A. D. 1868 at 7<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock,  
 P.M. then and there to transact such  
 business as may legally come before them.

Hereof fail not, and make true re-  
 turn of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my hand and the  
 seal of said City this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
 December A. D. 1868.

S.S.

Thos. A. Doyle

Mayor

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Providence, December 28. A.D. 1868.

I hereby certify that I have summoned all the members of the Common Council of said City by reading the within warrant in their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes  
City Messenger.

Quorum present.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Common Council on this day assembled at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m., - a quorum present.

President & Clerk  
pro tem.

The President and the Clerk being absent, Mr. Hidden is elected President pro tem. and Mr. Chas. E. Gorman, Clerk pro tem.

Mayor's Message.

Extension of

Friendship Street.

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

Mayor's Office

Providence Decem. 28 1868.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

In April 1851 the Board of Aldermen refused by a tie vote to extend Pine street in a direct line to Dyer street, in consequence of which a permanent brick building was erected on the lot of land which should have been taken for the extension, and thus an important thoroughfare of more than a mile in length

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leading from the then southerly boundary of the city, was obstructed at its termination in the business centre, to the great and increasing inconvenience of the citizens and to the detriment of property on the street.

Friendship street running parallel with Pine street and for the same distance, has its eastern termination in Orange street and from thence to Dyer street, a distance of about two hundred and thirty feet, there are now but few buildings and these of little value which would require to be removed, to secure the opening of the street in very nearly a direct line to Dyer street as will appear by a plat of the premises herewith presented.

I am informed that plans have been prepared and contracts have recently been made in accordance therewith by the owners of one of the estates through which Friendship street, if extended to Dyer street, must pass, for the erection on that estate of a brick block three stories in height, to be used for manufacturing purposes, and it is the intention of the owners

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concluded.

to complete the building at the earliest possible date.

In consequence of this information and at the suggestion of some of our citizens, I have deemed it proper to convene you at this time in order that a matter of such great importance to the interests of the citizens of the entire southwestern portion of the city, - as the permanent obstruction of one of the main avenues thereto, - should be immediately presented for your consideration, and I sincerely hope that the mistake made in 1851 in relation to Pine street will not be repeated by the present City Council.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Ibid.

Referred to Committee  
on Highways.

Resolved. That the Message of the Mayor dated December 28, 1868, relative to the extension of Friendship street, be referred to the Joint Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

Concurred,  
Approved,

City Treasurer's  
Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the City Treasurer, which was presented at the last meeting of the Common Council, and relative to which

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an order was then passed "that the same be received and referred to the Committee on Printing with instructions to cause the usual number of copies to be printed", is returned from the Board of Aldermen, with an amendment, striking out all after the word "received"; which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Fountain St.

Res. of inquiry  
into extension of

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A Resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz: -  
Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the probable cost of extending Fountain street of its present width, from its termination in Mathewson street to Core street.

Whereupon it is resolved, that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Removal of Snow  
from sidewalks,  
by Surveyor of  
Highways.

A resolution in the following words, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz: -

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause

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The snow to be removed, as soon as practicable after each snow storm, from the curbed sidewalks adjoining all real estate owned and occupied by the city, and from the foot walks of the several bridges, - the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Highways.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Resolution of inquiry into expediency of amending City Charter.

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is set down for concurrence, and is read, viz: -

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of so amending the City Charter, as that the government of the city shall be organized in the month of January, or that such of the officers as the City Council may deem expedient, may be elected in that month.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation to Public Buildings.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December inst. was

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referred a Bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to Public Buildings," make report recommending that the Common Council concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of said Bill with certain amendments: which Report is received, and thereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur in the passage of said Bill with the following amendments, viz: -

Strike out Section Ten of said Ordinance and insert in place thereof the following words:

"Section Ten. The City Council shall annually at the organization of the City Government in the month of June, and whenever a vacancy in the office occurs, elect a Superintendent of Public Buildings who shall hold his said office for the term of one year and until his successor is qualified."

Also strike out the words "on the first Monday in January" in lines 3 and 4 of Section 13, and insert in place thereof the words "in the month of May."

Also strike out the words "in the month of January 1869" in the second line of Section 16, and insert in place thereof the words "for the remainder of the present municipal year as

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soon as may be." Also strike out the words "the present" in the third and fourth lines of section 16, and insert in place thereof the word "said".

(Also insert after the word "years" in line 5 of section 2, the words "by auction".

The foregoing amendments are returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with the following amendments:

Strike out the words "in the month of May" lines 3 and 4, Section 13, and substitute the words "on the first Monday in January."

Strike out in Section 2, line 5, the words "by auction".

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency and probable cost of extending Mumford street of the same width from Frank street to Point street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution of inquiry into expediency of extending Mumford St.

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Friendship St.

Extension of

A petition of the Kendall Mfg Co, and others for the extension of Friendship street is presented, received and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Do.

Resolution for Commissioners of Estimate and assessment.

Said Committee thereupon make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to extend Friendship street from its present termination near Orange street, to Dyer street of the same width.

And whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is 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 application shall be made by said City-Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid,

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that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is 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.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution for Com. to negotiate for extension of Friendship Street.

Resolved. That Messrs Hadden, Brown and Durfee, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to confer with the owners of such real estate as may be required for the extension of Friendship Street from Orange to Dyer Street, and also for the widening of Eddy Street between Pine and Broad Streets, and report upon what terms the necessary land may be purchased for such extension and widening.

(Concurred and Aldermen Knight & Hopkins added)

(Approved)

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Petition of City Treasurer for abatement of certain taxes, &c.

A petition of Benjamin Tripp, City Treasurer, for abatement of certain taxes and assessments, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Said Committee thereupon make Report and recommend granting the prayer of the petition and the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolution to abate certain assessments, &c.

Resolved. That the following taxes and assessments included in the City Tax for 1868, together with interest thereon from December 1, 1868 to the date of the passage of this resolution, be and the same are hereby abated.

Assessment against Thomas J. Hill for opening South Water Street with interest upon the amount of his entire tax from December 1, 1868, said assessment amounting to \$499.85

Assessment against Mechanics Savings Bank for same, with interest upon their entire tax from Dec. 1, 1868, said assessment amounting to \$237.76

Assessment against Lorenzo Stou for opening Battery Street with interest

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Abatement of  
certain taxes, etc.

on the same from Dec. 1, 1868, said  
assessment amounting to \$175.00

Tax upon personal estate assessed  
to Eliza T. Almy with interest on her  
entire tax from Dec. 1, 1868, said tax  
amounting to \$66.00

Tax upon personal estate assessed  
to Stephen W. Remington's heirs with  
interest upon their entire tax from  
Dec. 1, 1868, said tax amounting to \$24.00

Tax upon personal estate of John W.  
Smith, Guardian of William O. Brighton  
with interest on his entire tax from Dec.  
1868, said tax amounting to \$18.00

Tax assessed upon \$1500 of Bank Stock  
to Smith Mowry of Charleston S.C. with  
interest upon the entire amount of said  
tax from Dec. 1, 1868, said tax amounting to \$18.00

Said resolution is returned from the  
Board of Aldermen with their concurrence  
therein with an amendment, striking out  
the abatement of the tax of \$66. to Eliza T.  
Almy, and the tax of \$24 to Stephen W.  
Remington: which amendment having been  
read, it is resolved that the Common Coun-  
cil do concur therein.

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Geo. T. Spicer

Bill as Street  
Commissioner

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The Standing Committee on Claims to  
whom, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December inst,  
was referred the bill of George T. Spicer  
for services as Street Commissioner,  
make Report recommending that said  
bill be allowed: which Report is received  
and the following resolution is there-  
upon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer  
do and he is hereby directed to pay  
to George T. Spicer the sum of Thirty  
six dollars, the same being in full  
for his bill as Street Commissioner  
from September 1<sup>st</sup> 1868 to November  
30<sup>th</sup> 1868 inclusive.

Said resolution is returned from  
the Board of Aldermen with their con-  
currence therein with an amendment  
striking out the words "November 30, 1868,"  
and substituting the words "June 1, 1869;"  
which amendment having been read, it  
is resolved that the Common Council  
do concur therein.

(Approved)

A. G. Sprague

St. Commissioner

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Said Committee to whom on the same date  
was referred a bill of Albert G. Sprague for  
services as Street Commissioner, make Report  
and recommend that said bill be allowed:

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which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Albert G. Sprague the sum of Thirty six dollars, the same being in full for his bill of services as Street Commissioner from September 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> 1868 inclusive.

Said Resolution is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "November 30, 1868"; and substituting the words "June 1, 1869"; which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Chas. E. Paine.  
Bill for services as  
Street Commissioner.

265.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred the claim of Charles E. Paine for services as Street Commissioner, make Report and recommend that said Bill be allowed; which Report is received, the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Charles E. Paine the sum of One hundred twenty eight & <sup>86</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, the same being in full for his bill of services as Street Commissioner

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from September 1<sup>st</sup> 1868 to November 30<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Said resolution is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "November 30, 1868"; and substituting the words "June 1, 1869"; which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Remission of  
Tax

Abby J. Dearth.

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Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred the petition of Abby J. Dearth for remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted; which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Abby J. Dearth for the year 1868 the sum of One hundred & sixty eight dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Eliza A. Fiske

264.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred the petition of Eliza A. Fiske for remission of Tax, make Report

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and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Eliza A. Fiske for the year 1868 the sum of Seventy two Dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Remission of Tax

Leander M. Walling

264.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred the petition of Leander M. Walling for remission of tax, make Report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Leander M. Walling for the year 1868 the sum of Three + <sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Do

David Smith.  
264.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred the petition of David Smith

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for remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against David Smith for the year 1868 the sum of Eighteen Dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Do.

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Said Committee to whom on the same date were referred petitions of Maria Penno, Adm's, and William H. Chaffer,

for remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, whereupon it is ordered that said petitions be recommitted to said Committee.

Do.

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Said Committee to whom on the same date were referred petitions of John B. Dunbar, Henry L. Norris, Joseph J. Cooke, Adm's Trustees of Hope Lodge No. 4, I.O. of O.F.

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for a remission of tax, make Reports and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: as such Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Remission of Tax.

Rev. E. J. Cooney.

264.  
305.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred the petition of Rev. E. J. Cooney for remission of Tax, make Report with full statement of facts but without recommendation: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Resolutions relative  
to the Report of Com.  
on Sources of  
Water Supply.

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Resolved. That the Report of the Committee on Sources of Water Supply presented October 12<sup>th</sup> be, and the same is hereby adopted; and that the question of the introduction of water into the city be submitted for the votes of such persons as may be qualified to vote thereon, Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Resolved. That the Committee aforesaid, be, and they are hereby requested, to cause meetings in reference to the introduction of water, to be held in the several Wards of the City; and to institute such other measures as in said Committee's judgment shall lead to a proper understanding of

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the subject by the citizens.

Resolved. That upon the ballots to be used in voting upon said question there shall be printed the following words: "Shall the City Council introduce water into the City" (either from the Pawtuxet River above Pochasset Brook, or from the Blackstone River through Scott's Pond) "in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly, passed at the January Session A. D. 1866, entitled An Act for supplying the City of Providence with pure water?"

Resolved. That upon the back of a portion of said ballots shall be printed the word "Yes", and upon another portion of said ballots shall be printed the word "No."

(Non-Concurred)

Greenwich St.

Cross-walks on.

265.

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December inst. was referred the petition of M. B. Scribner and others for crosswalks on Greenwich Street, make Report that they have directed the Superintendent of the Union R.R. Co. to lay the crosswalks asked for: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be

received.

Geo. O. Legg et al.

Use of Salt and Snow plows on Streets.

263.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Geo. O. Legg and others relative to use of snow plow and salt on streets and highways of the City, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Resolution for paving India Street.

298.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee of the City Council on Railroads, be, and he is, hereby directed to cause India street to be paved from Ives street westerly to South Water street, at the expense of the Boston & Providence Rail Road Company, - agreeable to the provisions of an Ordinance passed November 28<sup>th</sup> 1864, permitting the Boston & Providence R. R. Co. to lay rails in certain streets in the City of Providence.

Report of S. Com. on Ordinances on Ord. for City Engineer, &c.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October last, a resolution directing

them to prepare an Ordinance providing for an Officer to be styled the City Engineer, and also for the organization of the Highway Department, make Report by Bill, recommending the passage thereof, and further recommend that they be discharged from the further consideration of so much of said resolution as refers to the organization of the Highway Department and that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

Ordinance providing for City Engineer.

353.

A Bill, (recommended by the Standing Committee on Ordinances), entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of an Officer to be styled the City Engineer, and prescribing his powers and duties," is read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

Time for Com. on Ord. to report extended

The Standing Committee on Ordinances are granted four weeks time to consider the organization of the Highway Department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

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Members present.

Present - all the members except Mr. President,  
and Messrs Armington, Gallup, Gladding, Snuck,  
and J. L. Snow

Charles C. Gorman  
Clerk Pro tem.

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Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant.

State of Rhode Island &  
City of Providence &c.

To the City Messenger, or either of the  
Constables of said City.

Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment the good of  
the City requires that the Common Council  
of said City shall meet at an earlier day  
than that to which said Council stands  
adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded  
and required to summon the members of  
said Common Council to meet in their  
chamber on Tuesday the fifth day of  
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then and there to transact such business  
as may legally come before them.

