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RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL

OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

WITH REPORTS.

1873-74.

IN CONVENTION

JUNE 2, 1873.

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

The certificate of the election of HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR of the CITY OF PROVIDENCE, from the first Monday in June, 1873, until the first Monday in January, 1875, is read, and the oath of office is administered to him by Hon. Amasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

The roll of the City Council is called, as follows; and all the members being present, except Messrs. William Binney and Nelson W. Aldrich, the oath of office is administered by the Mayor to the members present.

ALDERMEN.

First Ward,	-	-	Henry J. Angell.
Second Ward,	-	-	Addison Q. Fisher.
Third Ward,	-	-	George B. Earle.
Fourth Ward,	-	-	George T. Spicer.
Fifth Ward,	-	-	Albert H. Manchester.
Sixth Ward,	-	-	Nathaniel F. Potter, Jr.
Seventh Ward,	-	-	John H. Joslin.
Eighth Ward,	-	-	Silas A. Sweet.
Ninth Ward,	-	-	William V. Daboll.

COMMON COUNCIL,

First Ward.

Allen J. Brown,
Elisha C. Mowry,

Allen Greene,
Charles A. Nichols.

Second Ward.

William Binney,
Parley M. Mathewson,

Henry L. Parsons,
William W. Douglas.

Third Ward.

Clinton D. Sellew,
Horatio Rogers,

Starges P. Carpenter,
James C. Butterworth.

Fourth Ward.

Abner J. Barnaby,
William H. Fenner,

William W. Paine,
Charles F. Phillips.

Fifth Ward.

Nicholas Van Slyck,
William W. Rickard,

Gorham P. Pomroy,
Freeborn Johnson.

Sixth Ward.

Nelson W. Aldrich,
William S. Hayward,

Archibald B. Rice,
Henry C. Bradford.

Seventh Ward.

Lemuel S. Harris,
Jerothmul B. Barnaby,

James T. Murray,
Bainbridge A. Whitcomb.

Eighth Ward.

Raymond G. Place,
Edwin A. Smith,

Israel M. Hopkins,
Benjamin Hunt, Jr.

Ninth Ward.

James Ardern,
George H. Pettis,

George A. Johnson,
Henry R. Barker.

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

Prayer is offered by Rev. Kinsley Twining.

The Mayor delivers his Inaugural Address.

The following city officers are elected for the municipal term commencing on the first Monday in June, 1873, and ending on the first Monday in January, 1875, viz.

Chief of the Police,	John M. Knowles.
Judge of the Municipal Court,	Amasa S. Westcott.
Clerk of the Municipal Court,	George B. Nichols.
Recorder of Deeds,	Gustavus A. Williamson.
City Auditor,	James M. Cross.
Register of Transfers,	Joseph W. Taylor.
Clerk in the Transfer office,	Henry L. Holmes.
Clerk of the Highway Department,	George E. Thompson.
City Sergeant,	Edward S. Rhodes.
City Messenger,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Clerk of the Market,	Edward S. Rhodes.
Assessor of Taxes, (for three years,)	Henry A. Webb.

Presidents of the Fire Department :

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

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

Assistant Engineers :

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

Trustees of the Providence Reform School :

Edwin M. Snow,	Henry J. Angell,
William J. King,	Amasa R. Tourtellot,
Charles Anthony,	J. Lewis Diman.

Commissioners of the North Burying Ground :

Zachariah Allen,	William Earle,
	Joseph F. Gilmore.

Superintendent of the North Burying Ground :

Nathan Smalley.

Pound Keeper at the Asylum, Thomas E. Payson.
 " " at N. B. Ground, Nathan Smalley.
 " " in Ninth Ward, William W. Austin.
 Sealer of Weights and Measures, Franklin Olds.
 Advising Committee on Bridges, Mayor and Aldermen,
 Overseer of Bridges, Obadiah Slade.
 Overseers of the Hospital, Mayor and Aldermen.
 Overseer of the City Pumps, Oliver E. Greene.
 Fence Viewer, Lyman Arnold.

City Auctioneers :

Francis J. Sheldon, George H. Burnham.
 Committee to Superintend the building of Chimneys, and
 the placing of Stoves and Pipes :
 Samuel B. Bullock, Josiah Simmons,
 Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Port Wardens :

Shubael H. Cady, Nathaniel Crowell, Philander Crosby.

Coroners :

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

Undertakers :

Michael G. Barron,	Thomas McMurrough,
Thomas E. Barron,	Meric Nichols,
James Boyce,	Everett R. Osgood,
William O. Briggs,	Thomas E. Payson,
John L. Clarke,	Patrick Quinn,
George W. Hopkins,	Nathan Smalley,
John G. Hopkins,	Benjamin P. Swarts,
Horace B. Knowles,	Gardner T. Swarts,
Henry Lynch,	Orin Sweet,
Thomas R. Mathews,	William Wallace.

Constables :

Silas J. Allen,	Thomas W. Hayward,
Lucian J. Arnold,	John Laughlin,
Charles Barrows,	George Lawless
William Batcheller,	Samuel Merry, Jr.,
John A. Creighton,	Jabez C. Potter,
John H. Cokely,	William H. Pullen,
John H. Gould,	George E. Thompson.
	Randall B. Wilcox,

Police Constables, without power to serve civil process :

William C. Atwood,	Philip C. Gray,
Reuben A. Arnold,	William H. Greene, 3d.,
Richard Barrett,	Daniel Hill,
James E. Babcock,	Nathaniel F. Hallett,
George W. Brown,	James N. Holmes,
William C. Barker,	Oliver P. Hopkins,
Zenas Baxter,	Benjamin F. Hubbard,
Walter S. Baxter,	Hugh Hamill,
Horace L. Brown,	Simon P. Holden,
George Benford,	Daniel Joslin,
Almon G. Bennett,	Hugh Johnson,
John B. Benson,	Harvey P. Kent,
James W. Braman,	William Lewis,
Daniel G. Briggs,	Lothrop Lewis,
Alden M. Brown,	William R. Mathews,
Pardon H. Brown,	Hector McKenzie,
Welcome G. Comstock,	Henry J. McElroy,
Amos M. Clarke,	David C. Moore,
Samuel T. Cory,	Frank F. Morrow,
Moses A. Claffin,	John Nickerson,
George E. Carleton,	Joseph Nutting,
Otis P. Colwell,	John R. Oaks,
Sylvanus Cole,	Thomas E. Payson,
Merrick N. Davison,	Henry A. L. Potter,
Barak Evans,	George G. Richmond,
William H. Gale,	Fitz James Rice,

Nathan Smalley,	Preserved Thatcher,
Thomas Swan,	Silas G. Tripp,
Nathan J. Shepley,	Charles H. Thurber,
Orin Sweet,	Thomas Wilbur,
John Slocum,	Thomas W. Walcott,
John Short,	J. Marshall Washburn,
Stephen S. Salisbury,	William H. Wickes,
Levi W. Smith,	John H. White,
Richard B. Smith,	Thomas T. Waite.

Packers and Inspectors of Fish :

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

Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes :

William B. Blanding, Samuel F. Hilton.

Inspector of Saleratus and Bi-carbonate of Soda :

Samuel F. Hilton.

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

Surveyors and Corders of Wood :

Lyman Arnold,	Robert Manchester,
William W. Arnold,	Darwin R. Mowry,
Charles H. Bartlett,	Jabez C. Olney,
Stephen Brooks,	Esek H. Pierce,
Samuel B. Bullock,	Lucian W. Palmer,
Nelson Chace,	Robert E. Smith,
James S. Hudson,	Thomas E. White.

Surveyors and Measurers of Stone :

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

Inspectors and Measurers of Carpenters' Masons' and
Painters' work :

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

Measurers of Grain, Salt, Shorts and Sea Coal :

Shubael B. Crowell,	George W. S. Potter,
Joseph Wesley,	Frank C. Hawkins.

Weighers of Hay :

George A. Whipple,	Albert B. H. Pike,
Jabez C. Olney,	Samuel W. Hartshorn.
Weigher of Hay in Bales,	Robert Sherman.

Weighers of Anthracite Coal :

Albert B. H. Pike,	Charles G. Morgan,
Samuel W. Pearce,	Eugene D. Burt.

Weighers of Cotton.

Charles S. Mathewson,	Joseph Hanlon,
Samuel R. Simmons,	William P. Morton,
Nathaniel W. Pierce,	Charles H. Cowell,
Frank Brastow,	Frank H. Brown,
Stephen Tripp,	Samuel C. Davenport,
Theodore B. Pierce,	Charles G. Morgan,
Oliver A. Lockwood, Jr.,	Morris B. Deming,
Frank L. Sheldon,	John S. Kellogg,
	Charles Dyer.

Gauger,	Edward G. Farmer.
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Trustees of the Sinking Fund, to redeem City of Providence
5 per cent Bonds due 1893.

James Y. Smith,	Amos C. Barstow,
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Appraisers of Damage under the Dog Law.
 Richard Ward Greene, Benjamin T. Eames,
 Benjamin F. Thurston.

No. 1. Joint Standing Committees.

(Appointed June 2, 1873.)

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 2, 1873.

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

Finance :

Messrs. Parley M. Mathewson, Jerothmul B. Barnaby,
 James C. Butterworth, Gorham P. Pomroy,
 Alderman Daboll.

Highways :

Messrs. Gorham P. Pomroy, Allen J. Brown,
 Horatio Rogers, Benjamin Hunt, Jr.,
 Alderman Potter.

Education :

Messrs. Nelson W. Aldrich, Henry R. Barker,
 Raymond G. Place, Allen Greene,
 Alderman Fisher.

Fire Department :

Messrs. William H. Fenner, Clinton D. Sellev,
 Lemuel S. Harris, William S. Hayward,
 Alderman Spicer.

City Property :

Messrs. James Ardern, Israel M. Hopkins,
 Sturges P. Carpenter, Henry L. Parsons,
 Alderman Earle.

Police :

Messrs. Abner J. Barnaby, Archibald B. Rice,
 George A. Johnson, Edwin A. Smith,
 Alderman Angell.

Ordinances :

Messrs. William Binney, William W. Rickard,
 Elisha C. Mowry, William W. Douglas,
 Alderman Fisher.

Claims :

Messrs. Elisha C. Mowry, Henry L. Parsons,
 William W. Paine, Henry C. Bradford,
 Alderman Joslin.

Printing :

Messrs. Jerothmul B. Barnaby, Freeborn Johnson,
 Charles F. Phillips. George H. Pettis,
 Alderman Daboll.

North Burying Ground :

Messrs. Charles F. Phillips, Allen Greene,
 George H. Pettis, Alderman Earle.