Hereof fail not, and make true re-  
turn of this warrant, with your doings  
thereon.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the  
seal of said City this fourth  
day of January A. D. 1869.  
Thos. A. Doyle,  
Mayor.

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I hereby certify that I have summoned  
all the members of the Common Council  
of said City (with the exception of Mes-  
srs Armington, Aldrich and Sprague  
whom I have been unable to find within  
my precinct) by reading the within war-  
rant in their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes  
City Messenger.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant,  
the Common Council are this day as-

sembled - a quorum present.

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

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Mayor's Message.

Mayor's Office.

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Gentlemen of the City Council.

The fire, which occurred in the building on Dyer street on the morning of Thursday last, required more labor for its extinguishment than any fire in this city for many years, and I may safely say that a larger quantity of water was poured upon it than was ever poured before upon any burning property in this city.

For many hours on the first day, sixteen streams from our eight steamers played into and upon the burning building, and yet on the Sunday following a portion of the department was still at work endeavoring to extinguish the flames.

During the afternoon of Thursday, it became apparent to the Chief Engineer that all or nearly all of the two hundred tons of hay stored in the various lofts of the building must be removed before the fire could be stopped, and that laborers and teams would be necessary to accomplish the work, as the force at his command was insufficient for the purpose. Such a case had never arisen before, and there were therefore no precedents

Employment of extra laborers and teams on fire.

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for the chief to follow. In this emergency he consulted, first, one of the two Presidents of the Fire department elected by the City Council, who, although having no direct authority in the premises, yet from his position was deemed to be a proper counsellor; and, secondly, such members of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department of the City Council as happened to be at the fire; and all these gentlemen without hesitation advised him to employ the needed help. Although this advice accorded with his own views and those of the two Assistant Engineers, he yet deemed it proper before acting to obtain the approval of the Mayor, who, under the Charter, "is the chief executive officer of the city."

This approval being given, laborers and teams were set at work and continued until the fire department was no longer needed.

The laborers employed presented themselves on Saturday for payment, the amount due them being less than one hundred dollars; but the Auditor decided that they could not be paid without the approval of the Committee

Payment of laborers refused by the Auditor.

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continued.

of Accounts. The Chairman of this Committee was requested to call a meeting on Monday morning, which he readily did, and the disappointed men were told to come on that day. To my surprise the Committee at their meeting decided that there was no authority to contract for such service, and they declined to audit the account.

Defect in the mu-  
nicipal organization.

I had supposed that a municipal government with its machinery was instituted to meet such emergencies, and that the office of Chief executive was created that there might be some person clothed with sufficient power in any unforeseen circumstance where life or property was at stake to command and employ all needed assistance, which the occasion required. If this is not the fact, and, when such occasions arise, the Mayor must first summon the members of the City Council to meet before he can act, it is time that our citizens understood it, in order that legislative action may be invoked to remedy such a radical defect in our city government.

Reasons for meeting.

After the action of the Committee, justice to the men, who had labored as they supposed at the expense of the city,

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required that I should convene you at the earliest possible moment to pass upon their claim, which I have no doubt you will promptly do, for, however necessary it may be that the City Council should be consulted before the public money is expended, I think you will agree with me that there are times, like the fire of Thursday last, when the ordinary machinery must be temporarily suspended, and, it was among other things to meet such cases that the Committee of Accounts was supposed to have been created.

Suggestions.

Some suggestions which have occurred to me in consequence of this fire I submit for your consideration.

Inspector of  
Buildings.

First. An Inspector of Buildings is needed, who shall have power to prevent the erection of unsafe buildings, and who shall have authority to require that proper staircases, or other means of egress, are provided in all buildings where people assemble for any purpose, or where workmen are employed. Such an officer has been found necessary in other cities, and should be provided for here, before some

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Mayor's Message  
continued.

Storage of Hay &amp;c.

great loss of life results from our neglect.

Second. The storage of hay or straw in large quantities above the second story of buildings in the compact part of the city should not be permitted.

Method of storing  
bales of merchandise.

Third. The method of storing bales of merchandise above the second story of buildings should be regulated by law. At present our large warehouses are in many cases compactly filled, and, in case of a fire in either of them, the windows are of no avail to the firemen, who are compelled to witness the destruction of property which might be saved, if those owning the merchandise were required to leave an open space next to the wall of the building adjoining any street.

Hose Department.

Fourth. A different system of managing our hose department is essentially necessary. During a recent visit to the city of Albany I had the pleasure of inspecting their excellent fire department, and learned that all the hose used for many years had been manufactured by the city. One man constantly employed under the direction of the Chief Engineer has been sufficient to make all the new hose needed, and also

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to keep the old in repair. By this system they secure as good an article as can be manufactured, at a cost of from twenty to thirty per cent. less than it can be contracted for. They also have a central depot to which after a fire all hose that has been used is returned, each carriage taking in exchange a full supply of hose ready for use.

That left at the depot is dried, cleaned and tested by pressure before it is placed on the reels to be called for as wanted. By this plan a large quantity of hose is always ready to replace any that may be destroyed, and in case of a second fire while another is under way, it is not necessary to collect the hose then in use, but one or more steamers may at once be detached, and without delay a full supply of hose is ready for their use.

The numerous other advantages of the Albany system will readily occur to you, especially when we have seen that we are liable at any time to have our entire stock of hose in use, and that, too, in mid-winter when it could not easily be collected for service elsewhere.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor

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Resolution direct-  
ing payment of  
labor and teams.

Resolved. That the Committee of Accounts be hereby instructed to allow the pay roll of laborers employed at the fire on Dyer street on December 31, 1868, when the same shall be certified by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and also the bills of carting hay from said fire when the same shall be approved by the same officer.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Res. referring sub-  
jects of Inspector  
of buildings, and  
storage of hay to  
Com. on Ordinances.389.  
390.

Resolved. That so much of the Message of the Mayor this day received, as relates to the subject of an Inspector of buildings, and the storage of hay and other merchandize in the compact part of the city, be referred to the Standing Committee on Ordinances to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Res. referring sub-  
ject of Hose Depart-  
ment to Com. on  
Fire Department.

Resolved. That so much of the Message of the Mayor, received this day, as relates to the organization of a hose department, be referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to examine and report thereon.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Res. to submit  
to electors ques-  
tion of introdu-  
cing water from  
Pawtuxet River.

(from B. of Ald.)

Resolved. That the committee appointed upon the subject of the introduction of pure water, by resolution of the City Council approved July 9, 1866, be and they are hereby requested to cause meetings in reference to the introduction of water, to be held in the several wards of the city, and to institute such other measures as in said committee's judgment shall lead to a proper understanding of the subject by the citizens.

Resolved. That the following question shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Providence qualified to vote for City Council:—

"Shall the City Council introduce water into the city from the Pawtuxet river, above Pochasset brook, in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly, passed at the January Session, A. D. 1866, entitled 'An Act for supplying the City of Providence with pure water?'"

Resolved. That the City Clerk, be and he is hereby directed to procure a sufficient number of ballots containing the above question, and upon the reverse of one half

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Water.

of said ballots shall be printed the word "Yes", and on the other half the word "No."

Resolved, That an election for the above purpose be holden on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 1869; and that such election when held, shall in all respects be conducted, and the ballots sealed up and returned in the manner required in the election of City officers.

Resolutions in the words preceding, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are sent down for concurrence, and are read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

India Street  
Parings, of.

286.

The Resolution, which was passed by the Common Council, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December last, relative to the paving of India street, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "Committee on Railroads", and substituting the words "Committee on Highways."

Which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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City Treasurer's  
Mo. Reports.

The Monthly Reports of the City Treasurer for the months ending November 30. and December 31. last, are severally presented, read and received,  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Remission of Tax.

Joanna Weeden.

304.

A petition of Joanna Weeden for remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Waring Building

H. C. Budlong.

313.

A petition of H. C. Budlong for permission to remove a certain wooden building is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Street Commission-  
ers, Communi-  
cation from

Resignation.

324.

A communication from Messrs George T. Spicer, Albert G. Sprague and Charles C. Paine, tendering their several resignations as Street Commissioners is presented and read; whereupon it is ordered that said communication be received, and communicated to B. of Ald. (Concurred)

(Approved)

Invitation to join  
in Convention.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to

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join the Common Council in convention for the election of city constables and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

Invitation accepted.

The aforesaid invitation being accepted the two Boards join in convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Constable elected.

Just Gady is elected a city constable with power to serve civil process.

There being no further business the two Boards separate.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Aldrich, Armington, C. S. Smith and Sprague.

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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

Mo. Report of  
Surveyor of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred & Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief  
Eng. of Fire Dept.

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

Harbor Master's  
Mo. Report.

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)

Do.  
Dredging in  
Harbor.

The Harbor Master's Reports of Dredging in the Harbor and in the Channels are severally presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

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

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Mayor's Message.

Mayor's Office

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Gentlemen of the City Council.

I suggest to you the propriety of setting apart a suitable lot in the North Burial Ground for the interment of the bodies of such persons as may decease in the Rhode Island Hospital leaving no friends to attend to their burial.

Should such a lot be provided the Trustees of the Hospital will undoubtedly see that the same is properly cared for.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Lot in N. Burying Ground for R.I. Hospital.

Ibid.  
Referred to Com. on N. Burying Ground.

309.

Resolved. That the foregoing message be referred to the Standing Committee on the North Burying Ground to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Res. on expediency of purchasing two steam Fire Engines.

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on the Fire Department are hereby requested to report upon the expediency of

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purchasing two additional Fire Steamers, said Steamers to be used as a reserve and to be located in some building now used by the Fire Department.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Not approved)

Said Committee make Report by resolution, recommending the passage thereof, which Report is received; and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Res. to purchase Steam Fire Engine.

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be, and they are hereby authorized, acting under advice of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to purchase for the use of the City, a Steam Fire Engine, - that there may be a reserve Engine to take the place of any Engine disabled or undergoing repairs.

Resolved. That the sum of Forty five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to carry the above resolution into effect.

(Not Concurred)

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Remission of Tax

Joanna Weedon.

299.

350.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred a petition of Joanna Weedon for remission of Tax, make Report and return said petition without recommendation: which Report is received; and thereupon it is ordered that said petition be re-committed to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Ibid.

Wm. H. Chaffee.

283.

Said Committee to whom on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December last was re-committed a petition of William H. Chaffee, for Remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Ibid.

Maria Penn, Adm'r.

283.

380.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was re-committed a petition of Maria Penn Adm'r, for Remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that said petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petition be re-committed to said Committee with instructions to report a resolution remitting the tax against said petitioner for 1848. Said Committee thereupon report a resolution re-

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mitting said tax; and it is moved that said resolution pass: upon which motion the question is taken by yeas and nays as follows, viz:—

Ayes. Messrs Barnaby, Surfer, Gallup, Harrington, Hidden, Johnson, Rice, Rounds, C. S. Smith and Street. 10

Nays. Messrs President, Armington, Brown, Calder, Carpenter, Cook, Gladding, Mauran, Metcalf, Phillips, Shaw, Slade, F. M. Smith, J. L. Snow, J. T. Snow, Tobey and White. 17

Said resolution is not passed and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Ibid.

E. J. Cooney.

264.

Said Committee to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December last was referred a petition of Rev. E. J. Cooney, for remission of Tax, make Report by resolution, recommending the passage thereof: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Rev. Edward J. Cooney for the year 1848 the sum of Eighty Eight <sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, being amount assessed on School House property on Walling Street held in his name

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for the Church of Immaculate Conception.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Settlement with bondsmen of M. W. Gardiner, late City Treas.

241.

Said Committee, who on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November last, were authorized, <sup>acting</sup> under the advice of the Mayor and City Solicitor, to settle with the bondsmen of Marinus W. Gardiner, late City Treasurer, make Report accompanied by a certificate from the City Treasurer that a sum, amounting in the whole to Thirty eight hundred & fourteen & <sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars in settlement of the suits against said bondsmen, had been paid into the City Treasury: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report of Building Com. on new school-house, corner of Federal & Dean Sts. 207.

The Committee who were appointed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October last to contract for the building of a foundation for a school-house at the junction of Federal and Dean streets, and to report working plans and specifications for said building, and

for the furniture, outbuildings and fences appertenant thereto, and also to purchase the brick for the exterior of said building, make Report and recommend the pas-

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sage of the accompanying resolution: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee to contract for erection of School House on Federal St.

The following resolution, recommended by said committee is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That Messrs Arrington, Metcalf, Hidden, Calder and J. J. Snow with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the erection of the school house upon the foundation now in process of construction on the lot belonging to the City, at the junction of Federal and Dean streets, in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the City Council; and also to contract for the furniture therefor, together with the necessary outbuildings and fences: the contracts to be made in the manner provided by an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to public buildings."

(Concurred and Aldermen Angell, Berrington and Snow added.)

(Approved)

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Annual Report of Chief of Police.

358.

The Annual Report of the Chief of Police is presented and read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be received, and that the usual number of copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

*1.5 of ... of Police,*

Board of Trade.

Petition for use of rooms in Depot Building on Bridge.

A petition of the Providence Board of Trade praying that the Union R. R. Co. and the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls R. R. Co. may be authorized to permit said Board of Trade to occupy certain rooms in the new depot building erected on the water on the North side of Weybosset Bridge, is with a draft resolution accompanying the same, presented, read and received.

It is thereupon moved that said resolution pass; upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes:— Messrs Gallup, Hidden, Phillips, Rice, Slade, F. M. Smith and J. L. Snow. 7

Nays:— Messrs President, Aldrich, Arrington, Barnaby, Brown, Calder, Carpenter, Cook, Daboll, Durfee, Fisk, Gladstone, Harrington, Johnson, Mauran, Metcalf,

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Place, Rounds, Shaw, C. S. Smith, J. T. Snow, Sprague, Sweet, Tobey & White. 25.

Said resolution therefore is not adopted; and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

North Main St.

Report on the widening of.

53.

The Standing Committee on Highways, to whom on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May last was referred a petition of Rufus Waterman and others, for widening North Main street ~~make~~ Report, accompanied by certain schedules, contracts and map, and a draft resolution recommending the passage of the same: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution for widening of North Main St.

A resolution in the words following is recommended by said Committee:

Resolved. That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, straighten and widen North Main street of a width of sixty feet from Smith Street to Market Square; beginning in its westerly line, in the southerly line of Smith Street; thence southerly, in a line passing

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North Main St.  
widening of.

through a point sixty feet westerly of the most westerly point in the base of the fence in front of St. John's Church, and touching the northeast corner of Henry C. Cranston's house, to an angle near the southerly line of Throop Avenue; thence southerly, in a line ranging from the southeast corner of said Cranston's house to the northeast corner of Arnold Block, to an angle at said corner; thence southerly, in a line ranging from said corner to a point sixty feet westerly from the northwest corner of the What Cheer building, until said line intersects the easterly side of the granite <sup>building</sup> belonging to A. B. Dike and others: said street taking its width easterly from the above described line, from Smith street to Market Square.

And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is 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

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Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is 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.

The foregoing resolutions having been read, it is moved to postpone the same till the next meeting: which motion is lost by a vote of 13 ayes to 16 nays; and thereupon said resolutions are adopted.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee to  
apply to Gen.  
Assembly for  
change of High-  
Way Act.

Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances be directed to apply to the General Assembly at its next session for an amendment to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straight-

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ening, or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," as follows to wit: providing for an extension of the time within which the City Council may elect to make the contemplated improvement after the first report of the Commissioners to the Supreme Court; for an extension of time for the completion of the work; that the damage awarded by the Commissioners and confirmed by the Supreme Court shall be paid by the City within four months from the time the property is taken for the improvement as the work progresses; that the assessments for benefit and advantage awarded and confirmed as aforesaid may be collected in the manner provided in said act when the work is completed.

(A. B. of Ord. laid on Table)

Committee to apply  
to Gen. Assembly for  
Sewer Law.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to make application to the General Assembly at the January Session A. D. 1869 for the passage of an act authorizing the Board of Aldermen in the City of Providence when requested thereto by the City Council of said

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city and not otherwise, to cause sewers to be constructed in any of the streets of said city, and to appoint Commissioners to appportion and assess an amount equal to three quarter parts of the cost of any such sewer upon the premises and estates benefitted thereby.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

E. R. Osgood et al.

Covering Bell of  
Steam Engine  
No. 9.

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The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last was referred a petition of E. R. Osgood and others for covering the bell on the house of Steam Engine No. 9, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Moving Building

E. C. Burdlong

299.

Said Committee to whom on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred a petition of Edward C. Burdlong for permission to remove a certain wooden building make Report, recommending that the prayer of said petition be granted with the understanding that said building be moved

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by night as well as day, and that the trees upon the route be not mutilated: which Report is received and a resolution in accordance therewith is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of Tax,

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Petitions of  
Joseph Belcher, and  
Mary J. Turner, Guardian  
for Remission of Tax, and of  
Benjamin Tripp, City Treasurer,  
for abatement of certain Taxes, are severally  
presented, received and referred to the Stand-  
ing Committee on Claims.

A. S. Westcott,  
Petition for pur-  
chase of land.

365.

A petition of Amasa S. Westcott for  
the purchase of land, is presented, received  
and referred to the Standing Committee  
on City Property.

Butler Hospital.

Petition for Fire  
Alarm.

2166.

A petition of R. H. Ives, Secretary of  
Butler Hospital for establishment of  
Fire Alarm at the Hospital Building is  
presented, received and referred to the  
Standing Committee on the Fire Depart-  
ment.

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Mumford St.

Extension of.

A petition of John Pearson and others  
for the extension of Mumford Street  
is presented, received and referred to the  
Standing Committee on Highways.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday  
February 8. 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Present: all the members except Messrs  
Eddy, Harris, Incks, Persons. H.

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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## Special Meeting.

Mayor's Warrant.

State of Rhode Island &c.  
The City of Providence &c.  
To the City Messenger or either of the  
Constables of said City,

## Greeting:

Whereas, in my judgment, the good of the  
City requires that the Common Council of  
said City shall meet at an earlier day than  
that to which said Council stands adjourned.

You are therefore hereby commanded and  
required to summon the members of said  
Common Council to meet in their chamber  
on Monday the twenty-fifth day of January  
A. D. 1869 at 7<sup>h</sup> o'clock, P. M., then and  
there to transact such business as may  
legally come before them.

Hereof fail not, and make true re-  
turn of this warrant with you doing thereon.

Given under my hand and the  
seal of said City this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of January A. D. 1869.

L. S.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

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City of Providence, Jan'y 25. 1869.

I hereby certify that I have summoned  
all the members of the Common Council of  
said City, by reading the within warrant in  
their presence and hearing.

Edward S. Rhodes

City Messenger.

Quorum present.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the  
members of the Common Council are this  
day assembled, - a quorum present.

Warrant read.

The warrant of the Mayor calling  
the present meeting is read.

Mayor's Message.

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

Mayor's Office

Providence, January 25. 1869.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

I have convened you at  
this time for the election of a Superinten-  
dent of Public Buildings in accordance  
with a request made by the Board of Alder-  
men at their meeting on the thirteenth instant.

Thomas A. Doyle

Mayor.

Resolutions in the words following are sent

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down from the Board of Aldermen for concurrence and are read, viz:

Purchase of Steam Fire Engine.

Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, acting under the advice of the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, be hereby authorized to purchase for the use of the city, a steam fire Engine to take the place of any engine disabled or undergoing repairs, and that the expense thereof be paid from the appropriation for the Fire Department.

Resolved. That the sum of forty five hundred dollars be added to the appropriation for the Fire Department from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence, and is read, viz:-

Removal of Cross-Walks.

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways, be and he is hereby requested to remove the Cross-Walk at the foot of Atwell's Avenue on Aborn Street further South, where it may be of some use to persons passing in that vicinity.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

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Appointment of Deputy City Treas.

A communication is received from the City Treasurer, notifying the appointment by him of John G. Massie as Deputy City Treasurer, and requesting the approval of said appointment: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur with the Board of Aldermen in the approval of said appointment.

(Approved)

Monthly meetings of Board of Aldermen.

Resolutions, having passed the Board of Aldermen, relative to tri-monthly meetings of said Board, and requesting the Common Council to meet on the fourth Monday of each month in addition to the regular meeting now held, are sent down to the Council, and are read: whereupon it is ordered that the same be laid temporarily on the table.

Meetings of Council.

Resolved. That the City Council will meet during the remainder of the present Municipal year on the fourth Monday of each and every month.

(Am. Concurred)

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

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Allowance for ex-  
penses of Reform  
School Investigation.

Resolved. That the Committee on Ac-  
counts be hereby instructed to allow the ac-  
counts and expenses of the investigation of  
the management of the Providence Reform  
School, when such accounts shall be  
first allowed by the Board of Aldermen.  
The same to be paid from the appropriation  
for contingencies.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common  
Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Remission of Tax.

John Moore.

The Standing Committee on Claims to  
whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen  
a petition of John Moore for remission of Tax,  
make Report recommending that the prayer of  
said petition be granted: which Report is  
received in concurrence, and the following res-  
olution reported by said Committee is there-  
upon read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be  
and he is hereby directed to pay to John Moore  
the sum of Thirteen &  $\frac{15}{100}$  dollars being the amount  
of Tax and costs of collecting the same for the year  
1867.

(Approved)

Obadiah Slade

Resignation as member.

A communication from Obadiah Slade Esq.  
tendering his resignation as a member of the

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Common Council from the Seventh Ward  
is presented and read: whereupon it is  
ordered that the same be received and  
said resignation be accepted.

Whereupon it is

Election for  
Councilman  
in 7<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Ordered. That an election be held in  
the Seventh Ward for the choice of a  
member of the Common Council in place of  
Obadiah Slade resigned.

Ordered. That said election take place  
on Monday February 15. 1869, and that the  
ballots be sealed up and counted by the  
Board of Aldermen as provided by law  
in the election of the City Council.

Olney Street

Repairs on.

264.

The Standing Committee on Highways  
to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December last  
was referred a petition of Charles Lacey  
and others for repairs on Olney Street, make  
Report and recommend the passage of the  
accompanying resolution: which Report  
is received, and the following resolution  
is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways  
be and he is hereby directed to cause the  
curbstones to be set and the gutters paved  
in Olney street between Prospect and Hope  
Streets.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee on revision  
of Ordinances discharged.

Resolved That the Committee to Engrave Ordinances who were on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1866, together with the Mayor appointed a Committee to revise the City Ordinances be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of matters referred to them.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Committee to revise  
City Ordinances re.

Resolved That Messrs Tobey, Hidden and Persons with such as the Board of Aldermen may add be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to report to the City Council a revision of the City Ordinances and a collection of the laws of the State applicable to the City with a view to their publication when approved by the City Council, and that said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to employ such assistance in the prosecution of their work as they may deem necessary.

(Concurred and

The Standing Committee on the North Bury-

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ing Ground report the following resolution, which is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Sale of Land of  
North Burying  
Ground.

Resolved That the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground are hereby authorized to sell for One Thousand Dollars to Nathaniel Smalley, a certain triangular piece of land, between the Smithfield Turnpike and the Branch Bridge Turnpike, in the Town of North Providence, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of land for the North Burying Ground. The deed of conveyance to be made upon condition that no nuisance shall ever be maintained upon said premises.

(Am. Concurred)

Issue of Water  
Bonds.

A draft resolution relating to the issue of Water Bonds is presented, read and referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Introduction of Water to examine and report thereon.

Invitation to  
Join in Convention

Resolved That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in execution for the election of Superintendent of Public Buildings and the transaction of such business as may legally come before them.

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The foregoing invitation having been accepted, the two Boards join in convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

Supt of Buildings.

Obadiah Slade is elected Superintendent of Public Buildings for the remainder of the present Municipal year.

Constables elected.

Jabez C. Potter and John V. Drew are elected Police Constables with power to serve civil process.

Resignations of Street

Commissioners accepted.

299.

The resignations of Messrs George T. Spicer, Albert G. Sprague and Charles E. Paine, as Street Commissioners, are received.

The two Boards separate.

Remission of Tax.

R. M. Lilley.

357.

A petition of Robert M. Lilley for Remission of Tax is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Claim of E. Prov.

385.

A claim of the Town of East Providence for reimbursement of money paid to Strawn Bliss for injuries received near Washington

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is, together with a draft resolution accompanying the same, presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

John B. Sanford

Petition for compensation.

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A petition of John B. Sanford for compensation for injuries received by his son on Broad Street on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September last, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Knowles St.

340.

A petition of Alexander Duncan and others for extension of Knowles Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, February 8. 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Members present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Lucks and Slade.

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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Quorum present The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - a quorum present.

Record. The reading of the record is temporarily dispensed with.

Message of Mayor A message from the Mayor in the words  
New Map of the City following is presented and read, viz:-

Mayor's Office  
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Gentlemen of the City Council.

Messrs Sampson Davenport & Co. of Boston propose to issue a new map of this city engraved in fine manner upon copper-plate provided that sufficient encouragement be given to the work by the city government.

They desire that the drawing for the map may be prepared under the supervision of Mr. C. C. Paine at the expense of the city and that three hundred copies of the map be purchased by the city, the expense of the latter and of Mr. Paine's services not to exceed in all the sum of four hundred dollars.

Should this be done additional copies of the map may be procured as wanted at

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a price not exceeding fifty cents each.

It is many years since a map of the city was issued in proper manner and parties residing here who were intending to publish one have informed me that they have abandoned the work.

I therefore recommend that the proposition of Messrs Sampson, Davenport & Co be accepted.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Resolution for purchase of maps of City. Resolved. That the sum of four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for contingencies for the payment of the services of Mr C. C. Paine in preparing a new map of this city, and for the purchase of three hundred copies of said map, Provided that the same shall be engraved upon copper plate and printed in a manner satisfactory to the Mayor, and provided also that no portion of said appropriation shall be drawn except upon the approval of the Mayor.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Treasurer

Mo. Report.

The Monthly Statement of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Harbor Master's

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master Mo. Report. is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Monthly Report of

Surveyor of Highways The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief

Engineer of Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of

Surveyor General

The Annual Report of the Surveyor General of Lumber is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolution making

appropriation for interest

A communication is received from the City Auditor, asking for additional appropriations accompanied by the following draft resolution which is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved. That the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for "Interest Account," out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to open a new Account to be styled a Loan Account, and to pass to the credit of said Account all money in the Treasury not already appropriated.

Resolution to build Store House for Department of Public Buildings

Resolved. That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the direction of the Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property, be, and he is hereby instructed to cause a Store House, for the use of the Department of Public Buildings, to be erected upon such unoccupied City land as said Committee may designate; and that the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the Appropriation for Repairs of Public Buildings.