Harbor :

Messrs. William W. Rickard, Bainbridge A. Whitcomb,
 James T. Murray, Alderman Manchester.

Railroads :

Messrs. Charles A. Nichols, Israel M. Hopkins,
 James T. Murray, Alderman Daboll.

Sewers :

Messrs. Lemuel S. Harris, Clinton D. Sellew,
 William W. Paine, Alderman Sweet.

City Debt:
 Mr. Nelson W. Aldrich.
 On Engineer's Department:
 Mr. William Binney.

No. 2. Joint Committee on Accounts.

(Appointed June 2, 1873.)

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN June 2, 1873.

WHEREAS, Alderman Angell and Potter having been elected on the part of the board of aldermen, members of the joint committee on accounts, RESOLVED, That their names be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 2, 1873.

WHEREAS, Messrs. William W. Paine, Clinton D. Sellew, Elisha C. Mowry, Henry R. Barker and Bainbridge A. Whitcomb, have been elected by ballot, members of the joint committee on accounts on the part of the common council, RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 3. Resolution appointing Joint Committee on the Harbor:

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. William W. Rickard, James T. Murray, and B. A. Whitcomb, of the common council, with alderman Manchester, 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.

No. 4. Justices of the Police Court.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 2, 1873.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 2, 1873.

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 5. Resolution relating to the Annual Report of the School Committee.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the school committee and the accompanying documents, this day presented, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed under the direction of the joint standing committee on printing.

No. 10. Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to redeem City Bonds due in 1893.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

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

The undersigned, Trustees of the Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the five per cent. city bonds, payable in 1893, report as follows: viz;

10	Five per cent. registered bonds of the City of Providence, due 1893,	-	-	\$103,000 00
1	Six per cent. registered bond of the City of Providence, due in 1876,	-	-	10,000 00

1 Six per cent. coupon bond of the City of Providence, due in 1876, - -	1,000 00
1 Six per cent. registered bond of the City of Providence, due in 1885, - -	5,000 00
Cash on deposit in Union Bank Providence, -	3,427 85
	<hr/>
	\$122,427,85

Increase \$21,747,16.

JAMES Y. SMITH, } Trustees.
A. C. BARSTOW, }

No. 13. Resolution referring subjects in the Mayor's
Address to the Standing Committees.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the several subjects mentioned in the inaugural address of his honor the mayor, delivered this day, be, and the same are hereby referred to the proper standing committees, unless otherwise ordered, to examine and report thereon.

No. 14. Resolution to Contract for the City Printing.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, C. F. Phillips, F. Johnson and G. W. Pettis, of the common council, with alderman Daboll, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to contract for the city printing for the present municipal term.

No. 15. Resolution to contract for Stationery.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

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

No. 16. Resolution for printing the Mayor's Address
and the City Manual.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. J. B. Barnaby, C. F. Phillips, F. Johnson and G. H. Pettis, of the common council, with alderman Daboll, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to wait on his honor the mayor, and request him to furnish for publication, a copy of the address this day delivered by him to the city council, and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they shall deem expedient.

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

No. 17. Resolution for Printing certain Reports.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

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

The annual report of the Gauger.

The annual report of the commissioners of the North Burying Ground.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the North Burying Ground.

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

The semi-annual report of the Overseer of the Poor.

No. 18. Resolutions limiting the number of City Documents.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

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

No. 19. Resolution relating to the Bond of the City Treasurer.

(Approved June 2, 1873)

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 the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

No. 20. Resolution relating to mounted police.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on police be requested to inquire into the expediency of putting a portion of the police force upon horseback.

No. 21. Resolution for placing a vane and pointers upon the Engine House on Burnside and Square streets.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on city property, is hereby directed to cause a suitable vane with the cardinal points of the compass, to be placed upon the tower of

the new engine house at the corner of Burnside and Square streets; the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of ninety dollars, and to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 22. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in Westminster street.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Westminster street, from Jackson street to Dorrance street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes.

No. 23. Resolution transferring \$15,000 to the appropriation for Public Buildings.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for repairs of public buildings.

No. 24. Resolution to amend the award to Walter S. Burges, for damages in laying out Superior street.

(Approved June 2 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be, and he is hereby instructed to assent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Superior street, by adding to the award of Walter S. Burges, the sum of eight hundred and twenty-four dollars, and that the amount due said Burges by the said report as thus amended, be paid forthwith.

No. 25. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved June 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay James McCready, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, for duty performed in May last.

No. 26. Joint Special Committee on a Public Market.

In COMMON COUNCIL, June 9, 1873.

RESOLVED, That the president, (Mr. Van Slyck,) be hereby excused from further service on the joint special committee on the public market.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Nelson W. Aldrich be appointed to fill the vacancy thereby caused in said committee.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN June 11, 1873. Read:

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 29. Resolution appropriating \$60,000 for interest on the water loan.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars be and the same is added to the appropriation for interest on the water loan; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 30. Resolution referring so much of the address of the Mayor as relates to Washington Bridge.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That so much of the Mayor's message as relates to the repair of Washington bridge or the construction of a new bridge at or near the site thereof, be referred to Messrs. Carpenter, Pomroy and J. B. Barnaby and aldermen Earle and Sweet, to examine and report thereon.

No. 31. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a sewer in High street.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in High street, from Battey street easterly to the intercepting sewer at the head of Westminster street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes.

No. 32. Resolution to pay John Monaghan.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to John Monaghan the sum of six dollars, being the amount paid by him into the city treasury on account of curbing stone erroneously charged against him.

No. 33. Resolution to pay Daniel Keleher.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Daniel Keleher the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in

full for all damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Wickenden street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 34. Resolution abating tax of Arthur F. Dexter.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Arthur F. Dexter the sum of twenty-nine dollars and seventy cents, being the amount of tax assessed against and paid by him for the year 1872, for the "Providence Nursery" estate on Williams street.

No. 35. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John R. McKim to raise a certain building, located at No. 77 Dahlia street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

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

- No. 36. William F. Andrews,
- 37. Patrick Conley,
- 38. George D. Flagg,
- 39. John McCusker,
- 40. Olive G. Pettis.

No. 41. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Perry Davis & Son to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

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

No. 42. Communication from the Town Council of East Providence.

(Presented June 11, 1873.)

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, East Providence, June 10, 1873.

To His Honor the Mayor of the City of Providence:

Dear Sir—At a meeting of the town council holden on Saturday, 7th inst., it was ordered, "that the town clerk be directed to notify the City of Providence, that they will not be permitted to dump any material for filling on their premises in this town, until a sea wall is built to prevent such materials from washing into the channel of the river."

By order of the town council:

CHARLES L. HAZARD, Town Clerk.

No. 43. Resolution to purchase land adjoining the school estate on Thurber avenue.

(Approved June 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee of the city council on city property be and they are hereby directed to purchase of Hon. Thomas Davis, that parcel of land lying north-

erly of and adjoining the Thurber avenue school estate and extending to Autumn street of a uniform width of one hundred and 30-100 feet, provided that the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding fifty cents per square foot, and that the title is satisfactory to the city solicitor ; and said committee are hereby further directed to purchase of said Hon. Thomas Davis, a strip of land on the easterly side and adjoining the Thurber avenue school estate, sixteen and 50-100 feet wide and extending from Thurber avenue to Autumn street, at a price not exceeding thirty-five cents per square foot: the title to the same to be approved by the city solicitor ; and the sum of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the above purchases; to be charged to the reserve fund.

No. 44. Message from the Mayor, relating to the term of office of the Water Commissioners.

(Presented June 16, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, June 16, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

On Tuesday, July 1, ensuing, the term of office of the present water commissioners will expire, and the great work with which they have been entrusted and which they have so successfully carried on, will be left without any one qualified to direct further operations. I have therefore convened both branches of the city council, at this time, in order that action may be taken in reference to the very important matter I have referred to.

In my address at the inauguration of the city government on

the second instant, I stated the fact, that the general assembly at its last session, had empowered the city council to extend the official term of the water commissioners for such time, not exceeding two years, as the city council might desire. This action of the general assembly was secured at my suggestion.

Having ascertained that the gentlemen composing the board of water commissioners were unwilling to be members of the board under a re-organization, but that they would continue in office for a further term, if the city council so desired, I deemed it proper to obtain for the city council, the right to extend their term, and I therefore requested the city solicitor to make the application for that purpose, which he did, with the result I have stated. It has been suggested that the management of the water works should be placed in the board of public works, when it is established. It seems to me that this can be better done when the works are completed, and that for some time to come, the water department should remain in the control of the present commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 46. Resignation of the Joint Special Committee
on Roger Williams Park.

(Accepted June 16, 1873.)

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

The special committee appointed by resolution of the city council approved February 19, 1872, in relation to the lay out of Roger Williams Park, and to whom have been assigned other work in connection therewith, by resolutions of the city council approved from time to time, finding that there is at this time, but one member of the present common council upon the committee, and that one of the members appointed by the board of aldermen has also, ceased to be a member of the city government,

deem it proper and do hereby tender their resignations as members of said committee.

Providence June 13, 1873.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

AMOS W. SNOW,	}	Appointed by the Board of Aldermen.
HENRY J. ANGELL,		
WILLIAM V. DABOLL,		

NELSON W. ALDRICH,	}	Appointed by the Common Council.
HENRY T. ROOT,		
FREDERICK E. KEEP,		
LEWIS DEXTER,		

No. 47. Resignation of the Joint Special Committee to procure plans for a Monument to Roger Williams.

(Accepted June 16, 1873.)

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

The special committee appointed by resolution No. 395, approved February 19, 1872, "to prepare plans and estimates for a monument to be erected to the memory of Roger Williams, in the Williams burying ground," having completed the work for which they were appointed, hereby tender their resignations as members of said committee.

PROVIDENCE, June 13, 1873.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

AMOS W. SNOW,	}	Appointed by the Board of Aldermen.
HENRY J. ANGELL,		
WILLIAM V. DABOLL,		

NELSON W. ALDRICH,	}	Appointed by the Common Council.
HENRY T. ROOT,		
FREDERICK E. KEEP,		
LEWIS DEXTER,		

No. 48. Communication from the Grand Army of the Republic relating to Decoration Day.

(Presented June 16, 1873.)

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PROVIDENCE, June 10, 1873. }

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Gentlemen:—In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic of this city, I wish to thank you for the liberal appropriation made to assist us in decorating the graves of our fallen comrades on the 30th of May. We assure you that the interest that the city government takes in our welfare, is appreciated by the veteran soldiers and sailors of Providence.

I have the honor to be very respectfully, your obedient servant.

E. H. RHODES, Department Commander.

No. 49. Resolution relating to Bridge at Atwell's Avenue.