Resolved. That the sum of two thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for repairs of Public Buildings, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Resolution for sale  
of part of the  
North Burying Ground.

Resolved- That the City Treasurer under the  
advice and direction of the Commissioners  
of the North Burying Ground be and he is hereby  
authorized and directed to sell for a sum not  
less than twelve hundred and fifty dollars  
that portion of the North Burying Ground estate  
situate in the town of North Providence between the  
Smithfield and Branch bridge turnpike.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and  
he is hereby authorized upon the sale of said  
estate to execute in the name of the City of  
Providence to the purchaser or purchasers there-  
of a quitclaim deed thereof and affix the  
seal of said city thereto.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Calvin Street  
Reception of.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen  
be and they are hereby requested to receive  
Calvin Street of a width of fifty feet from  
Granwich Street to Eilmore Street, as recorded  
in Plat Book 2, page 3, and declare the  
same a public highway.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Remission of Tax

Mary J. Turner, Gin

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The Standing Committee on Claims to  
whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January last was re-  
ferred a petition of Mary J. Turner, Guardian

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for remission of tax, make Report and recom-  
mend the passage of the accompanying  
resolution: which Report is received and the  
following resolution is read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he  
is hereby directed to deduct from the tax as-  
sessed against Mary J. Turner Guardian  
for the year 1868 the sum of seventy two  
dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Remission of Tax.

William James

314.

Said Committee to whom on the same  
date was referred a petition of Benjamin  
Tripp, City Treasurer for a statement of tax  
of William James of Killingly, make Report  
and recommend the passage of the accom-  
panying resolution: which Report is received  
and the following resolution is thereupon  
read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be  
and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax  
assessed against William James of Killingly  
for the year 1868 the sum of eighteen  
dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

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Said Committee to whom was referred on the

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Remission of Tax. Janu date a petition of Joseph Belcher, and by the Board of Aldermen a petition of Michael Ryan, both for the remission of certain taxes, make Reports and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are severally received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Resolution for widening sidewalk on North side of Meeting Street

125/2.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July last was referred a petition of George R. Earl and others for widening, curbing and repairing side walk on north side of Meeting Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the direction of the Standing Committee of the City Council on Highway, be and he is hereby directed to widen sidewalk, set curbing, and repair gutters on north side of Meeting Street, between Benefit and Congdon Street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

A bill entitled "An Ordinance in amend-

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Ordinance in relation to the City Debt amended. ment of an Ordinance, approved October 12, 1868, entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance in relation to the City Debt," is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance for regulation of Hacks &c.

256.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances to whom on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December last was referred a bill entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of Hacks, omnibuses, drays, trucks &c." make Report and recommend concurrence with the Board of Aldermen with an amendment inserting after the word "organ," in the first section, the words "for hire": which Report is received, and thereupon said bill is laid on the table.

Election of Water Commissioners to be postponed.

Resolved. That in the event of an affirmative vote upon the pending Water Question the election of Commissioners for the construction of Water Works should be postponed until after the first Monday of June next.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Mr. Durfee appointed  
Com. on Highways.Mr Durfee is appointed a member of the  
Standing Committee on Highways, andMr. Fisk appointed on  
Com. for improvement  
of the Harbor.Mr Fisk a member of the committee for  
Improvement of the Harbor, - both in place  
of Obadiah Slade Esq, resigned.

E.P. Mason et al.

Petitions of E. P. Mason and others for  
replatting of land north of Atwell's Avenue;Replatting of Lands.  
342.of T. D. Thompson and others to pare gut-  
ters and lay curbing on Vinton Street,  
between Broadway and Len Sts;

Vinton Street

Curbing, &c.  
361.Tobey Street  
&c.of Winthrop De Wolf for curbing of Tobey  
Street;

Warren Street.

Reception of.  
359.of John A. Bennett and others for the recep-  
tion of part of Warren Street,are severally presented, received and referred  
to the Standing Committee on Highways.Prov. Pantucket, & C.F.  
R. Road CompanyPetition for relief.  
366.A petition of the Providence, Pawtucket  
& Central Falls Railroad Company for re-  
lief is presented, received and referred to  
the Standing Committee on Railroads.

Prov. Board of Trade

Petition for use of  
Deport Building.  
341.Petitions of the Providence Board of  
Trade for permission to occupy rooms in the  
Deport Building on the Bridge, and for the  
appointment of a special committee to  
take the subject into consideration, are pre-  
sented, received and referred to a special

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committee consisting of Messrs Hidden,  
Cook and J. L. Snow.

Moving Buildings.

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Petitions of

John Pine, and

J. H. Bongartz

for leave to move certain wooden buildings;  
and of Drivers of Steam Fire Engines for  
Increase of pay,are presented, received and referred to the  
Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Geo. M. Ardoene

Petition for re-  
imbursement.  
352.A petition of George M. Ardoene for re-  
funding of money paid for entering sewers,  
is presented, received and referred to the  
Standing Committee on Claims.

Opinion of City Sol.

Taxing Bank Stock

An opinion of the City Solicitor relative  
to taxing National Bank Stock of non-residents  
is read, received and placed on file.

Time given to

St. Committees

to report.

An extension of time is granted to the Com-  
mittee on Ordinances to prepare Ordinances rela-  
tive to the Highway Department;Also to the Committee on City Property  
to consider petition of A. S. Prescott to purchase  
(and;Also to Committee on Claims on petition  
of J. H. Tambello for damages;

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Also to the committee on North Burying Ground relative to granting land to N. S. Hospital.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Tuesday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of February A. D. 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Mr. Mauran.

M. Addeman  
 Clerk.

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Quorum present.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - a quorum present

Credentials of Mr. Burr.

member-elect.

The credentials of Mr. Edward Burr member-elect from the Seventh Ward, are presented and read, and thereupon Mr. Burr is duly engaged by the Mayor.

Mayor's Message.

Amendment of

Water Act.

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

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Gentlemen of the City Council

The act for supplying the city with pure water provides for the appointment

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of three commissioners under whose direction the work is to be performed and also authorizes the city to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding two millions of dollars for the purpose of defraying the cost thereof.

I suggest whether it is not expedient to make application to the General Assembly at once for an amendment to the portions of the act.

It is very certain that the sum named will be insufficient for the purpose and that the amount should be fixed at not less than four millions of dollars which it is expected will be ample for the requirements of the work for some years to come.

It seems to me that a work of such magnitude as the introduction of water into our city requires a larger board of commissioners than is contemplated. The expenditure of so large a sum should not in my judgment be left to a board of which two members will constitute a quorum. There should not be less than five persons to control so important a trust, and it is to be hoped that when their selection is made, our city will be able to secure the services of men, who, by the management of their own affairs, and

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the interest they have shown in promoting the prosperity of the city, command the respect of the community and will secure an honest performance of the work.

I believe that such men can be found, who without reward other than the honor to be gained will cheerfully render the required service, and who will give to so noble an undertaking the same energy which they have displayed in their own business, and which they have given to the various concerns that have added to the wealth of our city.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Water Act.

Committee to apply for amendment of.

Resolved. That the committee on Supply of Water be and they are hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly at its present session for an amendment to the Act entitled "An Act for supplying the City of Providence with pure water," providing for the appointment of five water commissioners instead of three, and for authority to issue bonds, scrip or certificates of indebtedness for two million dollars, in addition to the amount authorized by said Act.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Normal School  
Committee of conference on.

Resolved. That Messrs Calder, Minkoff and Burr, and such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to confer with a joint special committee of the General Assembly and a special committee of the Rhode Island Institute for Instruction, relative to the establishment of a State Normal School.

(Concurred and Mayo and Ald.  
Burrington added.)

(Approved)

Report and Resolution for reception of Warren St.

334.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred a petition of John A. Bennett and others for reception of Warren Street make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Warren Street of a width of forty feet from Greenwich Street to Fuller Street, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 72, and declare the same a Public Highway.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Re-platting of  
unoccupied lands.  
334.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of E. P. Mason and others for replatting of lands north of Atwell's Avenue, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the joint committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to make application to the General Assembly at the present session for the passage of an act authorizing the City Council of the city of Providence to replat the unoccupied lands lying within the limits of the city.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Knowles Street

Extension of.  
325

Said committee, to whom on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January last, was referred a petition of Alexander Duncan and others for extension of Knowles Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay

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out a highway in extension of Knowles Street from Garden Street northwesterly through the Sessions Lot belonging to the city of Providence to Abbott Street, under the provisions of the Forty third chapter of the Revised Statute.

(to be laid out 1769)

Martin St. Drain

Defective condition.

388.

Said Committee present a report relative to the defective condition of the Martin Street drain, accompanied by a draft resolution making an appropriation of two thousand dollars for rebuilding the lower end of said drain: which report is received, and said resolution is laid on the table.

Board of Trade

Petition to occupy  
Depot Building  
on Weybosset Bridge

337.

The Special committee to whom on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. was referred petitions of the Providence Board of Trade for permission to occupy Rooms in the Depot Building on the Bridge, and for the appointment of a Special committee to consider the same, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the Union Railroad Company and the Providence, Pawtucket

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and Central Falls Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to permit the Providence Board of Trade to occupy the two west rooms in their depot building on the north side of Wybasset bridge, for such period of time during the grant to said Companies by the City and upon such terms as shall be mutually satisfactory to said Companies and said Board.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Collector of Taxes.

Report of Committee  
to audit accounts of  
228.

The Standing Committee on Finance who on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September last were instructed to examine and, if correct, audit the accounts of the late Collector of Taxes and to receive from him all books, papers and property belonging to the City in his hands, make Report accompanied by a copy of the release given by the Committee to said Collector: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Communication  
from Pres. School Com.  
for School-house lot.

A communication from the President of the School Committee relative to the purchase of a suitable lot of land as a location for

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the school house on Sabin Street is presented read and received.

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Ind for Sabin St.  
School-house.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Education be and they are hereby requested to consider the application of the President of the School Committee to purchase a lot of land for the Sabin Street School and to examine and report thereon.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Repairs on Wick-  
enden St. Police  
Station.

The Standing Committee on Police make Report relative to repairs on the Wickenden Street Station, and ask for an additional appropriation for the same: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The following Resolution recommended by said committee is read and passed, viz:-

Do.

Resolved. That the sum of six hundred and fifty six <sup>72</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the

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Repairs of Public Buildings from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of completing the repairs on the Pickenden street Police Station.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Thomas J. Hill.

Claim for wharfage.

262.

The Committee on Accounts to whom was referred a claim of Thomas J. Hill for wharfage make Report <sup>without recommendation</sup> ~~and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw~~: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Moving Buildings.

335.

335.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred petitions of John Pine, and John H. Bongartz, make Reports recommending that the prayers of the petitions be granted: which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Public Park

at  
Field's Point.

102.

402.

The Special Committee, appointed on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July last, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Public Park, make Report and recommend the passage

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of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Special Committee on the City Park be and they are hereby directed to make application to the General Assembly at its present session for the passage of an Act authorizing the City Council to take for the purpose of a Public Park such lands in the vicinity of Field's Point in said City as the City Council shall by vote select for that purpose; with provisions in said act that one fourth of the expense of taking said land may be assessed upon the estates benefitted by the laying out of said Park substantially as now provided by the "Act in relation to the laying <sup>out</sup> enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence"; and also that the City Council shall have authority to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding Five hundred thousand dollars for the payment of the cost of making, laying out and improving said Park.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Resolved. That His Honor the Mayor and the

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Invitation to join in Convention

Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of Surveyor General of Lumber, and such other business as may legally come before them.

Accepted.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two Boards join in Convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

In Convention.

Surveyor General of Lumber elected.

Robert Manchester is elected Surveyor General of Lumber.

City Constables

Edwin L. Hunt and Frank G. Allen are elected City Constables with power to serve civil process.

Nathaniel W. Pearce is elected a weigher of cotton.

The two Boards separate.

Resolution of inquiry into Bonds of H.P. & F.R.R.

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Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire of the City Solicitor what course is necessary to be pursued in order to ascertain the rights of the city relative to the bonds given by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad; and that said committee be instructed to inquire into the circumstances connected

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with the mortgage of said Railroad to the City of Providence to secure its bonds; and to report such action as they may deem expedient under the circumstances, after consultation with the City Solicitor.

Flags for City Building

A resolution instructing the joint committee on City Property to procure proper flags with suitable designs thereon to be displayed from the City Building on the days when either branch of the City Council are to be in session, is sent down from the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, and is read; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

Remission of Tax. 352, 385.

Petitions of Oren S. Spencer, and Joseph Thomas for Remission of Tax, are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Sewer in Canal Street. 406.

A petition of Rufus Waterman and others for building sewer in Canal Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, March 8 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Absent. Messrs Aldrich, Jencks }  
Tohy & White 4 }

M. Addeman, Clerk.

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

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

Message. A Message from the Mayor, in the words following, is presented and read, viz:-  
Assistance in office of Register of Transfers.

Mayor's Office  
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Gentlemen of the City Council

The assessor's plats of property in the ninth ward are being prepared, and it will be impossible for the Register of Transfers in addition to his ordinary duties, to post the indexes and ledgers belonging to these plats, in time for use at the next assessment.

I therefore recommend that he be at once authorized to employ such aid as may be necessary to complete the work.

Thomas A. Doyle  
"Mayor."