(Approved June 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED. That the sum of three thousand dollars be hereby appropriated from the appropriation for bridges, for the purpose of uniting with the town of North Providence in building a new iron bridge over the Woonasquatucket river at Atwell's avenue.

No. 50. Resolution to sell the building on the land purchased for a Hose Station.

(Approved June 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED. That the superintendent of public buildings be hereby directed to sell at public auction, the building upon the

lot purchased for a hose station at the corner of Burnett and Public streets; said building to be taken down.

No. 51. Resolution adding \$500, to the appropriation for a Fountain on Abbott Park.

Approved June 6, 1873.

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be here-by appropriated, in addition to the amount appropriated November 11, 1872, for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution of the city council approved November 11, 1872, directing the water commissioners to cause the fountain to be furnished by Henry J. Steere and others, to be properly set up and put in working order on Abbott Park, so called to be charged to the appropriation for public grounds.

No. 52 Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay a Sewer in Young Orchard Avenue.

(Approved June 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby requested to cause a main drain or common sewer, to be constructed in Young Orchard avenue, from Cooke street to Governor street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 807, of the public laws.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved June 16, 1873.)

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

No. 53. Michael Lyons.

54. L. R. Marcy.

55. Mrs. Benoni Sprague.

 Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved June 16, 1873.)

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

No. 56. John A. Luther.

57. John McGovern.

58. Ann Trainor.

59. John R. White, & Son.

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

 IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 16, 1873.

The Gauger makes report that he has appointed as deputy gaugers, Messrs. Amos Potter and Robert Sherman, whereupon it is VOTED, that said appointments be approved.

The following city officers are elected:—

Weigher of Cotton,

Henry K. Potter

Police Constables, without power to serve civil process,

Daniel Porter,

William H. Shepard,

Thomas Austin,

Henry Austin,

 No. 60. Resolution for curbing Public street.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

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

No. 62. Resolution relating to Plans for a Public Market.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the special committee to procure plans for a public market and bridge across the river below Weybosset bridge, are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to procure such plans without advertisement.

No. 63. Resolution relating to Vacation Schools.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the establishment of vacation schools, the same to be expended under the direction of the school committee and paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 64. Resolutions for building a School House on Jackson avenue.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on education are hereby directed to cause to be erected, on the lot owned by the city on Jackson avenue, a four-room brick building to be used for primary and intermediate school purposes, provided, that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect, the same to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 65. Resolution electing not to widen Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad street.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1871, to lay out Eddy street, from Pine street to Broad street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the twelfth day of May, 1873; now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court:—

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

No. 66. Resolution for constructing a Sewer in Elm street.

(Approved July 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Elm street, from Plane street to Chestnut street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws.

No. 67. Resolution for constructing a Sewer in Broadway.

(Approved July 3, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Broadway, from Almy

street to Jackson street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws.

No. 68. Resolution to pay the Ward Clerks.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles H. Bartlett, Elias M. Jenckes, Charles Selden, John C. Robinson, Albert C. Winsor, Augustus V. Payton, William E. Whiting, Henry V. A. Joslin and Samuel Young, each, the sum of sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents, in full for services rendered by them as clerks of the boards of canvassers during the months of April and May, 1872: to be charged to the appropriation for elections.

No. 69. Resolution to pay Abby E. Peck for estate taken to widen Broad street.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby agrees to pay Abby E. Peck interest semi-annually at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1872, for and during her life, upon the sum of five thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars; the said sum being the award made to said Abby E. Peck, as life tenant, and to G. & S. Owen, as owners of the estate numbered lot 422, on assessors' plat 24, for damages to said lot, by the commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the supreme court for the widening of Broad street, near Snow street, in the city of Providence; and that the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay said semi-annual interest already accrued whenever he shall receive from said Abby E. Peck a release of all claims for damages resulting from the said widening of Broad street and a certificate from the city solicitor that the demand of the said Abby E. Peck for a jury trial in said matter has been withdrawn.

No. 70. Resolution to pay Catharine Barry.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Catherine Barry the sum of three hundred dollars in full settlement of her claim for injuries received by her by reason of a defect in a cross walk at or near the intersection of South Main and James streets, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

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

- No. 71. Daniel Carlin, No. 163 Fountain street.
72. Albert G. Sprague, No. 339 Prairie avenue.
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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

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

- No. 73. Frederic Fuller,
74. James Quirk.

No. 75. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

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

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

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved June 30, 1873.)

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

No. 76. Charles K. Richmond,

77. Joseph H. Welch.

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

No. 78. Resolution transferring \$2,500 to the City Engineer's Department.

(Approved July 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the city engineer's department.

No. 79. Resolution accepting gift of William G. Dearth to the North Burial Ground Fund.

(Approved July 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the gift of William G. Dearth of the sum of two hundred dollars to the Commissioners of the North Burying Ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws to the preservation and care of the burial lots of said William G. Dearth and of Abby T. Dearth, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 80. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

(Approved July 8, 1873.)

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

Robert E. Murphy,	.	.	.	\$71 50
George A. Lee,	.	.	.	82 50
Leonard Cole,	.	.	.	82 50
James McCready,	.	.	.	82 50
Alexander Russell,	.	.	.	82 50
William A. Munroe,	.	.	.	82 50
George W. Rose,	.	.	.	82 50
Lewis W. Jones,	.	.	.	82 50

No. 82. Message from the Mayor in relation to the
Injunction against the Sewer in Dorrance street.

(Presented July 8, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, July 8, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

On the ninth day of September last, the city council requested the board of aldermen to lay a main drain and common sewer from Westminster street through Dorrance street to the river, under the provisions of chapter 807 of the statutes authorizing the city to lay drains in the streets of the city, and on the twenty-fifth day of September last, the board of aldermen appointed Joseph J. Cooke, Charles E. Carpenter and William Corliss a committee to construct such sewer, in accordance with plans presented to the board by J. Herbert Shedd, chief engineer of the water works.

The committee proceeded to make contracts, and entered upon the work of constructing the sewer upon the understanding that the supreme court had expressly decided that the owners of the lots of land upon the plat of the Dorrance street Association lands had no property in any portion of the space designated on said plat as Dorrance street.

On the 27th day of June last, Henry C. Clark, James C. Bucklin and Albert Dailey & Co., claiming to be owners of the land on both sides of that portion of Dorrance street, between Dyer street and the head of Dorrance street dock, filed a bill in equity in the supreme court against the city, the committee and the contractor, and also a petition to injoin the city, the committee and the contractor from proceeding to construct the proposed sewer, on the ground that the strip of land called Dorrance street, which lies below Dyer street, and extends to the head of the Dorrance street dock, was their private property. A hearing was had on the second and third instants, upon the petition for an injunction, and yesterday Mr. Justice Potter delivered the opinion of the court granting the injunction, restraining the city from constructing the proposed sewer through

this strip of land, upon the ground, as I am informed, that the court considered it doubtful whether this strip of land was private property or a public highway, though, as the city understood, the same court had, three years before, decided that the complainants had no right of property therein, and also upon the ground that the city could not proceed with the sewer through this strip of land under the provisions of chapter 807, until the question was determined whether this land was a public highway or private property.

Subsequently, as I am informed, a message was sent to the city solicitor in the handwriting of Judge Potter, to the effect that the injunction would be granted upon the condition that the complainants should in no way interfere with the old sewer, and also that the court would hear the parties on Thursday next, upon the question of whether an injunction should be granted, provided the city would give bond to pay such damages as the complainants might sustain by the construction of the proposed sewer in case this strip of land should be ultimately determined to be private property. It was urged by the city at the hearing, that inasmuch as by chapter 993 of the statutes, the general assembly had authorized the city to lay drains through private lands, conforming to the provisions of that chapter, and that it was a mere question of money damages between the complainants and the city if it should be finally decided that this land was private property, and that the question whether it was a highway or private property was doubtful, the city should not be enjoined from completing a public work of great necessity, when the city was amply responsible, and could be compelled to pay damages in case it should be ultimately determined that this piece of land was the property of the complainants.

The council will plainly see therefore, that if the city is permitted to give bond and proceed with the work, that the position claimed by the city at the hearing will be substantially maintained, as the giving of the bond imposes upon the city no new liability, but is simply an agreement in writing to pay damages in case this land should be ultimately decided to be the property of the complainants.

It is a matter of vital importance to the health of the city that the proposed sewer should be constructed with the least possible delay, and I have therefore convened you that you may take such action as you may deem advisable to protect the interests of the city.

There are two courses plainly open to the city : one is to proceed, under the provisions of chapter 993, to lay this sewer through this land, as claimed to be private property, and thus avoid all questions arising under the present bill, and the other, in case the court should reconsider its opinion and allow the city to give bond and proceed with the proposed sewer, to authorize some officer of the city to execute such a bond as the court shall require. I have caused resolutions to be prepared in reference to these matters, which I present for your action.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 83. Resolutions relating to a sewer in Dorrance street.

(Approved July 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city council adjudge it to be necessary for the public convenience and the public health, that a main drain and common sewer should be laid and maintained through the strip of land in the city of Providence, extending from Dyer street in continuation of Dorrance street, sixty-four feet in width, to the Dorrance street dock, so called, which strip of land is claimed by the city of Providence to be a public highway, and is also claimed by Henry C. Clark, James C. Bucklin and Albert Dailey & Co., to be private property.

RESOLVED, That the city council adjudge it to be necessary for the public convenience and public health, that such main drain and common sewer shall be constructed not less than sixty-six inches in diameter.

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to cause such main drain and common sewer to be constructed forthwith, through said strip of land, under the provisions of chapter 993 of the public laws.

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to execute such a bond in behalf of the city, in such an amount, and with such conditions as the supreme court of this state shall require, in the pending litigation between Henry C. Clark, James C. Bucklin and Albert Dailey & Co., complainants, and the city of Providence, Joseph J. Cooke, William Corliss, Charles E. Carpenter and Thomas Pearson, respondents.

No. 84. Resolution relating to Tax Ordinance.

(Approved July 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on finance be instructed to report an ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence.

No. 85. Resolutions for laying out Lloyd street.

(Passed July 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Lloyd street of a width of not less than sixty feet, from Hope street to Arlington avenue, by the following metes and bounds, viz.: beginning, for the southerly line, in the easterly line of Hope street at the north west corner of the Dexter Asylum estate, thence northeasterly about twenty feet to an angle; thence easterly in the northerly line of said estate and in range thereof, seven hundred thirty-five and thirteen hundredths feet to an angle; thence easterly about five hundred twelve and forty-five hundredths feet to an angle at a point forty-nine feet southerly from an angle in the

northerly line of said asylum estate; thence easterly to the westerly line of Arlington avenue at a point in line with the southerly line of Lloyd avenue, as now laid out east of Arlington avenue. The northerly line will be sixty feet from and parallel with the southerly line from the termination of the first described line to Arlington avenue, and

WHEREAS, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 86. Resolution transferring Appropriation.

(Approved July 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for the health department.

No. 89. Report of Committee of Arrangements to
observe Decoration Day.

(Presented July 14, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PROVIDENCE:

The joint special committee of the city council, appointed
May 1, 1873, to make preparations for the suitable observance
of decoration day,

Report, that they have attended to the duties assigned
them and expended the appropriation of six hundred dollars, as
follows:

To paid American Band,	-	-	\$164 00
Battalion Band,	-	-	125 00
National Band,	-	-	120 00
A. C. Barstow, for use of Music Hall,	-		75 00
G. H. Copeland & Co., for carriages,			69 00
Daniel Smith, for use of wagon,	-		20 00
Albert H. Abbett, " " -			15 00
John S. Walsh, " " -			12 00
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Total,	-	-	\$600 00

Vouchers for which accompany this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted, for the committee,

E. T. CASE, Chairman.

No. 90. Report of Special Committee appointed to settle with parties damaged by widening Broad street.

(Presented July 14, 1873.)

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

The joint special committee of the city council, who were appointed on the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1873, "to confer with all parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the widening and straightening of Broad street, from Public street to the Cranston line, and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with such parties,"

Report, that they have held several meetings to which all parties interested were invited,

That only a portion of the parties claiming a jury trial were represented at said meetings, and only a portion of those represented have stated to your committee, upon what terms they would settle; and that the demands of those who have made proposals are deemed, by your committee, so exorbitant that the committee recommend that no action be taken with reference to the settlement of the same.

Several of the parties appealing have expressed a willingness to submit the matter to arbitration, and your committee would suggest the propriety of adopting this course.

All of which is respectfully submitted, for the committee,

E. T. CASE, Chairman.

No. 93. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the

Providence water works; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on finance, is authorized to hire the same.

No. 94. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for opening streets.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for opening streets; and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 95. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the Fire Department.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the fire department, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 96. Resolution appropriating \$3,000 for Prospect Square.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the completion of Prospect square and to be charged to the appropriation for public grounds.

No. 97. Resolution appropriating \$30,000 for the
School-house on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the school-house on Point and Plane streets, and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be authorized to hire the same.

No. 98. Resolution for purchasing land adjoining
the school estate on Thurber Avenue.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby directed to purchase of Thomas Davis a lot of land adjoining the Thurber avenue school estate on the north and bounding westerly on Plane street and containing about four thousand square feet, provided the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding fifty cents per square foot, and that the title of said land shall be satisfactory to the city solicitor.

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid and the same charged to the reserved fund.

No. 99. Resolution for purchasing land for school-
house on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby authorized and directed to purchase of Paris Winsor his lot of land on Bacon street, adjacent to the Doyle avenue school house lot, containing five thousand one hundred square feet, more or less, at a price not to exceed five thousand dollars, whenever he shall present a title thereto satisfactory to city solicitor.

No. 100. Resolution for fitting up the Ward Room in the Second Ward for School purposes.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on education, is hereby directed to cause the ward room in second ward to be fitted up as an additional room for high school purposes.

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect: the same to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 101. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Bishop street.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Bishop street, from Plane street to Willard street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 102. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Willard street.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Willard street, from Bishop street to Eddy street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 103. Resolution for paving and curbing part of
Eddy street.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set in the place of the old narrow curbing, where needed, and pave the roadway with granite blocks on Eddy street, from Point street to Henderson street.

No. 104. Resolution for curbing Ives street.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Ives street, from Power street to Front street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

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

- No. 105. Amanda F. Brown, No. 50 Doyle avenue.
- 106. Jeremiah B. Gardiner, corner of Hope and Transit streets.
- 107. Wingate Hayes, No. 344 Benefit street.
- 108. Samuel J. Howard, corner of Thayer and Cushing streets.
- 109. Tobias Jackson, No. 113 Meeting street.
- 110. Thomas Remington, No. 121 Pond street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

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

- No. 111. Amanda F. Brown.
- 112. John J. Burns.
- 113. John McGuigan.
- 114. F. H. Peckham.
- 115. Matthew Vance.
- 116. John S. Williams.

No. 117. Resolutions granting permission to move
a building.

(Approved July 17, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Morrow to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner : to be moved night and day while on the railroad track.

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

No. 118. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 to purchase land for a School-house on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved July 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the cost of purchasing a lot of land on Bacon street adjoining the Doyle avenue school house estate, containing about fifty-one hundred square feet: the same to be charged to the reserve fund.

No. 119. Resolutions relating to Commissioners on the Brook Street District.

(Approved July 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Cyrus B. Manchester, Horatio N. Angell and Esek Tallman are hereby appointed commissioners with full power in behalf of the City of Providence to agree with any person or persons entitled to any estate in any part of the lands taken by said city under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to authorize the City of Providence to take certain lands for the purpose of draining and grading the same," for the price of the land so taken.

RESOLVED, That whenever said commissioners shall have agreed with any such person or persons for the price of any such land, said commissioners are hereby authorized to draw upon the city treasurer for such amounts of money as may be necessary to carry out such agreement.

RESOLVED, That said commissioners are hereby authorized to employ such clerical assistance as they may require in the performance of their duties.

No. 120. Resolution electing not to lay out Lippitt Street.

(Approved July 21, 1873.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1872, to lay out Lippitt street, forty-five feet wide from East avenue to Randall street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence" made their first report to said court on the twenty-third day of June, 1873; now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;

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

No. 121. Message from the Mayor in relation to the Quidnick Reservoir.

(Presented July 21, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, July 21, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The accompanying communication from the Quidnick Reservoir Company addressed to me, I transmit herewith in order that the important matter therein referred to, may receive the attention of the city council. While the Pawtuxet river, without additional reservoirs may furnish a full supply of water for this city for generations, yet this city, as owners of the large water-power at the mouth of the river are interested in the work now being done by the Quidnick Reservoir Company, and, in this view, might, with propriety, be expected to contribute to the work.

I present the subject for your consideration, and invite prompt action in relation thereto.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE QUIDNICK RESERVOIR }
COMPANY, July 18, 1873. }

TO HIS HONOR THOMAS A. DOYLE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The Quidnick Reservoir Company are constructing a reservoir on the south branch of the Pawtuxet river, near the village of Washington, to flow, say about one thousand acres, depth of water, say fifteen feet; the said reservoir and dam will cost not less than \$125,000. The company have already expended \$80,000, and voted, at a meeting held on the 16th inst., an assessment of \$20,000 more.

And, it is eminently proper for the city to bear their proportion of the expense thereof, as it will be a great benefit to them, as competent engineers estimate it will increase the water power one-half. We think the proportion of the city not less than \$20,000.

Yours very truly,

QUIDNICK RESERVOIR COMPANY,
GEORGE WHEATON, 2d, Secretary.

No. 123. Resolution fixing upon a location for a
School-house on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved July 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable to add to the land on Doyle avenue, belonging to the city, designed as a location for a school-house lot, the land described as follows, viz.: beginning at the southeasterly corner of land of Paris Winsor on the northerly side of Bacon street, and extending thence northerly one hundred three and fifty one-hundredths feet, more or less, to land belonging to the city; thence easterly one hundred nineteen and five-twelfths feet, more or less, to land belonging to Harriet R. Rippon; thence southerly one hundred three and fifty one-hundredths feet, more or less, to said Bacon street; and thence

bounding southerly on said Bacon street one hundred twenty feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; and containing twelve thousand three hundred and sixty square feet; and that the same is hereby fixed upon for that purpose.

No. 124. Resolution to negotiate with the owners of the land fixed upon as a location for a School-House on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved July 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby authorized to negotiate with the owners of the land on Bacon street, this day fixed upon as a location for a school-house, and to obtain the terms upon which said owners will convey said land to the city.

No. 125. Resolution appointing a special committee to report the value and rent of real estate owned by the city.

(Approved July 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Aldrich, Paine and Nichols of the common council with aldermen Fisher and Earle, be hereby appointed a committee for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting to the city council, a statement of the real estate belonging to the city, exclusive of the Dexter donation property, giving an estimate of present value of same, to whom and at what price the same is rented.

No. 126. Joint Standing Committee on Parks.

(Approved July 24, 1873.)

IN COMMON COUNCIL, July 21, 1873.

WHEREAS, Messrs. Horatio Rogers, William S. Hayward, George H. Pettis and B. A. Whitcomb, have been appointed members on the part of the common council, of the joint standing committee on parks, it is resolved that the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, July 24, 1873.

Read and Alderman Daboll added.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 127. Resolution authorizing the hiring of rooms for use of the Highway Department and the City Engineer.

(Approved August 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby authorized to lease the entire second story of the Dexter block, on North Main street, for the use of the highway department and the city engineer: said lease to be for the term of three years.

No. 128. Resolution relating to Public Parks.

(Approved August 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be instructed to inquire and report what is the present condition

of the several public parks of this city, and what action is necessary for their preservation and proper management, with liberty to said committee to report any resolutions or ordinances by them deemed desirable.

No. 130. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved August 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in July, 1873, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:

James McCready,	-	-	-	\$88.00
George H. Grover,	-	-	-	88.00
Alexander Russell,	-	-	-	85.25
				<u>\$261.25</u>

No. 131. Resolutions repealing certain Orders for Sewers.

(Approved August 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the resolutions heretofore passed requesting the board of aldermen to cause main drains or common sewers to be constructed as follows, be and the same are hereby repealed, viz:

In Aborn street, from Washington street, to Westminster street. (Resolution No. 542, approved May 1, 1873.)

In Benefit and Wickenden street, from Powers street to Brook street. (Resolution No. 574, approved May 8, 1873.)

In Young Orchard avenue, from Cooke street to Governor street. (Resolution No. 52, approved June 16, 1873.)

In Westminster street, from Jackson street, to Dorrance street. (Resolution No. 22, approved June 2, 1873.)

In Clifford street, from Plane street to Chestnut street. (Resolution No. 583, approved May 19, 1873,) and

In High street, from Battey street to Westminster street. (Resolution No. 31, approved June 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That so much of resolution No. 232, approved October 9, 1872, as relates to the construction of a sewer in Meeting street, from Prospect street to Congdon street, be and the same is hereby repealed.

RESOLVED, That so much of resolution No. 161, approved September 9, 1872, as relates to the construction of a sewer in Thayer street, south of Bowen street, be and the same is hereby repealed.

No. 132. Resolution for Laying certain Sewers.