Appropriation for same. Resolved. That the sum of three hundred dollars out of the appropriation for Salaries &c and the same is hereby appropriated for

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assistance in the office of the Register of Transfers, provided that no portion of said sum shall be drawn except the order therefor be approved by the Mayor.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

A resolution in the words following, having passed the Board of Aldermen, is sent down for concurrence and is read:

Store House for Superintdt of Public Buildings

Resolved. That the joint committee on City Property &c and they are hereby authorized to contract for the erection of the store-house for the use of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, without advertising for proposals therefor.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

The Monthly Report of the Harbor Master is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

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Mo. Report of Sur-  
veyor of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief  
Eng'r Fire Dept.

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

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Annual Report of  
Overseer of Poor  
Insane Poor.

The Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor, in relation to the Insane Poor, is presented, read, received and ordered to be communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of Tax

Joanna Weeden

302.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January last was re-committed a petition of Joanna Weeden for remission of Tax, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Joanna Weeden for the year 1868 the sum of ten  $\frac{50}{100}$  dollars.

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(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of Tax

R.M. Lilley.

324.

Said Committee to whom on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January last was referred a petition of Robert M. Lilley for remission of Tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Robert M. Lilley for the year 1868 the sum of thirty six dollars.

Rep. Act. on Table.

Do.

Thos. M. Potter.

314.

Said Committee to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January last was referred a petition of the City Treasurer for abatement of tax assessed against Thomas M. Potter, make Report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Thomas M. Potter

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for the year 1868 the sum of twenty four <sup>97</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of Tax.

O.S. Spencer.

347.

Said Committee to whom on the 23<sup>d</sup> of February last was referred a petition of Owen S. Spencer for remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted; which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Owen S. Spencer for the year 1868 the sum of Eighteen dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Refunding of money

Geo. M. Ardoune

335.

Said Committee to whom on the 8<sup>a</sup> day of February last was referred a petition of George M. Ardoune for refunding money paid for entering sewer, make report and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted; which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be

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and he is hereby directed to refund to George M. Ardoune the sum of fifty six dollars being the amount paid by him for entering the sewer on Westminster street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Salary Bill

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A.D. 1869", recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance, is presented, read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Ordinance

City Engineer.

257.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of an officer to be styled the City Engineer, and prescribing his powers and duties," reported by the Standing Committee on Ordinances on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December last, is taken from the Table, read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Adjournment.

Resolved. That when the Common Council adjourn this day, it adjourn to meet on Monday, March 22<sup>d</sup> at 7 1/2 p.m.

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Application for authority to examine witnesses under oath.

Resolved That the joint committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to make application to the General Assembly at its present session for such an amendment to Chapter 731, of the Statutes, as will authorize the joint Standing or Special Committees of the City Council to summon and examine under oath witnesses on matters which may be referred to them for that purpose by said City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Premiums for meritorious teachers.

362.

Draft resolutions, recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance, authorizing the School Committee to expend not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars in premiums for meritorious teachers are presented, read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

Calvin Street

Curbing &c. of

361.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom was referred a petition for the curbing of Calvin Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which is laid on the table till the next meeting.

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Remission of Tax.

484.

384.

Petitions of Anna M. Pisco, and Samuel V. Kent, for remission of Tax, and of Jeremiah B. Gardiner for remission of fine, and of Thomas Siskell for compensation for damages, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Bell of Engine House, No. 8.

419.

A petition of E. R. Osgood and others for covering bell on No. 8, Engine House on Harrison Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Police Constables

Increase of pay.

360.

A petition of Thomas J. A. Gross and others, Police Constables, for increased compensation is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Extension of time.

An extension of time till the next meeting is granted the committee on Highways to report on the petition of A. E. Burnside et al.

Adjourned till March 22<sup>d</sup> 1869 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Absent - Mr. President and Messrs Aldrich & Gladding

M. Addenauy Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment— a quorum present.

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

Salary Bill. A bill entitled "an Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A. D. 1869," is sent down from the Board of Aldermen for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur therein with certain amendments.

In the Board of Aldermen the amendments of the Common Council are read: whereupon it is resolved that the Board concur in the amendment fixing the pay of the patrolmen at \$2.75 per day, and non-concur in all the other amendments.

The Common Council insist on their amendments, and request a committee of conference and appoint Messrs Barnaby, Mauran and J. L. Saw conferees on their part.

The Board agree to the conference and appoint Aldermen Harrington, Hopkins and Leggshall conferees on their part.

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The committee of conference report verbally that they cannot agree: which Report is received, and the committee are discharged.

Salary Bill.

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A. D. 1869," having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed till the next meeting of the Common Council.

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

Pawtucket Turnpike.

Release to the City.

Resolved. That the City Council hereby accepts that portion of the Pawtucket Turnpike road lying within the limits of the City of Providence, on the conditions set forth in the resolutions of the General Assembly relating to said Turnpike passed at the present session.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

A Report of the Committee on Police, to whom was referred by the Board of Alder.

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Report of Chief of Police - to be withdrawn.

near the Report of the Chief of Police, recommending that he have leave to withdraw the same and submit a substitute, is received in concurrence; and the following resolution having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:

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391.

Resolved, That the Chief of Police in accordance with his request he and he hereby is permitted to withdraw the report on the condition of the Police Department which was submitted by him to the City Council Jan'y 11. 1869.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Approved,

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby requested to remove the cross-walks at the westerly end of the Providence & Stonington Railroad Depot and place the same further south.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

Approved,

Cross-walks at Stonington Depot to be removed.

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Lot in North Burying Ground for R.I. Hospital.

302.

The Standing Committee on the North Burying Ground, to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January last, was referred a Message of the Mayor relative to setting apart a lot of land in the North Burying Ground for the use of the Rhode Island Hospital, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to convey a certain triangular lot of land in the North Burial Ground, north of the Ridge, so called, and containing one fourth of an acre, more or less, to the Rhode Island Hospital: the Deed of said lot to contain such conditions as the Commissioners of said Burial Ground shall impose

(Concurred)

(Approved)

B.H. & E.R.R.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the proposed railway from Providence through Valley Falls, Attleborough and Wrentham to Boston as set forth in the petition of the Boston, Hartford & Erie Railroad Company, now pending before

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the General Assembly of this State, is urgently demanded by the interests of this city and would be conducive to all the business interests of the State.

(Concurred)

Police Constables

Increase of Pay.

353.

The Standing Committee on Police to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Thomas J. A. Gross and others, Police Constables, for increased compensation, make Report and recommend that the pay of the Police Force be increased to Two and  $\frac{75}{100}$  dollars per day, with the exception of the Chief and Captain; which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Change of Boundary Lines of Sixth and Seventh Wards.

354.

Upon the petition of B. M. Hubbard and others, for change of boundary lines between the sixth and seventh wards, this day presented and read, it is

Resolved. That the same be referred to a joint Special Committee consisting of Messrs Gallup, Phillips and Burr of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, to ex-

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amine and report thereon.

(Concurred, and Ald. Knight & Angell added.)

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Calvin Street.

Curbing of.

354.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Highways, on the petition of C. C. Baker et al for curbing Calvin street, which at the last meeting was laid on the table, is taken from the table, and the following resolution recommended by said Committee is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Calvin street from Gilmore street to Greenwich street a distance of about nine hundred and fifty feet.

(Concurred)

Vinton Street.

Curbing of.

334.

Said Committee to whom on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February last was referred a petition of J. D. Thompson and others for curbing Vinton street between Broadway and Asia streets, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is

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Whereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Vinton street from Broadway to Asia street, a distance of about six hundred feet.

Concurred,

Premiums to meritorious Teachers. 3574.

The Resolution authorizing the School Committee to expend money in premiums to meritorious teachers, which was presented at the last meeting and laid on the table till this meeting, is taken from the table, read, and ordered laid on the table.

Increase of Salary for meritorious Teachers.

A Resolution, authorizing the School Committee to increase the salaries of such teachers in the Intermediate and Primary Schools, not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars per annum to each teacher, as in their judgment shall bring up their Schools to the highest standard of excellence, provided the whole amount so expended shall not exceed the sum of \$1500, per annum, is sent down from the Board of Aldermen and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do not concur therein.

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Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the purpose of confirming nominations of Deputy Surveyors of Lumber, and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

Do. Accepted.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two Boards join in convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

Deputy Surveyors of Lumber.

The following appointments of Deputy Surveyors of Lumber, made by the Surveyor General, are approved:

Robert Manchester Jr. Jacob Lillway, Nathl C. Busku, Calk A. Allison, Joseph K. Robinson, Rowland L. Hazard, Smith Potter, Charles A. Manchester, Frank B. Chedder Charles C. Lee. For mahogany and other ornamental lumber, Robert Manchester Jr. for oak and other hard wood used in ship building.

Undertaker.

Orew Sweet is elected undertaker.

The two Boards separate.

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Res. of adjournment. Resolved, That when the Common Council adjourn this day, they adjourn to Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Fountain St.  
Extension of  
271. The Standing Committee on Highways, who, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December last, were instructed by joint resolution to inquire into and report upon the probable cost of extending Fountain street of its present width from its termination in Mathewson street to Core street make Report: (estimating the total cost to the City at this time for the right of way - eighteen thousand five hundred dollars) which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received in concurrence.

(Approved)

North Burying  
Ground to be fenced.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the North Burial Ground, be and he hereby is directed to continue the fence of said Burial Ground, from its present southerly terminus on North Main street, on the line of said street, to its junction with Sexton street, and thence up the line of said Sexton street, joining the fence already constructed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Amasa S. Westcott,

Purchase of part  
of Town House Lot,  
314.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January last was referred a petition of Amasa S. Westcott for the purchase of land, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer under the advice and direction of the Committee on City Property be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell to said Westcott for a sum not less than fourteen hundred dollars, the land mentioned in said petition, bounded and described as follows, viz: beginning at the southeast corner of the Mallett building, and thence running southerly on a range with the easterly line of said Mallett building to land of Thomas Furlong, thence turning and running westerly on the line of said Furlong's land, to land of the said Westcott, thence turning and running northerly on the westerly line of said Westcott's land to land now or formerly of Brown and Ives, thence turning and running easterly on the southerly line of said land of Brown & Ives to the place of be-

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ginning: And upon sale thereof, in the name of the City of Providence to make, sign, seal ~~and~~ acknowledge and deliver to the said Westcott, a quitclaim deed thereof, so as to vest in said Westcott all the right, title and interest of the City in and to the aforesaid premises.

(In Reply to, & Fall,)

Remission of Tax.

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382.

Petitions of Abby & Maria Eddy, and of G. W. Hazard

for remission of Tax, are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Prov. Pawtucket & Central Falls R.R. Co. Petition for relief.

357.

374.

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom was referred on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February last a petition of the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company for relief, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying draft resolution providing that, upon the payment into the City Treasury by said Railroad Company of the sum of five hundred dollars, said Company, be exonerated, from and after the first day of July 1866 until otherwise ordered,

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from the annual payment of the sum of Five hundred dollars, payable under existing ordinances: which Report is received and it is moved that said resolution pass; upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:-

Ayes

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| Mr Armington | Mr Persons   |
| " Brown      | " Phillips   |
| " Carpenter  | " Rice       |
| " Fisk       | " Shaw       |
| " Gallup     | " J. L. Snow |
| " Gladding   | " Sprague    |
| " Mauran     | " Tobey      |

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Nays.

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| Mr Barnaby | Mr Johnson    |
| " Burr     | " Metcalf     |
| " Cook     | " Place       |
| " Saboll   | " Rounds      |
| " Durfee   | " C. S. Smith |
| " Eddy     | " F. M. Smith |
| " Jencks   | " Sout        |

Mr White

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Said motion is therefore lost.

Petitions of Almira J. Dexter et al to set curb and pave gutters in George Street

George Street.

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Bourbon Street.

of Daniel T. Lyman et als to pave gutters and set curbing on Bourbon street

State Street.

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of Joseph Fletcher et als for grading and curbing of State street,

Warren Street.

416.

of J. A. Bennett et als for the curbing and paving gutters on Warren street, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Greenwich Street.

Crosswalks on.

A petition of B. F. Peabody et als for cross walks on Greenwich street is presented, received and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Report of Com. on Ordinances on Sewer Act vs. Gen. Assendy.

The standing committee on Ordinances make verbal report relative to applications to the General Assembly for the passage of Acts in relation to main drains and common sewers in the city of Providence, and for authority for committees of the City Council to summon and examine witnesses.

Adjourn.

Pursuant to the resolution this day passed the Common Council adjourn to Monday March 29, 1869 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except M<sup>r</sup>s. President, Aldrich Calder and J. T. Snow.

M. Addey, Clerk.

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

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Message from the Mayor.

Mayors.

Veto of Resolution for change of boundary lines

369.

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

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Gentlemen of the Common Council

The resolution referring the subject of a change in the boundary lines between the sixth and seventh wards to a committee to examine and report thereon, which passed your body on the 22<sup>d</sup> inst. and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the same day I return without my approval for the reason that the matter to which it relates is not within the jurisdiction of the present City Council

Clause 1 of Section XIII of the City Charter required the City Council to make a division of the city into eight wards

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on or before the first day of May A.D. 1866, and also provides that "it shall be the duty of said City Council from time to time not oftener than once in five years to alter said wards if it be needful."

In accordance with the above provision the City was divided into eight wards by an Ordinance approved March 26, 1866 and the boundaries then established must remain until March 1871 unless altered by the General Assembly.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Resolution to paint  
City Building.  
381.

A draft resolution to paint the City Building, having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and, is read; whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on City Property to examine and report thereon.

Moving Buildings.  
385.  
385.

Petitions of  
Nathan B. Fenner, and  
Michael Dolan

for leave to move certain wooden buildings are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

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Salary Bill.

The Bill, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June A.D. 1869," which at the last meeting was sent down from the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, and temporarily laid on the table, is taken from the table and read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council concur therein with the following amendments:

On page 2, after line 1, insert the following words: "To the Deputy City Treasurer twelve hundred and fifty dollars."

"To the Clerk in the City Treasurer's office three hundred and fifty dollars."

In the item of the salary of the City Auditor strike out the words "fifteen hundred" and insert "eighteen hundred."

In the item of the City Solicitor strike out the words "sixteen hundred" and substitute "two thousand".

In the item of the Superintendent of Health strike out the words "sixteen hundred" and substitute "two thousand"

In the item of the Recorder of Deeds strike out all after the word "dollars" in the first line and insert as follows: "To two female assistants in the office of the Recorder of Deeds to be nominated by

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the Recorder and confirmed by the Mayor, each four hundred and sixteen dollars."

In the item of the Assessors of Taxes strike out the words twelve hundred and substitute the words fifteen hundred."

In the item of Warden and Ward Clerk, strike out the word five and substitute seven, and add to the item the words including refreshments."

In the item of Surveyor of Highways strike out the words fifteen hundred and substitute eighteen hundred."

In the item of Assistant Engineer strike out the words eight hundred and fifty, and substitute nine hundred."

In the item of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department strike out the words fourteen hundred and insert fifteen hundred."

In the item of Hoopler strike out the words Six hundred and fifty and insert seven hundred."

In the item of Detective of Police strike out the words twenty-five cents and insert fifty cents."

In the item of Principal of the Greenwich Street Grammar School strike out twelve hundred and insert fourteen hundred."

In the item of Principal of the Eddy Street Grammar School strike out the words

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seven hundred and insert eight hundred."

In the item of teachers in the intermediate and primary schools who have taught for the space of three years, strike out the words "and have in the opinion of the School Committee been eminently successful."

(Concurred)

Revision of City Ordinances.

322.

Messrs Tobey, Hidden and Persons are appointed by the President, as members on the part of the Common Council of the committee to revise the city Ordinances under resolution passed January 25<sup>th</sup> 1869.

H.P. &amp; F.R.R.

Inquiry into mortgage of.

321.

The Standing Committee on Finance, who, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February last, were directed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the mortgage of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company to the City of Providence and report such action as they might deem advisable, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution; which Report is received and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved, That the Trustees of that portion of the Hartford, Providence and

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Fishkill Railroad located in the State of Rhode Island be and they are hereby requested to report in detail to the City Council the condition of said road, and the amount expended by them as trustees in new rolling stock, in repairs and permanent improvements.

H.P. & F.R.R. Co.  
Bonds of City in  
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Said Committee, who on the same date were directed to inquire as to the rights of the City of Providence in certain bonds of the Providence, Hartford and Fishkill Railroad Company, make report, which is received, and thereupon it is ordered that the same be re-committed to the Standing Committee on Finance with instructions to report what action in their judgment shall be best in the premises.

Prov. Pawtucket and  
Central Falls R.R.  
Res. for relief of  
333  
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The draft resolution, reported at the last meeting by the Standing Committee on Railroads, relieving the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company from payment of certain dues, is <sup>(taken from the files and</sup> together with a substitute for the same, referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Stedden, Durfee and Dabell with instru-

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tions to report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Sewer in Lock-  
wood Street.

A draft resolution for sewer from Lockwood street to Pearl street is presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Governor St.

Petitions of  
Almira J. Dexter and others for re-

ception of Governor street, of Edward Brownell and others for setting of curbstones and paving gutters on Eddy street, 9<sup>th</sup> ward, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Eddy Street.

Remission of Tax.

Joshua O. Battey  
385.

A petition of Joshua O. Battey for remission of tax, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

W. Cradlock

Case of Town  
House lot.  
382.

A petition of Walter Cradlock for leasing "Town House" lot is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday April 12, 1869 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - Messrs. Alanick, Armingtton  
Brown, Calder, Cook,  
Eddy and Tobey

J. M. Addeman  
Clerk.

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

Record Read. The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Report of City Treas. The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)

Mo. Report of Chief Eng'r Fire Dept. The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)

Mo. Report of Surveyor of Highways. The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)

Mo. Report of Harbor-Master. The Monthly Report of the Harbor-Master is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)

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Report of Com. on exonerating Prov. Pawtucket & Cent. Falls R.R. from payment of Tax.

374.

The Special Committee, to whom at the last meeting was referred a draft resolution exonerating the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company from payment of money for the use of streets in the City of Providence, make Report, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution (being a substitute for the resolution referred to them); which Report having been read it is ordered, that the same be received.

(In Reply see p. 374, Comm.)

A resolution in the words following is recommended by said Committee:

Res. to exonerate Prov. Pawtucket & Cent. Falls R.R. from payment of Tax.

Resolved. That upon the payment to the City Treasurer by the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company of the sum of five hundred dollars (in addition to the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars already paid), said Company shall, from and after the first day of July A. D. 1866, and until otherwise ordered by the City Council be exonerated from the payment of the sum of twelve hundred dollars annually for the use of streets, as required by an Ordinance passed September 14<sup>th</sup> 1863.

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Petition for removal of R.R. track from Canal St.

393.

Pending the consideration of the foregoing resolution, a petition of Edmund Thurber and others for the removal of R.R. track from Canal Street is presented, and it is moved that said petition, together with the original resolution and the substitute reported by the Committee, be referred to said committee: which motion is lost, and said petition is laid on the table.

Res. to exonerate Prov. Pawtucket & Cent. Falls R.R. Co from payment of tax.

Thereupon it is moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "five hundred dollars," and inserting "upon the payment of all money now due by said Company to the City"; and the words "from and after the passage of this resolution" to be inserted in lieu of the words "from and after the first day of July A. D. 1866"; upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes.

- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Mr Barnaby | Mr. C. S. Smith |
| " Cook     | " F. M. Smith   |
| " Metcalf  | " Sprague       |
| " Rounds   | " Stout         |

Mr. White.

Nays.

- |               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Mr. Armington | Mr Burr  |
| " Brown       | " Calder |

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|---------------|--------------|
| Mr. Carpenter | Mr Sencks    |
| " Saboll      | " Johnson    |
| " Durfee      | " Mauran     |
| " Fisk        | " Persons    |
| " Gallup      | " Rice       |
| " Gladding    | " Shaw       |
| " Harrington  | " J. L. Snow |
| " Hadden      | " J. T. Snow |

Mr Tobey

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Said motion is therefore lost.

It is thereupon moved that the resolution (reported by the Committee) pass: upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes.

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Mr. Armington | Mr. Harris   |
| " Brown       | " Hadden     |
| " Burr        | " Sencks     |
| " Calder      | " Johnson    |
| " Carpenter   | " Mauran     |
| " Saboll      | " Persons    |
| " Durfee      | " Rice       |
| " Eddy        | " Rounds     |
| " Fisk        | " Shaw       |
| " Gallup      | " J. L. Snow |
| " Gladding    | " J. T. Snow |
| " Harrington  | " Tobey      |

Nays.

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| Mr Barnaby | Mr. Cook |
|------------|----------|

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Mr Mitcalf	Mr. F. M. Smith
" Place	" Sprague
" C. S. Smith	" Sweet
	Mr. White.

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Said Resolution is therefore passed.  
(Non-concurred)

A draft resolution in the words following is presented and read, viz: -

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to remit to Maria Penno Thirty three (33) dollars being the amount of a Personal property tax assessed against her in the year 1868, she having no such property liable to a tax.

It is moved that said resolution pass upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz: -

Ayes.

Mr. Armington	Mr. Fick
" Barnaby	" Gallup
" Brown	" Gladding
" Burr	" Harrington
" Carpenter	" Harris
" Cook	" Hidden
" Daboll	" Lencks
" Durfee	" Johnson
" Eddy	" Mauran

Maria Penno,  
Remission of Tax.  
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Mr Persons	Mr. F. M. Smith
" Place	" J. L. Snow
" Rice	" J. T. Snow
" Rounds	" Sprague
" Shaw	" Sweet
" C. S. Smith	" White

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Nays

Mr Calder	Mr. Mitcalf
	Mr Tobey.

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Said Resolution is therefore passed.  
(Non-concurred)

Adjournment.

Resolved. That when the Common Council adjourn this day, they adjourn to meet on Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. at 8 o'clock p.m.

Res. to paint  
City Building.  
370.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to paint the City Building, make Report recommending that the Common Council concur in the passage of said resolution, which is as follows, viz:

Resolved. That the Joint Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to cause the City Building to be painted upon the outside, and such portions of the inside work as they may deem expedi-

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dient and necessary.

Which Report of the Committee is received, and thereupon said Resolution is passed in concurrence with an amendment adding the words, "provided, that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars."

(Non-concurred)

Walter Craddock

Lease of Town House Lot (so called)

396

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Walter Craddock for leave to lease the Town House Lot, (so called) make Report, and recommend the passage of ~~the passage of~~ the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and said petition is recommitted to said Committee.

Town House Lot for Public Library &c.

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A petition of Thomas M. Clark, and others, to set apart the Town House Lot (so called) for Public Library and Art Gallery, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

E. H. Hazard.

Remission of Tax

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The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of Edward H. Hazard for remission of Tax, make Report and

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recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Edward H. Hazard for the year 1868, the sum of Fifty one <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars.

(Concurred)

Remission of Tax

Anna M. Pierce.

3557

Said Committee to whom on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of Anna M. Pierce for remission of Tax, make Report, and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Anna Maria Pierce for the year 1868 the sum of six dollars.

(Concurred)

Do.

Abby Maria Fady.

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Said Committee to whom on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of

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Abby & Maria Eddy for remission of Tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Abby and Maria Eddy for the year 1868 the sum of seventy two dollars.

(Concurred)

Remission of Fine

Jere. B. Gardiner.

355.

Said Committee to whom on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of Sereniah B. Gardiner for remission of fine, make Report, and return said petition without recommendation: which Report is received.

Do.

A Resolution, in the words following, is presented, read and passed, viz:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Sereniah B. Gardiner the sum of Twenty dollars, the same being the amount of fine paid by said Gardiner for non-attendance as Juror at the last December Term of the Municipal Court.

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(Non-concurred)

Claim of Town of  
E. Providence  
for damages  
in re Hiram Bliss.  
324.

Said Committee to whom on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January last was referred a petition of the Town of East Providence for reimbursement for damages paid to Hiram Bliss:

Jos. Thomas.  
347.

and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February last, a petition of Joseph Thomas for remission of Taxes;

Joshua O. Batty.  
385.

and on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March last, a petition of Joshua O. Batty for relief, make Reports and severally recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Moving Buildings.

370.

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The Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of

Nathan B. Fenner, &amp;

Michael Dolan

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make Reports, recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are read and

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passed.

(Concurred)

Thurber's Avenue  
(9<sup>th</sup> Ward.)  
Grading of.

138.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August last was referred a petition of Abram Bliss et al for grading of Thurber's Avenue (9<sup>th</sup> Ward) make Report, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the grading, by contract, of Thurber's Avenue from Eagle street, easterly to a line near the top of the hill, at the intersection of the range of the established grade with the surface of the ground; and upon the coming in of said proposals, to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the grading of said Avenue, provided that the faithful performance of said contract shall be secured by satisfactory bonds.

(Ref to St. Com on Highways by Rep Ald.)

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Thurber's Avenue

Extension of.

Resolved. That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to extend Thurber's Avenue in a direct range with that portion of said Avenue adjoining Eddy street easterly, from the angle in said Avenue to the Providence river.

(S. Ald. Ref to St. Com. on Highways)

State Street.

Grading &amp;c. of.

368.

Said Committee to whom on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of Joseph Fletcher and others for grading and curbing on State Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is acting under the direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, hereby instructed to cause the curbstones to be set, and gutters paved in the South part of State Street.

(Concurred)

Said Committee to whom are referred

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Governor Street  
Reception of  
375.

at the last meeting a petition of Almira T. Dexter and others for reception of Governor street, -

Atlantic Ins. Co.

Excavation of Sidewalk.

and on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March last, by the Board of Aldermen, a petition of the Atlantic Insurance Co. to excavate under sidewalk, -

make Reports, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. which Reports are received, and thereupon it is ordered, that said petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Martin St. Drain.

341.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Highways on the Martin Street Drain, which with the accompanying resolution were, on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of February last, laid on the table, are taken from the table, and said Resolution is thereupon read and passed, as follows, viz:-

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby instructed forthwith to cause the lower end of the Martin street drain to be rebuilt and enlarged, and the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the appropriation for Highway to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

(Signed, at last Com. on Highways,

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Summer St

Meadow St.

Proceedings to be discontinued.  
331.

Resolved. That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to discontinue forthwith all proceedings under the resolution passed by the City Council November 11<sup>th</sup> 1868 in reference to the widening of Summer street and the extension of Meadow street.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Culvert from  
Lockwood St.  
to Pearl St.

Resolved. That the Standing Committee on Highways be and are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency and probable cost of constructing a culvert from Lockwood street to Pearl Street in a line running west from Meadow street.

(Concurred)

Ordinance regulat-  
ing Storage of  
Hay, Straw, &c.