(Approved August 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause main drains or common sewers to be constructed in the following streets, viz :

In Aborn street, from Washington street to Westminster street ; in Benefit and Wickenden street, from Williams street to Brook street ; in Young Orchard avenue, from Cooke street to Governor street ; in Westminster street, from Jackson street to Dorrance street ; in Clifford street, from Plane street to Chestnut street ; in Meeting street, from Prospect street to Congdon street ; in High street, from Battey street to Westminster street, and in Thayer street, from Bowen street to Angell street and through Angell and Brook streets to the river ; all to be built in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313, of the public laws.

No. 133. Resolutions to lay out Traverse street.

(Approved August 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and extend Traverse street, from Pike street to Sheldon street, of a uniform width of fifty feet, beginning for the easterly line at the present north-easterly corner of Pike and Traverse street; thence northerly in the present easterly line of Traverse street, and in line therewith one hundred and ninety-six and fifty-seven one hundredths feet, to an angle in said easterly line; thence in said easterly line of Traverse street sixty-seven and seventy-eight one hundredths feet, to the southerly line of Wickenden street; thence beginning in the northerly line of Wickenden street at a point thirteen one hundredths feet westerly from the southwest corner of the estate formerly belonging to Abraham Stillwell, thence northerly a direct line to the southerly line of Sheldon street, touching the northwest corner of the Benjamin Smith house, so called. And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "an act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," and the city council hereby direct, that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three quarters 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 hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 134. Message from the Mayor.

(Presented August 11, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
 City of Providence, Aug. 11, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It is necessary that the city council in convention should elect an engineer to examine the work done upon the Springfield railroad. The office heretofore has been filled by the late Samuel B. Cushing, Esq.

I have convened the board of aldermen in order that the election may be made this day

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

IN CONVENTION.

AUGUST 11, 1873.

The following officers are elected :

Engineer to examine the Providence and Springfield Railroad,
 Samuel B. Cushing.

In place of Samuel B. Cushing, (senior,) deceased.

Police Constables without power to serve civil process :

William H. Barker, Lewis M. Holley,
 John L. Worden.

Weighers of Anthracite coal :

George E. Lovell, Edward E. Arnold.

No. 135. Resolution for Curbing a portion of Transit street.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on Transit street, from East-street to Governor street.

No. 136. Report of the Commissioners to build a
School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented August 11, 1873.)

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

The commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the school-house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, respectfully beg leave to make their second quarterly report. During the quarter the building has progressed as far as circumstances and good work would admit: the granite underpinning has been set, and the walls of the first story are about completed, and the first and nearly all of the second floor are on. A contract has been made with Messrs. Angell and Lansing, lumber dealers, to furnish the spruce and hard pine lumber for the building, their proposal to furnish the same being the lowest and satisfactory in other respects; the proposal of Moulton & Ingraham to furnish the window frames for the building for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, has been accepted and a contract made with them to furnish the same; a contract has also been made with the Builders' Iron Foundry, to furnish the iron columns at four and one-half cents per pound.

The amount of money expended during the quarter is eighteen thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars and sixteen cents, leaving an unexpended balance on hand of thirty-nine thousand and seven dollars and twelve cents. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. MANCHESTER,	}	Commissioners.
JOSEPH F. GILMORE,		
SPENCER P. READ.		

No. 140. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for
Sewers.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for sewers; and that the city

treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same..

No. 141. Resolution relating to Blackstone Park.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are discharged from the further consideration of any matter concerning the Blackstone Park, and all papers and resolutions relating to the same are hereby referred to the joint committee on parks to examine and report thereon.

No. 142. Resolution relative to furnishing Water for Sprinkling.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That resolution No. 582, approved May 19, 1873, in relation to furnishing water for the street sprinklers, is hereby repealed, to take effect on the first day of September 1873.

No. 143. Resolution for making improvements at Hose Station No. 2, on South Main street.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be hereby directed under the advice of the committee on city property to make the necessary improvements at hose station No. 2, and that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect, the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 144. Resolution to purchase a horse for the Police Department.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the chief of police, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee of police, is hereby directed, to purchase a horse for the use of the police department; and the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for police.

No. 145. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Scott street.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out and extend Scott street of a uniform width of thirty feet, from Bacon street to Doyle avenue.

No. 146. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Butler avenue.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

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

No. 147. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Bellevue avenue.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are

hereby requested to receive Bellevue avenue, from Cranston street to Long pond, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 148. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Prairie avenue.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Prairie avenue, from Thurber avenue to Broad street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 149. Resolution abating assessment against R. R. and Anne F. Stafford for Curbstones.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to R. R. and Anne F. Stafford the sum of seventy-two dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of assessment against them for curbing in front of their estate on Washington street.

No. 150. Resolution to pay the owners of Schooner 'Treasure.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the owners of the schooner Treasure the sum of one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and thirty cents, being in full for damages resulting to said schooner from a collision with Point street bridge on the ninth day of June, 1873, whenever said owners shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 151. Resolution to pay Lawrence Lynch.

(Approved August 14, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Lawrence Lynch the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full settlement of his claim for damage resulting from overflow of the Wickenden street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 154. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Brook street District improvement.

(Approved August 18, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the cost of taking the land between India, Traverse, Wickenden and Bower streets and Seekonk river; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on finance, is hereby directed to hire the same.

No. 155. Resolution to refund money overpaid for Liquor licenses.

(Approved August 18, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to refund fifty dollars to each of the following named apothecaries, being the amount overpaid by each of them on his liquor license, and charge the same to the account of liquor licenses viz. :—

Henry H. Burrington,
Charles A. Gladding,
William H. Hinds,
Francis J. Phillips.

No. 156. Resolutions for laying out Lippitt street.

(Approved August 18, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Lippitt street forty and twelve-one hundredths feet wide from Camp street to East avenue, and forty-five feet wide from Camp street to Charles street; commencing for the southerly line on East avenue, in range with the southerly line of Lippitt street between Dwight street and Camp street; thence in said line to Camp street; thence following the lines of Lippitt street west of Camp street, to Riley street; thence to North Main street, and thence to Charles street, and making the southeasterly corner of Charles and Randall streets the southeasterly corner of Charles and Lippitt streets; and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," and the city council hereby direct, that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-quarters 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 hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 157. Resolution to curb and pave Chestnut street with Granite blocks.

(Approved August 21, 1873)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set, in place of the

old narrow curbing now set, and the roadway paved with granite blocks on Chestnut street, from Broad street, to Clifford street.

No. 161. Resolution electing committee on plans for sewerage of the Ninth Ward and Dorrance street district.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That William Corliss be hereby elected a member of the committee to examine and report a plan for the drainage and sewerage of the district comprising the ninth ward, and also, a new plan for draining the district now drained by the sewer in Dorrance street, in place of Moses B. Lockwood deceased.

No. 162. Resolution to purchase land for a School-house on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the city of Providence, from William Schrøder and A. N. Beckwith the lands owned by them on Bacon street, being the land fixed upon by resolution No. 123, approved July 24, 1873, as a location for a school house, provided the same can be purchased for a sum not exceeding eleven thousand eight hundred dollars and titles thereof satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry the above resolution into effect, is hereby appropriation for that purpose, the same to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 163. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Cooke and Power streets.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Cooke street, from a point near Young Orchard avenue to Power street, and thence through Power street to Ives street ; in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313, of the public laws.

No. 164. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Governor and George streets.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Governor street, from George street to Benevolent street, and in George street, from Cooke street to Governor street ; in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 313 of the public laws.

No. 165. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Ives street.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Ives street from Pitman street to Bower street ; in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws.

No. 166. Resolution to pave Westminster street with Granite blocks.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Westminster street, from Market square to High street, to be re-paved with granite blocks.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings,

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

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

- No. 167. Hugh Bannon, No. 27 Pettis street.
- 168. John G. Hastings, No. 73 Dean street.
- 169. Arnold P. Matthewson, rear of No. 50 Hammond street.
- 170. Thomas R. Morris, No. 250 Prairie avenue.
- 171. Roswell R. Rickard, No. 296 Public street.
- 172. Charles S. Sweetland, No. 18 Fremont street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved August 21, 1873.)

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

- No. 173. Zechariah Chafee.
- 174. Robert Corscaden.
- 175. Frances A. Darling.

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- No. 176. Owen Degnan.
 - 177. James Doherty.
 - 178. Diana Fitzgerald.
 - 179. Hope Iron Works.
 - 180. Sanford C. Hovey.
 - 181. Arnold P. Mathewson.
 - 182. Mary May.
 - 183. John G. Hastings.
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No. 184. Resolution for leasing lands in the Brook street district.

(Approved August 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to lease, temporarily, such of the estates in said district as they may deem advisable, at such rent as they may deem proper.

No. 185. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Power street

(Approved August 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain and common sewer to be laid in Power street, from Brown street to Benefit street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws.

No. 186. Resolution for curbing Grove street.

(Approved August 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Grove street, from Knight street to Almy street.

from Hospital street to Plane street, of a uniform width of forty and twelve one hundredths feet, by the following metes and bounds; begining for the southerly line in the westerly line of Hospital street at the north-easterly corner of lot number one hundred and sixty-one, on the plat of a portion of the Isaac Field estate, recorded in plat book number four, page seventy-seven of the land records of the city of Providence; thence westerly in the southerly line of Langley street, as laid out on said plat and in continuation thereof to the easterly line of Plane street: and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," and the city council hereby direct, that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-quarters 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 hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 191. Resolutions for the appointment of commissioners to straighten Point street.

(Approved August 27, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and straighten Point street from Hoppin street to Plane street, of a uniform width of sixty and eighteen-one hundredths feet, by the following metes and bounds; beginning for the northerly line in the present

northerly line of Point street; at the centre line of Hoppin street; thence westerly a direct line to the present northerly line, at a point in the centre line of Plane street; and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make, application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," and the city council hereby direct, that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-quarters 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 hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 192. Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, August 21, 1873.

RESOLVED, That the following named persons are hereby elected commissioners of sinking funds of the city of Providence, from the first Monday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, viz:

For one year,	Daniel E. Day,
For two years,	Seth Padelford,
For three years,	James Y. Smith.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, August 27, 1873.

Read, and it is RESOLVED, that the above named persons be elected in concurrence, for the terms above stated.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

 No. 193. Resolution to pay John Sullivan and wife.

(Approved August 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Sullivan and Mary Sullivan, wife of said John, the sum of five hundred dollars, in full settlement of their claim for damage sustained by them, by reason of the overflow of their premises by surface water from the Reform School estate, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

 No 194. Message from the Mayor relating to the Brook street district.

(Presented August 27, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 27, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The time within which appeals could be made for a jury trial, by parties whose land has been taken by the city for the purpose of grading the Brook street district, and who are unable to agree with the commissioners for the price thereof, expired on the twentieth instant, in accordance with the terms of the act under which the land is taken.