296.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances to whom on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January last was referred the message of the Mayor relative to the storing of hay, straw and sales of merchandise, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill entitled "An Ordinance regulating the storage of hay, straw and merchandise in the City of Providence": which Report is received, and said bill is recommitted to the Committee on Ordinances.

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Inspector of Buildings.

296.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was referred a message of the Mayor, relative to the appointment of an Inspector of Buildings, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following Resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Special Com. to draw form of Act for proper erection of buildings.

Resolved, That Messrs Tobey, Gallup and Hadden on the part of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they hereby are appointed a Committee with instructions to prepare and present to this Council at a subsequent meeting thereof, the form of an Act such as in their opinion, if passed by the General Assembly of this State, will authorize the City Council of the City of Providence to take all proper precautions with reference to the erection of all buildings, and the providing of means of egress from all buildings within the limits of the City of Providence, and that said Committee be authorized to report in print.

(Concurred)

Ordinance in relation to raising Buildings.

423

Said Committee report a bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to raising buildings," which is read, and thereupon re-

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Committed to said Committee with instructions to re-organize the fire limits of the city and to report an Ordinance in conformity therewith.

Annual Report of Chief of Police.

358.

The Standing Committee on Police report back the Annual Report of the Chief of Police; whereupon it is

Ordered, That the same be received, and that the usual number of copies thereof, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

Extension of Time to Committees.

Extension of time is granted to the Standing Committee on Ordinances relative to the matter of organizing the City Government in the month of January;

and to the Committee on Claims relative to petition of A. R. Tombellotti and others for compensation.

Removing Buildings

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Petitions of

A. G. Kimball,

Flint & Co.,

Betsy A. Davis, &

Henry Kenches,

for leave to remove certain wooden buildings.

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are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Remission of Tax.

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John McCann  
Compensation for  
injuries on Main St.  
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W. T. Tibbitts.

Remission of fine.  
1103.

Pine Street  
Extension to Custom House Street.

Power Street.  
Curbing of.

Williams Street  
Reception of.

Back St.  
Paving of.

Petitions of  
The Providence Athenaeum, and  
A. B. Dike,

for remission of Tax;  
of John McCann, for compensation for injuries received on North Main Street;

of William T. Tibbitts for remission of fine,  
are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Petitions of  
Lewis P. Mead and others for the extension of Pine Street to Custom House Street;

of R. H. Morgan and others for curbing on Power Street between Governor and Ave streets;

of Abner Warr and others for reception and grading of Williams Street;

of Fletcher Mfg Co. for paving of Back Street;  
are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

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Canal Street.  
Removal of R.R. track from.

578.  
396.

India Street

Paving of.  
1/20.

Bridge across the River at Point St.

Do.  
Remonstrance.

Adjourn.

The petition of Edmund Hunter and others for the removal of Railroad track from Canal Street, is taken from the table and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

A Memorial of the Providence Iron Company and others for paving India Street is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads.

A Memorial of A. & N. Sprague et al for a bridge across the river at Point Street;

and a Remonstrance of Henry C. Clark et al against the same, are severally presented, received and referred to the Special Committee on Bridge across the River.

Pursuant to the resolution this day passed, the Common Council adjourn to Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 1869, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Mr. Aldrich.

A. M. Addeman,  
Clerk.

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

Quorum present.

Record Read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.

Delivery of Prov. & Pawtucket Turnpike.

A communication from the Mayor in the words following is presented and read, viz: -  
Mayor's Office

Providence April 26. 1869.

Gentlemen of the City Council

On the twentieth inst. I was informed by the Agent of the Providence and Pawtucket Turnpike that by order of the State Treasurer he had delivered to the City so much of said Turnpike as was within the limits of the city.

The communication from the Agent I transmit herewith.

Thomas A. Doyle  
Mayor.

Do.

Accompanying the foregoing message is a communication from James Davis

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Agent, dated April 24. 1869, delivering on that day to the City so much of said Turnpike as lies within the city.

City Auditor.

Com<sup>r</sup> from.

A communication from the City Auditor asking for additional appropriations for "opening streets", and for "Pumps and Wells", is presented, read and received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriations

for Opening Streets

& Wells.

Resolved. That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated in addition to former appropriations out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, viz:

For "Repairs of Pumps & Wells" one thousand dollars.

For Opening Streets Three thousand dollars.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Fountain Street

Extension of.

417.

Resolutions for extending Fountain Street from its present easterly termination to lower street and of the same width, having passed the Board of Aldermen are sent down for concurrence and are

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read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

Canal Street.

Removal of Rail-  
road track from  
593.

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Edmund Thurber et al for removal of Railroad track from Canal Street, make Report and recommend that said petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Petition for Bridge  
across the River.

A petition of Cyrus Harris et al for bridge across the river between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> wards, is presented, received and referred to the Special Committee on Bridge across the River.

W. Craddock.

Petition to lease Town  
House Lot.  
382.

The Standing Committee on City Property to whom at the last meeting was re-committed a petition of Walter Craddock to lease Town House Lot (so called), make Report recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

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Gift of land  
for Park on  
Congdon St.

Said Committee to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1867 was referred a communication of the Mayor relative to proposed gift by Isaac Hale and others, to the city of land on Congdon Street for a public park, make Report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: whereupon it is ordered that said communication together with the accompanying papers be re-committed to said Committee with instructions to report the original conditions of said gift, together with the opinion of the City Solicitor as to whether said conditions are practicable and can be carried out; and also an estimate of the cost of the original offer.

Report of Special  
Committee on  
Bridge across  
The River.

The Special Committee appointed by resolution of the City Council, approved November 12, 1866, to whom were referred the several memorials of Edward Pearce et al, A. W. Sprague et al for the erection of a bridge across the river between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> wards, together with the remonstrance of Henry C. Clark et al against the same, and who were also instructed by resolution approved February 11, 1868 to apply to the General Assembly for authority to erect said bridge and to

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issue bonds in payment thereof, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received, and that five hundred copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City Council.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Motion to postpone.

Ibid.

A motion is made to further postpone the consideration of said resolutions and Report, and to print the same: upon which motion the question is taken by ayes and nays, as follows, viz:—

Ayes.

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Mr. Barnaby | Mr. Metcalf |
| " Calder    | " Phillips  |
| " Cook      | " Rounds    |
| " Surtu     | " Sprague   |
| " Eddy      | " White     |

Nays

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Mr. President | Mr. Fisk     |
| " Aldrich     | " Gallup     |
| " Armington   | " Gladding   |
| " Brown       | " Harrington |
| " Burr        | " Hidden     |
| " Carpenter   | " Sencks     |
| " Daboll      | " Johnson    |

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| Mr. Mauran | Mr. C. S. Smith |
| " Persons  | " H. M. Smith   |
| " Place    | " J. T. Snow    |
| " Rice     | " Sweet         |
| " Shaw     | " Tobey         |

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Said motion is therefore lost.

Resolutions for Building Bridge across the River between the 3<sup>d</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wards.

Resolutions in the words following (recommended by said committee) are thereupon read; viz—

Resolved, That Messrs Armington Brown and Barnaby with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause a suitable bridge of iron to be erected across the river at the foot of Point street in accordance with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly passed June 10. 1868, and that the expense thereof shall be charged to the loan account of the city of Providence.

Resolved, That said committee be and they are hereby authorized to advertise in the papers employed to do the city printing for at least thirty days, for proposals for the erection of said bridge, and upon accepting any proposal so made said committee shall require a bond with satisfactory sureties in the

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sum of twenty thousand dollars to be given for the proper completion of the work.

It is moved that said Resolutions pass upon which motion the question is taken by aye and nay, as follows, viz:-

Ayes

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Mr President | Mr. Jencks    |
| " Aldrich    | " Johnson     |
| " Armington  | " Mauran      |
| " Barnaby    | " Persons     |
| " Brown      | " Phillips    |
| " Burr       | " Place       |
| " Carpenter  | " Rice        |
| " Daboll     | " Rounds      |
| " Durfee     | " Shaw        |
| " Eddy       | " C. J. Smith |
| " Fisk       | " F. M. Smith |
| " Gallup     | " J. J. Snow  |
| " Gladding   | " Sprague     |
| " Harrington | " Sweet       |
| " Hidden     | " Tobey       |

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Nays

- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Mr. Calder | Mr. Cook |
| Mr. McCall | <u>3</u> |

Said Resolutions are therefore passed.

(Concurred and Alderman

Earle and Hopkins added)

(Approved)

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Ordinance for issue of City Bonds in payment of Expense of Bridge.

Resolved. That the joint Committee on Ordinances be and they are hereby instructed to prepare and present at an early day an ordinance providing for the issue of city bonds for the payment of the expense incurred in the erection of the Point-street bridge.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Appropriation for Recorder of Deeds.

Resolved. That the sum of Fifty ten dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for assistance in the office of Recorder of Deeds to be drawn for and expended in the same manner as the sums heretofore appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

City Building Report on condition of.

The Standing Committee on City Property make Report on the condition of the City Building, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

The following resolution (recommended by

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said Committee) is thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Res. for repairing  
the  
City Building. Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the City Council on City Property be and they are hereby instructed to cause the City Building to be repaired and renovated at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars, and that the above sum is hereby appropriated to carry out the foregoing resolution, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Public Park.  
Report of Committee.

344.

The joint special committee on the Public Park, make Report that they have performed the duty assigned them in making application to the General Assembly for the passage of an Act, authorizing the City Council to take through Commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Court, such lands in the vicinity of Field's Point, as may be necessary for a Public Park; and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolutions, which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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The following Resolutions (recommended by said committee) are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Public Park  
Resolutions  
for laying out.

Resolved, That it is desirable and expedient to lay out a Public Park, as embraced within the following limits, to wit: Commencing at a point on the easterly side of the Pawtuxet road at the dividing line between the city and the town of Cranston, and thence running easterly, following the said dividing line to the river; thence northerly and by various courses bounding on the river to a point opposite the stone monument erected in the range of the westerly bar for line as now established, thence northerly in said range until it intersects the range of the centre line of the old road bed of the Stonington Railroad as located between Eddy street and Broad street, thence westerly in the range of said centre line to Eddy street, and thence southerly, bounding westerly on Eddy street to the place of beginning.

Resolved, That the joint special committee on a Public Park, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase such real estate

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situated within the boundaries as defined in the act of the General Assembly, entitled 'An Act to authorize the City of Providence to establish a Public Park,' as they may deem desirable and necessary for the purpose.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Com. on Public Park.

W<sup>m</sup> Binney added.

Resolved, That the President of the Common Council be added as a member of the Joint Special Committee on a Public Park.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Samuel V. Kent.

Remission of Tax.

355.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of Samuel V. Kent for remission of Tax, make Report, recommending that the prayer of the petition be granted; which Report is received and the following resolution reported by said Committee is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Samuel V. Kent for the year 1868 the sum of Thirty eight & <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars.

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(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Wm. T. Tibbitts

Remission of fine.

392.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of William T. Tibbitts for remission of fine, make Report and recommend that said petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Moving Buildings.

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411.

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of Henry Rencher  
Reuben A. Dan's  
A. N. Kimball  
Flint & Co.

for leave to move certain wooden buildings make Reports, recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred as to all except  
Flint & Co.)  
(Approved)

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Butler Hospital  
Petition for Fire  
Alarm Telegraph.  
314.

Said Committee, to whom on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January last was referred a petition of R. H. Dyer, Secretary of Butler Hospital for the Insane, for establishment of a Fire Alarm at the Hospital Building, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:-  
Resolved. That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be, and they are hereby instructed to extend the Fire Alarm Telegraph from Engine House No. 5 to the Butler Hospital for the Insane: provided the Hospital pay one half the cost of the extension; and the sum of Three Hundred dollars is hereby appropriated.

Canal Street  
Sewer in.  
347.

Said Committee to whom on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February last was referred a petition of sundry citizens for building a sewer in Canal Street, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

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Invitation to  
join in Convention

Resolved. That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention to elect Dog Officers and appraisers.

Do.  
accepted.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two Boards join in convention of the City Council.

In Convention.

Dog Officers

Naham Willard and Benj. F. Paine are elected Special Constables under the Dog Law.

Appraisers

Hon. Richard Ward Greene of Warrick Hon. Benj. F. Thurston and Benj. T. Eames of this city, are elected Appraisers under said Law.

Cotton Weigher.

Frank L. Sheldon is elected a weigher of cotton.

The two Boards separate.

(Mr. Hidden Pres. Pro Tem.)

Sexton Street

Reopening of

The Standing Committee on the North Burying Ground to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a memorial of J. Mauran et al for reopening Sexton

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Street and laying out a Park on North Main Street, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received and ordered communicated to the Board of Aldermen; and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

F. Johnson leave to withdraw petition.

Mr. Frutorn Johnson asks and obtains leave to withdraw his petition relative to the Central Bridge, and which petition was referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Moving Buildings.

419.

419.

Petitions of Rice & Hayward and Jas. Peckham Ho.

for leave to move certain wooden buildings are presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Cross-walks on Park St.

Governor Street Opening of.

Courtland St. Reception of.

Petitions of Thomas Furlong for cross walks on Park Street, of Elijah Selden and others for the opening of Governor Street, of H. G. Chapman and others for the reception of a portion of Courtland Street,

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are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Highways.

Wm. R. Sprague Remission of Tax

413.

A petition of William R. Sprague for remission of Tax, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Store House for Refrigerating Cars.