The commissioners are confident that if the city will consent to an extension of this time, they will be able to agree with many of the parties in interest, and thereby save a considerable sum, besides preventing much unnecessary litigation. I therefore, recommend that the city solicitor be authorized to consent that claims for a jury trial in the matter of the Brook street district, may be filed at any time prior to November 1st, with the same effect as though filed in the time fixed by the act.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 195. Message from the Mayor recommending a further appropriation for the Brook street district.

(Presented August 27, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 27, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By resolution No. 154, approved on the eighteenth instant, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars was appropriated to pay the cost of taking the land embraced in what is known as the Brook street district.

The commissioners have already given orders for nearly half this sum, and I therefore recommend, to prevent embarrassment, that a further appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars be made at once.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 196. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Brook street district.

(Approved August 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the cost of taking the land between India, Traverse, Wickenden and Bower streets and Seekonk river; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on finance, is hereby directed to hire the same.

No. 197. Message from the Mayor in relation to assistance for the City Clerk and City Treasurer.

(Presented August 27, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 27, 1873 }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The great increase in the work of the city clerk's office, and the removal of this office, from the joint occupancy of the room used by the recorder of deeds, renders it necessary that a permanent assistant should be employed in the first named office. At present, whenever the city clerk is called from his office for any purpose, he is compelled to lock his door, and thereby cause great annoyance to citizens who have occasion to visit the office for information which can be obtained nowhere else. Frequently he is called to attend upon the courts as a witness, in which case the office is closed for hours. Complaints have become so numerous in reference to this annoyance, that I recommend the employment of a permanent assistant in the office of the city clerk.

In this connection I recommend that an increased compensation be allowed to the city treasurer for additional assistance in his department.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 198. Resolution referring the same to the Joint Committee on Finance.

(Approved August 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor, dated August 27th, 1873, in relation to assistance in the offices of the city clerk and the city treasurer, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 199. Message from the Mayor relating to claim of
H. F. Copeland.

(Presented August 27, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AUGUST 27, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I forward herewith the bill of H. F. Copeland, against the city, amounting to two hundred eighty nine 48-100 dollars, for grading portions of Burnside and Square streets, adjoining the estate owned by the city and occupied by the fire department. The city auditor declines to audit the bill because it has not received the approval of the committee on city property, and the committee will not approve it for the reason that the work was not ordered by them. As Mr. Copeland should be paid for the work he has done, I request that the necessary appropriation be made therefor.

The building at the corner of Burnside and Square streets was erected by the committee on city property, under resolution No. 356, approved January 15, 1873, and the appropriation made to cover the cost thereof is exhausted.

The first storm which occurred after the building was completed and occupied, washed a large quantity of earth into the cellar, and endangered the safety of the foundation.

To prevent a second occurrence of this kind, the superintendent of public buildings requested the highway commissioners to bring the two streets to their established grade, but they very properly declined to do it, for the reason that the streets being private property, they were unwilling to do any work thereon which might make the city liable in the future, either to repair the streets, or to respond in damages for accidents thereon.

In this emergency, I directed the superintendent to cause the necessary grading to be done at once, as the matter was not of sufficient magnitude to convene the city council for its consideration, and yet was of too much consequence to be neglected until after another storm.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 200. Resolution to pay H. F. Copeland.

(Approved August 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred eighty-nine dollars and forty-eight cents, from the appropriation for public buildings, is hereby appropriated to pay the claim of H. F. Copeland, for work done by him in grading around the engine house recently erected at the corner of Burnside and Square streets.

No. 201. Message from the Mayor relating to claim for ringing bells on the Fourth of July.

(Presented August 27, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, August 27, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a bill of John M. Knowles, against the city, for forty-six dollars, for ringing the church bells on the fourth of July last.

The committee on accounts have thus far declined to audit the bill, and the parties to whom the money is due, being anxious to receive their pay, I request that you will make the necessary appropriation therefor.

Since the organization of the city government it has been customary for the Mayor to order the church bells to be tolled or rung at such times as he deemed to be proper, the expense thereof being always paid from the city treasury.

In the exercise of this discretion, I ordered the bells to be rung on the fourth day of July last, and the chief of police in carrying the order into effect contracted this debt.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 202. Resolution to pay the account of John M. Knowles for ringing bells.

(Approved August 28, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on accounts be hereby directed to pass the bill of John M. Knowles for forty-six dollars, for ringing the several church bells on the fourth of July last, and that the same be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 204. Report of the Cove Land Commissioners.

(Presented August 27, 1873.)

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

The commissioners of the cove lands transmit herewith a copy of a map made under the direction of a committee appointed by several of the railroad companies whose roads terminate in this city.

This map shows the re-arrangement of the stations and tracks as contemplated by the committee ; but their plan has not, as yet, been approved by the railroad companies, and is not in any respect, satisfactory to the commissioners of the cove lands.

The commissioners deemed it important that this map should be placed before your honorable body at once, in order that the city council may have ample opportunity to consider the same, and compare it with the plan heretofore presented by the commissioners.

The commissioners have seen no reason to change the plan heretofore presented by them, except so far as the same relates to filling any portion of the cove basin, in which respect they withdraw the recommendation heretofore made by them, and

now recommend that no reduction be made in the present dimensions of the cove basin.

Respectfully submitted by order of the commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, August 27, 1873.

No. 205. Resolution extending time for making appeals in the matter of the Brook street district.

(Approved September 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to consent to the filing of claims for a jury trial by the owners of land in the Brook street district, at any time prior to November 1, 1873, with the same effect as if such claims had been filed and entered on or before August 20, 1873.

No. 206. Resolutions for the purchase of gravel land.

(Approved September 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on highways, be and they are hereby authorized to purchase such lots of gravel land for the use of the highway department as they may deem necessary; provided, that a title thereto satisfactory to the city solicitor be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars be hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect; and the city treasurer, under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 207. Resolution for grading Chapin avenue.

(Approved September 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Chapin avenue, from Messer street

westerly, to be graded, in order to dispose of the surface water of that vicinity; after a deed of said street satisfactory to the city solicitor has been obtained.

No. 208. Joint Standing Committees.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, September 4, 1873.

Alderman Clarke having been elected by ballot a member of the joint committee on accounts, in place of Alderman Angell, deceased, it is RESOLVED that said election be communicated to the common council.

Alderman Angell having been appointed a member of the joint committee on claims, in place of Alderman Joslin, deceased; and Alderman Clarke having been appointed a member of the joint committee on police, in place of Alderman Angell, deceased, it is RESOLVED that said appointments be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, September 8, 1873.

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 209. Resolution to pay Joseph G. Johnson, trustee.

(Approved September 8, 1872.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Joseph G. Johnson, trustee, two thousand and ninety-six dollars, in full payment for eight thousand square feet of his land taken for the widening of Broad street, from Greenwich street to the Cranston line, for which no allowance was made by the commissioners of estimate and assessment on said street; upon his executing a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

 No. 210. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed police.

(Approved September 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in August, 1873, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows, viz. :

James McCready.	-	-	-	-	\$79.75
George W. Grover.	-	-	-	-	82.50
Thomas W. Cahoone.	-	-	-	-	85.25
James P. Scott.	-	-	-	-	85.25

No. 211. Resolution to pay the salaries of Aldermen Joslin and Angell, deceased.

(Approved September 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay the salaries due the late Aldermen John H. Joslin and Henry J. Angell, in full for the quarter ending in September, 1873.

No. 212. Resolution to pay Calvin A. Worden.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Calvin A. Worden the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, in full settlement of his claim for damage resulting from overflow of sewer on Amos street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 213. Resolution making additional appropriations.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of three thousand dollars be hereby added to the appropriation for police, and the sum of ten thousand dollars to the appropriation for interest account, said amounts to be transferred from the appropriation for reserved fund.

No. 217. Message from the Mayor relating to salaries of teachers.

(Presented September 8, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, September 8, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

A principal of one of our primary schools called upon me a few days since to ascertain whether there was any salary due to her for the months of July and August last, and if so, when she might expect to receive it.

An examination of the case developed the following facts: she commenced service in our public schools as principal of a primary school February 19, 1872. On the 1st of April, 1872, she was paid for her services at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, and since that time she has been paid fifteen months' salary at the rate of five hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum.

The ordinance of the city council under which this salary was paid, prescribes that the salary shall be at not exceeding four hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum for teachers of her grade.

As it seems very clear that this teacher has received more

salary than she was entitled to, under the ordinance of the city council, and as there may be other teachers who have also been overpaid, I recommend that before any action is taken in reference to the matter of paying the salaries of the superintendent and teachers of the public schools, that the committee on accounts be directed to inquire into and ascertain how much salary is due to the superintendent and each teacher of the public schools now in service.

I further recommend that the committee be authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary, to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 218. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor, dated September 8, 1873, relative to payment of salaries of superintendent and teachers of the public schools, be referred to the joint committee on education to examine and report thereon.

No. 219. Message from the Mayor relating to the Records of the Common Council.

(Presented September 8, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, September 8, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The records of the common council, for many years prior to the election of the present clerk of that body, have never been indexed, and it is very difficult to find any matter recorded therein.

I recommend that the clerk of the common council be authorized to cause an index to be made to each volume of the records which is now without one.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 220. Resolution referring the foregoing Message.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor dated September 8, 1873, relative to indexing the records of the common council prior to 1867, be referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 221. Resolutions relating to the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby assent to the location and construction of the railroad of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company from its junction with the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad to the dividing line between the city of Providence and the town of Johnston.

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby assent to the location and construction of the said railroad between said junction and the present passenger station of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company upon the lands heretofore owned or located upon by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company upon the following conditions, namely:

That the assent of the city council to such part of said location and construction of said railroad as is or may be made northerly or easterly of Atwell's avenue upon the condition that the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company will

execute in manner and form to be approved by the city solicitor, a legal and effectual contract binding said company to abandon upon written notice to them so to do by the city council, such portion of said location as is or may be made within the territory described in the ordinance entitled "an ordinance in relation to the cove lands," and also binding said company, to make any location hereafter made by said company in place of the location hereby assented to, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as shall be assented to by the city council, and also binding said company to apply to the general assembly for such additional legislation as the city solicitor shall advise is necessary to carry into effect the foregoing stipulations.

RESOLVED, That where said Providence and Springfield railroad crosses Atwell's avenue, Broadway, and High street, bridges of the same width as said streets respectively, shall be constructed by said railroad company to carry said streets over said railroad, to be equal in all respects in construction and workmanship to the present bridges over the railroads at said streets, and to be maintained by said railroad company so long as their railroad exists.

RESOLVED, That all said bridges so constructed shall be built under the supervision of the board of aldermen, and said board shall further have the right to regulate the speed of locomotive engines passing over that portion of said railroad within the limits of the city.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions shall be null and void if the same shall not be accepted by the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company on or before the first day of October, A. D. 1873.

No. 222. Resolution appointing a joint special committee to settle with parties on Broad street.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Paine, Smith and Douglas of the common council, with aldermen Manchester and Angell, be,

and they are hereby appointed a committee with full power to settle with all parties that claim a jury trial resulting from the widening of Broad street, also, with all the parties that are aggrieved by the taking of the wrong street lines as a basis for the awards for damages in the matter of the widening of Broad street.

No. 223. Resolution to pay the heirs of Martin Walling for damages in improving Camp street.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mary Walling, Leander M. Walling, Henry F. Walling and Nelson Walling, the heirs of the late Martin Walling, the sum of eight hundred dollars, in full for all damage sustained by them in the recent improvement of Camp street: to be charged to the appropriation for opening streets, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 224. Resolution to pay L. M. Thayer.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to L. M. Thayer the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full for damage sustained by him by the overflow of Washington street sewer on the twenty-eighth day of June, 1873, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 225. Resolution to pay Lawrence Lynch.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Lawrence Lynch the sum of seventy five dollars, in full for

all damage sustained by him by the overflow of Wickenden street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 226. Resolution to pay Daniel Keleher.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Daniel Keleher the sum of fifty dollars, in full for all damage sustained by him by the overflow of Wickenden street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 227. Resolution to pay Peter Galligan.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Peter Galligan the sum of fifty dollars, in full for all damage sustained by him by the overflow of Wickenden street sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 228. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Bassett street.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners and in accordance with the provisions

of chapter 313, of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Bassett street, from Elm street to Chestnut street.

No. 229. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Burr's lane.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Burr's lane, from the head of said lane to North Main street.

No. 230. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Chestnut street.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Chestnut street, from Elm street to Point street.

No. 231. Resolution to lay a Sewer in John street.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a

main drain or common sewer to be constructed in John street, from East street to Governor street.

No. 232. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Daniel S. Hazard to raise a certain building located at No. 390 Friendship street, and two on Pearl street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 233. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved September 11, 1873.)

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

No. 234. Resolution referring a petition of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co.

(Approved September 22, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the petition of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, asking for a modification of the resolutions approved September 11, assenting to the location of their railroad track in the city of Providence, be referred to Aldermen Spicer and Daboll, with Messrs Rogers, Paine, Mathewson, Hayward and J. B. Barnaby, of the common council, to examine and report thereon at the next meeting.

No. 235. Resolution for grading and curbing Messer street.

(Approved September 22, 1873.)

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

No. 236. Resolution authorizing the sale of buildings in the Brook street district.

(Approved September 22, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners on the Brook street district are hereby authorized to sell at public or private sale, such of the buildings in said district as they may consider advisable.

No. 238. Resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

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

No. 239. Resolution appointing a joint special committee to confer with the commissioners of the Brook street district.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs Paine, Butterworth and Ardern of the common council, with Alderman Sweet, be appointed a committee to confer with the commissioners on the Brook street district, with a view of hastening if possible, the construction of the Brook street sewer.

No. 240. Resolution discharging the joint committee on claims from further consideration of the petition of David S. Harris.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on claims are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the petition of David S. Harris and wife, for compensation for land taken in widening Broad street from Public street to the Cranston line, and that the petition be referred to the special committee appointed to settle such claims.

No. 241. Resolution appropriating \$1,000 for heating the Central Police Station.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated for heating and furnishing the central police station: the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 242. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive A street.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

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

No. 243. Resolution of inquiry in relation to the condition of Potter's avenue.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway committee be and they hereby are instructed to ascertain the facts as to the condition of Potter's avenue, from the easterly line of Broad street to the harbor line so called, as to them shall seem best, and report thereon within a reasonable time.

No. 244. Resolution for curbing Dudley street.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

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

No. 245. Resolution for curbing the south side of Star street.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and the gutters

paved on the south side of Star street, from Benefit street to North Main street.

No. 246. Resolution to pay Charles Curran.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles Curran, the sum of fifty dollars from the appropriation for contingencies, for damages sustained by an overflow of water in his tenement No. 186, Wickenden street, on the twenty-second of August, 1873, upon his giving a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 247. Resolution to pay J. P. Haskins & Son.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to J. P. Haskins & Son, the sum of eight hundred dollars from the appropriation for contingencies, in full compensation for damages caused to their property at the corner of Summer and Meadow streets during the heavy shower of August 22, 1873, whenever they shall present a proper receipt therefor.

No. 248. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved September 25, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Benjamin Bogman 1st, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September 25 1873.)

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

- No. 249, Hugh McCabe.
 - 250, James Murphy.
 - 251, John W. Potter.
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No. 252. Resolution for supplying the bathing tubs at the Engine and Hose stations.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the committee on city property, is hereby directed to supply the bathing tubs in the various engine and hose company houses, with hot and cold water ; the expense not to exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, and be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 253. Resolution for enlarging the Small Pox Hospital.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the instructions of the joint committee on city prop-

erty, is hereby directed to cause the small pox hospital to be enlarged and supplied with the necessary furniture therefor; the expense of the same not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 254. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out and receive East River street, Pitman street and Waterman street.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and receive East River street; Pitman street from Gano street to East River street; and Waterman street from Gano street to Central bridge.

No. 255. Resolution electing to make the improvement of widening Dyer street.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to widen Dyer street on the easterly side, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the first day of August, A. D. 1873, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

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

No. 256. Resolution electing to make the improvement of widening South Water street.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to widen South Water street, on the westerly side from Weybosset bridge to Crawford street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the first day of August, A. D. 1873, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court ;—

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

No. 257. Message from the Mayor.

(Presented September 30, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, September 30, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The disagreement of the two boards on the appropriation bill and the fact that the fiscal year expires to-day, are my reasons for convening you at this time.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 259. Resolution in relation to the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city council, in addition to the assent heretofore given by them, and for the purpose of enabling the

Providence and Springfield Railroad Company to have a greater width of location than heretofore assented to, between the junction of their railroad with the railroad of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company and Brayton avenue, do hereby assent to the location and construction of the railroad of the said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company in the city of Providence, between said junction and the westerly line of Brayton avenue, as the same is delineated on a map accompanying the report of a location of said railroad filed by said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas, within and for the county of Providence, August 26, A. D. 1873, upon the following conditions :

First : That where said location encroaches upon Harris avenue as now laid out and used, and between said Brayton avenue and Atwell's avenue, said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company shall make said Harris avenue of the same width of sixty feet and fifteen hundredths that the same now is, and shall cause said Harris avenue to be put in as good repair as the same now is where said encroachment shall be made, to the satisfaction of the highway commissioners of the city.

Second : That the general management and direction of the running of trains over the location hereby authorized and the location authorized by the resolutions of the city council, approved September 11, A. D. 1873, shall be under the charge of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, or the said Providence and Springfield Railroad Company as has been or may be agreed upon between said companies; and in case of their failure to agree, shall be regulated by the city council.

Third : That nothing hereinbefore contained shall in any way affect the conditions imposed in and by the second resolution nor the provisions of the third and fourth resolutions of a series of resolutions relating to the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, approved September 11, A. D. 1873.

No. 260. Resolution for employing additional assistance in the office of the City Treasurer.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, be authorized to employ such assistance in his office as may be necessary, and that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in addition to the sum appropriated in an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in June, A. D. 1873, passed May 5, 1873, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for salaries to defray the cost of the same.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

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

No. 261, Bridget Hughes, No. 32 Robinson street.

262, Charles O. Riley, rear of No. 31 Hewes street.

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

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

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

RESOLVED, That the sum of five dollars be the amount desig-

nated to be paid for each day or part of a day said building shall occupy any public street in the city.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved September 30, 1873.)

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

No. 264, James Healy,
265, Henry W. Wilkinson.

IN CONVENTION.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1873.

The following officers are elected, viz :

Weigher for the platform scale at the Hay Market,
Samuel W. Hartshorn.

Constables,

Charles H. Scott, George Allen,
John Edward Taylor.

Police Constables, without power to serve civil process,

Amasa J. Gross, John O'Brien.

Weigher of Cotton, Frank M. Mathewson.

Trustee of the Providence Reform School, Amos W. Snow,
In place of Henry J. Angell, deceased.

The Surveyor of Lumber presents the names of the following persons as deputy surveyors, whereupon it is voted, that the city council approve of their appointment, viz :

William G. Burtis, George A. Cleveland,
Richard Newcomb, Jr.,

In place of Robert Manchester and Henry A. Grimwood, resigned, and Frank S. Roberts, appointment revoked.

No. 266. Resolution to pay Marcus M. Wood.

(Approved October 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Marcus M. Wood, from the appropriation for contingencies, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full payment for compensation for damages to his house on Pearl street, caused by the storms of June 28, and August 22, 1873, whenever he shall sign a satisfactory receipt therefor.

No. 267. Resolution to pay Thomas H. Carrique.

(Approved October 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Thomas H. Carrique, seventy-five dollars, from the appropriation for contingencies, in full payment of damages sustained by him in the tenement of Marcus M. Wood, No. 76 Pearl street, during the heavy rains of June 28, and August 22, 1873, whenever he shall give a satisfactory receipt therefor.

No. 268. Resolution for curbing Butler Avenue from Pitman street to South Angell street.

(Approved October 2, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Butler avenue, from Pitman street to South Angell street.

 No. 271. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

(Approved October 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in September, 1873, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed as follows:—

Thomas W. Cahoone,	.	.	\$82 50
George W. Grover,	.	.	82 50
James McCready,	.	.	82 50
James P. Scott,	.	.	82 50

No. 277. Report of the Joint Committee on Education, in relation to moving the school house on Summer street.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on education, to whom, June 16, 1873, was referred a resolution of the school committee, asking the city council to remove the school house on Summer street, preparatory to the erection of a high school, beg leave to report, that they find that the construction of the building is such—of stone faced with brick—as to make its removal impracticable if not impossible.

For the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 278. Message from the Mayor communicating an invitation from the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 13, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from the President of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, an invitation for the city council to examine the work done by the company in the construction of their road. I recommend that an early day be fixed for an acceptance of the invitation by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 279. Resolution accepting the above invitation.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the invitation of the President of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company to examine the work done by said company in the construction of their road, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that Saturday, October 18, 1873, be and the same is hereby designated for such examination.

No. 280. Message from the Mayor relative to assessments for Sewers.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 13, 1873. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The act authorizing assessments to be made for the cost of constructing sewers, provides that such assessments shall be lien "upon the estates upon which they are made for one year from the date upon which they are certified to the city treasury for collection."