A petition of Stokes & Leonard *et al* for permission to erect store-house for Refrigerating Cars over waters of the Providence River, is presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on City Property.

Time extended to Committee

An extension of time is granted to the Standing Committee on Railroads to report on memorial of the Prov. Am. Co. for paving of India Street.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn to Monday, May 10. 1869 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present.

Present - all the members except Messrs Hamis and J. L. Snow.

J. M. Addeman Clerk.

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Quorum present.

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

President pro tem.

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

Record read.

The Record of the last meeting is read and approved.

City Treasurer

Mo. Report.

The Monthly Report of the City Treasurer is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Mo. Report of Chief

Eng. Fire Dept.

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

Mo. Report of Secy.

of Highways.

The Monthly Report of the Surveyor of Highways is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Harbor Master

The Monthly Report of the Harbor

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Master is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Dredging the

Harbor.

The Report of the Harbor Master on Dredging the Harbor from April 1, to April 27 is presented, read and received.  
(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Moving Building

Flint + Co.

4105.

The resolution which passed the Common Council at the last meeting granting permission to Flint + Co, to move a certain wooden building, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment adding the words "upon the condition that a brick wall of at least seven inches in thickness be built along the northeastern side of said building when in position" which amendment having been read, it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.  
(Approved)

From Jantucker + Central Falls RR released from Tax.

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is set down for concurrence and is read, viz:-  
Resolved. That upon the payment of the sum of five thousand dollars into the

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City treasury by the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad Company, said Company shall be exonerated from the payment of the sum of twelve hundred dollars annually, as required by the ordinance passed September 14, 1863, in relation to said Company; and from and after the first day of July A.D. 1869, said Company shall pay into the City treasury the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, in quarterly yearly payments, instead of the sum of twelve hundred dollars as required by said ordinance.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

A Resolution in the words following having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read, viz:-

Resolved, That the Surveyor of Highways lay a cross walk across Fountain street between Green and Aborn streets; also one across Meeting street on Prospect street.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Resolved.

That the overseer of the Poor be

Cross-walks on Fountain & Meeting Streets.

Appropriation for Prov. Dispensary.

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authorized to pay to the Providence Dispensary not exceeding five hundred and fifty dollars for medical attendance and medicines furnished the outdoor poor of the city on his order for the present municipal year.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Report of Com. on deficiency in Appropriation

The Standing Committee on City Property make report that the annual appropriation for Public Buildings is insufficient for the repairs on the same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, adding the sum of three thousand dollars to the appropriation for repairs of Public Buildings: which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be re-committed to said Committee, with instructions to report a resolution in accordance with the City Ordinances.

Remission of Tax.

Wm R. Sprague.

419.

The Standing Committee on Claims to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of William R. Sprague for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be

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and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against Mr R. Sprague for the year 1868 the sum of twelve dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

Remission of Tax

A B. Dike  
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Said committee to whom on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April last was referred a petition of A. B. Dike for remission of certain taxes, make Reports and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions: which Reports are received, and the following resolutions are thereupon read and passed, viz:-

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against A. B. Dike, Trustee for Isabella G. Kenyon for the year 1868 the sum of Thirty dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

D.

Resolved. That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against A. B. Dike, Guardian for Emma B. Breed for the years 1866, '67, & '68 the sum of Forty eight & <sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars.

(Concurred)  
(Approved)

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Do.  
Prov. Athenaeum.  
392.

Said committee to whom on the same date was referred a petition of the Providence Athenaeum for Remission of Tax, make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

E. P. Knowles  
Randall farm.

A petition of E. P. Knowles in relation to the Randall Farm is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

Said committee subsequently make Report and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Ordinance in relation to issue of City Bonds.  
1924.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances who at the last meeting were instructed to prepare and present an Ordinance providing for the issue of City Bonds for the payment of the expense incurred in the erection of the Point Street bridge, make Report accompanied by a draft of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the Bonds of the City of Providence": which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that 150 copies of

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said Ordinance be printed for the use of the City Council.

Report on  
Adulteration of Milk.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a communication from the Superintendent of Health relative to the adulteration of milk, with instructions to examine and report what legislation if any is desirable, make Report that in their opinion no further legislation is necessary at the present time, but recommend that Inspectors of Milk, as provided for in Chapter 647 of the Statutes, be elected by the next City Council at their organization in June next:— which Report having been read, it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Warren Street

Paring Gutters &c.  
368.

The Standing Committee on Highways to whom on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of J. A. Bennett et al for curbing and paring gutters on Warren street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to cause

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the curbstones to be set and the gutters pared on Warren street from Greenwich to Fuller streets.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Lawrence St.

Curbing &amp;c.

Said Committee to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of H. C. Moulton et al for curbing of Lawrence street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed:

Resolved. That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters pared on Lawrence street from Greenwich street to Broad street.

(Concurred)

Fountain St.

Extension of.

335

Said Committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) for the extension of Fountain street, make Report and recommend that the Common Council do not concur in the passage of the same: which Report is received, and thereupon said Resolutions, in the words following, are read.

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and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to extend Fountain Street from its present easterly termination to Cove Street and of the same width,

And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is 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 application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said Court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said Commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is 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.

(Approved)

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Moving Buildings

The Standing Committee on the Fire Department to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of

4118. Rice & Hayward, and  
4118. James Peckham & Co.

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, make Reports, recommending that the prayers of said petitions be granted: which Reports are received, and resolutions in accordance therewith are thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Covering Bell of  
Engine House  
No. 8.

355.

Said Committee to whom on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March last was referred a petition of E. R. Osgood et al for covering bell on No. 8 Engine House, Harrison Street, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be and they are hereby requested (acting under advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department) to construct a suitable covering for the Bell upon Engine House No. 8, — provided the cost of said

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Covering shall not exceed the sum of Four Hundred (400) dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

India Street  
Paving &c.  
373.

The Standing Committee on Railroads to whom on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April last was referred a petition of the Prov. Iron Co, & others for paving India street, make Report that the Boston & Providence R.R. Co, through their Supts, have agreed to pave the street as prayed for, at their own expense and under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways: which Report having been read it is ordered that the same be received.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Remission of Tax.  
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Petitions of  
Benjamin K. Ames, and  
L. L. Barnard,

for Remission of Taxes;  
and of Stephen C. Arnold for correction of deed of land bought at Tax Collector's sale, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on Claims.

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Edward Donahue,  
Allen Chase, and  
Thurston & Ripley

for permission to remove certain wooden buildings, are severally presented, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Seats for High School and Bridgman School  
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A draft resolution to procure seats for the High School and Bridgman School, is presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Extension of time.

An extension of time is granted to the Standing Committee on Claims to examine the petition of J. K. Tourtellotte et al, in relation to injuries received at the Broad Street Pump;

and to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department to examine relative to the organization of the Hoax Department.

Adjourn

The Common Council adjourn to Monday May 24, 1869 at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present.

Present - all the members except Mr. President, and Messrs Walder, Gallup, Rounds and Shaw.

J. M. Addeman,  
Clerk.

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Common Council - May 24, 1869.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair

Quorum present. and a quorum present.

Record Read. The Record is read and approved.

Ordinance to provide for registration of City Bonds. A Bill for an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in amendment of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the registration of the bonds of the City of Providence,'" having passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence; whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein. (Approved)

Purchase of land Charles Field St. A communication is received from the President of the School Committee requesting authority to purchase an additional parcel of land on the west side of and adjoining the School house estate on Charles Field street; also recommending that the meeting street School house be sold and the proceeds applied for school purposes.

Whereupon the following resolutions are read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Resolved. That the joint Standing Com-

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mitter on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a lot of land on the north side of Charles Field Street adjoining the westerly line of the School estate on said street, provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, and provided also that a satisfactory title thereto can be obtained.

Resolved. That the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for public schools, for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect. (Approved)

Ordinance in relation to raising buildings.

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The Standing Committee on Ordinances, to whom on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April last was recommended a bill entitled "An Ordinance in relation to raising buildings," with instructions, make Report recommending the passage of said Ordinance, and that the subject of re-organizing the fire limits of the city be referred to the Standing Committee on the Fire Department; which Report is received, and thereupon said Ordinance is read and passed.

(Concurred) (Approved)

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Ordinance regula-  
ting Storage of  
hay + straw.

Said Committee to whom on the same date was re-committed a bill for "An Ordinance regulating the storage of hay, straw and merchandise in the city of Providence", make Report recommending the passage of the enclosed substitute: which Report is received and a bill entitled "An Ordinance regulating the storage of hay and straw in the City of Providence" is thereupon read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Ordinance providing  
for appointment of  
Inspector of Milk.

Said Committee report and recommend the passage of a bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Milk", which Ordinance is thereupon read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Ordinance in relation  
to issue etc. of  
City Bonds.

415.

The bill, entitled "An Ordinance in relation to the issue and sale of the Bonds of the City of Providence", reported at the last meeting by the Standing Committee on Ordinances and ordered to be printed, is taken up, read and ordered laid on the table.

Ordinance for  
City Engineer.

A bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Engineer", having

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passed the Board of Aldermen is sent down for concurrence and is read: whereupon it is resolved that the Common Council do concur therein.

(Approved)

Act providing for  
safety of per-  
sons attending  
publ. assemblies.

The Standing Committee on Ordinances, who were instructed to report the form of an Act providing for the safety of persons attending public assemblies, make Report, accompanied by a draft of an Act for that purpose, and recommend the passage of the following resolution, which Report is received and the following resolution read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That Messrs Tobey, Carpenter, and C. S. Smith, on the part of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, be and they hereby are appointed a Committee to procure the passage by the General Assembly of the State of an Act providing for the safety of persons attending public assemblies, like the form presented to the Council this evening.

(A. B. &amp; Co. on both)

The Standing Committee on Relations to whom at the last meeting was referred a

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Remission of Tax

L. L. Barnard.

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petition of L. L. Barnard for remission of tax, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution: which Report is received, and the following resolution is thereupon read and passed, viz:—

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to deduct from the tax assessed against L. L. Barnard for the year 1868 the sum of Twelve dollars,

(Concurred)

(Approved)

Do.

Benj. K. Ames

420.

Said Committee, to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Benj. K. Ames for remission of tax, make Report and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which Report is received, and thereupon it is ordered that said petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Correction of Deed.

S. C. Arnold.

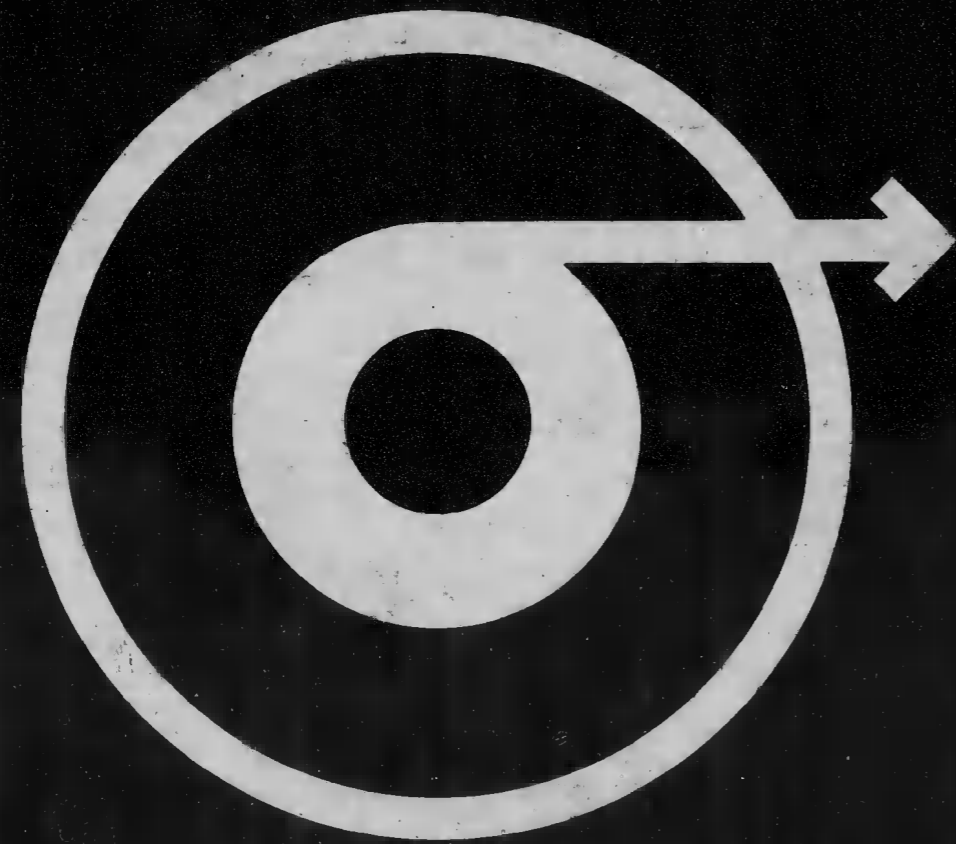
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Said Committee, to whom on the same date was referred a petition of Stephen C. Arnold for correction of deed of land bought at Tax collector's sale, make Report and recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolution, which Report is read, and the following resolution read & passed, viz:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Stephen C. Arnold Fifty & 80/100 dollars, being the amount with interest at six per cent. to date paid by said Arnold for purchase and recording what was supposed to be Lot one hundred and eighty three (183) on Block number five (5) of the Assessors, Plate of the City of Providence, at a Tax collector's sale in July 1866.

(Non-Concurred)

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