These assessments will, in many cases be extremely burdensome, and are to be paid, although the estate upon which an assessment is made, may not be connected with the sewer. As the benefit from the sewer is to a great extent prospective, it seems to me that the time of payment might with propriety be extended for a longer period than one year, and the sum assessed to bear interest until paid.

I therefore recommend that application be made to the general assembly at their next session, for such an amendment to the act referred to as will extend the lien for sewer assessments to the term of three years, and authorize the city treasurer to add interest to all sums not paid within sixty days from the time they are certified, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 281. Resolution referring the foregoing message to the joint committee on ordinances.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the mayor's message, dated October 13, 1873, recommending that application be made to the general

assembly at its next session, for an amendment to the act authorizing assessments for the cost of constructing sewers, so as to extend the lien thereof to the term of three years, be and the same is hereby referred to the joint committee on ordinances to examine and report thereon.

No. 282. Report of the Joint Committee on Parks.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

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

The joint standing committee on parks, who, by resolution No. 128, approved August 11, 1873, were instructed to inquire and report what is the present condition of the several public parks of this city, and what action is necessary for their preservation and proper management ; and to whom also, on the 21st day of July, 1873, were referred all matters relating to Roger Williams Park, which had theretofore been in the hands of a special committee, including resolutions in relation to the lay out of Roger Williams Park, and a resolution in relation to preparing plans and estimates for a monument to be erected to the memory of Roger Williams, in the Williams' burying ground, together with the reports of said special committee, present the following report :

In the first ward there is but a single public park, viz : Blackstone Park, which was presented to the city by Moses B. Jenkins, by deed dated Dec. 10, 1866, and was accepted by the city council Jan. 14, 1867. This tract, containing about five acres, is a long strip of irregular width, varying from sixty to two hundred feet, and extending from Butler avenue to the Seekonk river, with a driveway of thirty feet in width leading to it from Hawthorn avenue. It is a glen, full of the most picturesque and romantic scenery, through the centre of which a brook of the clearest water winds its tortuous way. In natural beauty this

little park is a gem. It is to be regretted, however, that its dimensions are so attenuated; for its boundaries are so contracted, lying on steep hillsides, that a great number of bridges would be required even to construct a road through it. Unless the city should add to its size, it is somewhat doubtful whether it can ever be used for carriages, and, unless enlarged, it will at some future day be surrounded with houses, and its steep banks will be disfigured by the adjoining owners utilizing their estates. Nothing has ever been done to this park, and it lies in its primitive state. What, if any thing, can be done to improve it must be the subject of future consideration, when the committee come to report upon the resolution instructing them "to cause a plan to be prepared for the laying out and improving Blackstone Park."

In the second ward is Prospect Square, which was presented to the city in 1869 by several citizens for park purposes. It fronts on Congdon street about one hundred and twenty feet, and extends back one hundred feet. Owing to its elevated position it has a magnificent outlook over the western portion of the city, but so abrupt is the side hill on which it stands, that a heavy stone wall is required to support the park, and \$11,000 has already been appropriated for its completion and the laying out of the square. This money is being expended under the direction of the committee on city property, to whom was entrusted the matter before the creation of the present committee on parks.

In the third ward is Washington Square, embraced between Benefit, India, Traverse and Shamrock streets, measuring three hundred feet on Benefit street by one hundred and fifty feet on Shamrock street, and containing 45,067 square feet, of an assessed valuation of \$15,773. As far back as 1816 this was delineated on the plat of the Fox Point Association, as being thrown out for a public square forever, and in 1830 a deed of it was given to the then town of Providence. In 1852 it was graded, fenced and planted, and in July 1857 its present name was given to it. It is well filled with trees of twenty years' growth and the grass is in fair condition, but as it has been greatly neglected for a number of years, having been allowed to be used for

storage and other like purposes, it needs some clearing and renovating. The fence is in a dilapidated state and is not worth repairing. Your committee recommend that this park be cleared of rubbish and all foreign material, that diagonal paths be laid out across it, and that a neat, inexpensive fence, be substituted for the present one, provided the whole outlay shall not exceed the sum of \$500.

Partly in the first, partly in the second and partly in the fourth wards lies the Cove Promenade, which is so familiarly known to every member of the council, that no extended notice as to its present condition can be needed or desired. The massive iron fence surrounding the basin is considerably out of repair, and the wooden fence enclosing the whole needs much done to it, while the promenade itself has an air of neglect; but as the whole matter of the cove lands is in the hands of the cove commissioners, and as, in the opinion of this committee, it is inexpedient to expend any thing upon it till the long mooted question of further railroad accommodations is settled, your committee has nothing to recommend in regard to it.

In the fourth ward also, is Franklin Square, which is bounded by Atwell's avenue, Bradford, Mountain and Adie streets, and which measures one hundred and fifty feet on Atwell's avenue, by one hundred and fifty-two feet on Bradford street. It contains 22,914 square feet, and the assessors' valuation is \$14,457. This fine piece of land was conveyed to the town of Providence by deed from Amos Atwell, dated Oct. 20, 1808, to quote from the deed, "for some public purpose or purposes, and for no other use or purpose whatever." It was named Franklin Square, July 13, 1857. It is enclosed by a substantial iron fence, neatly painted; the trees are vigorous and well grown; the turf is in good condition; the paths are clean, and no further expenditure is needed upon this park at present.

In the fifth ward is Abbott Park, lying on Broad street, east of the Beneficent Congregational Society's meeting house. It was conveyed in 1746, by Daniel Abbott, to a committee of the Beneficent Congregational Society, as the deed tells us, "for public use, passing and re-passing, training, and the like, always

to be kept free from any building forever, or any other encumbrance, to the public forever."

Being entirely surrounded by buildings except on the Broad street side, a driveway was long since laid out along its borders, while the balance has lain, till very recently entirely vacant. Lately, however, through the liberality of a number of citizens, an elegant iron fountain has been purchased and the city has defrayed the expense of putting it in position. Intersecting walks have been laid out, which, as well as those on the sides of the park, have been concreted through the liberality of Mr. James Aborn. Though the fee of this square is not in the city, yet for all practicable park purposes, it is just as well as if it was. This attractive little square is now in admirable order, and the interest that has been taken in, and the private money that has been expended upon it, most clearly indicate that our citizens appreciate a well located and well improved park.

In the sixth and seventh wards there is nothing approaching a park to be found within their limits. It is true there are in these wards, as in all others, more or less triangular pieces of land at intersections of streets that have been thrown out from time to time, but being of inconsiderable size they can hardly aspire to the name of parks.

In the eighth ward is one of the proofs of the large-hearted liberality towards Providence of the late Ebenezer Knight Dexter, viz: the Dexter Training Ground. This, however, is under the management and control of the Dexter Donation Commissioners, and is always kept in such excellent order for the special purpose for which it was intended, that nothing is left to be desired in regard to it.

Last, in the enumeration of wards comes the ninth, which is particularly rich in parks, owing, doubtless, partly, at least, to the fact of its immense territory of upwards 2,300 acres, it being 400 acres larger than the whole of that part of the city lying on the east side of the river, and 900 acres larger than the whole of that part of the city lying on the west side of the river exclusive of the ward in question.

Elmwood Avenue Park, so called, is bounded by Greenwich

street, Elmwood and Adelaide avenues. It is of triangular shape, measuring 200 feet on Elmwood Avenue, 109 feet on Adelaide avenue, and 227 feet on Greenwich street. It contains 11,082 square feet and has an assessed valuation of \$1,329. It was deeded to the town of Cranston by Joseph J. Cooke, May 24, 1864, for a park or pleasure ground forever, and became the property of the city when the ninth ward was ceded to us. This is a fine level piece of land well covered with grass, entirely uninclosed and unimproved. At some future time, perhaps, it may be desirable to lay it out, but at present any expenditure upon it would be inexpedient.

The Field's Point Farm was acquired by the town of Providence as long ago as 1825, the interests of George Field and John H. Clark having been purchased in that year, and the dower interest of Mrs. Chloe Field a few years later. This farm contains an area to ordinary high water mark of 38 1-10 acres, diversified with hill and vale, and extending in a bold promontory with steep, sloping sides, far out into the river, making, with the point on the opposite side of the river, a natural gateway from the city, to the sea. As it is swept by strong, bleak winds the greater part of the year, it would be difficult to force trees to grow in any great luxuriance; but its attractive location on the shore with its long stretch of water front of over 2,168 feet south of the extreme point, and 1,340 feet north of it, in immediate proximity to which every navigable craft approaching to or departing from the city must pass, and its high hills, commanding a broad sweep of vision, on either hand, extending from the city, nestled among its innumerable shade trees on the hillsides, down the bay far as the eye can reach, embracing a wide expanse of water, dotted here and there with islands, light-houses and ever varying sails, seems to demand, in an enlightened use of the opportunities that are afforded to our city, that this spot, so attractive during three months of the year, should be devoted to the purposes for which it is by nature so well adapted, viz, a public summer park.

Within a mile west of it, and fronting on Broad street, is the Betsy Williams farm, so called, or Roger Williams Park.

This tract of over 100 acres in extent, as is well known, became the property of the city through the munificence of the late Miss Betsy Williams, a munificence, as the land is worth several hundred thousand dollars, which has been unequalled in our municipal annals save by the magnificent liberality of the late Ebenezer Knight Dexter. This large tract extends from the Stonington railroad to Broad street, and comprises wide stretches of cleared table land, picturesque valleys and wooded hills, intersected here and there with running brooks, and embracing within its boundaries all desired requirements for a park for resort in all seasons of the year. It has wide and easy approaches, for the lately widened and straightened Broad street leads directly to the east side, while Elmwood avenue, running over the new bridge spanning the Stonington railroad, the massive granite abutments of which are in an advanced state towards completion, gives equally easy access to the west side. As Roger Williams Park is but a thousand feet from Eddy street, cutting a spacious avenue from it to Field's Point, would be comparatively inexpensive, for it might follow the line of an existing street, utilizing it as far as it went; and as nearly the whole space between Eddy street and Field's Point, belongs to a single proprietor, it is presumed that very favorable terms could be made with him, as it would seem that opening up such a mass of unimproved land would be of great value to his estate. An avenue of not less than one hundred and fifty feet in width, rendered attractive rurally, by thick double rows of shade trees on each side, and perhaps, through the centre, with wide parterres of grass separating the foot-walk from the driveway, instead of stiff, gray curbing, would be a suitable connection between these two large tracts of land belonging to the city, and would make with the roads through Roger Williams Park, a very long and beautiful drive. It cannot be doubted that such an avenue would be a great ornament to the city and would greatly enhance the taxable value of land in its immediate neighborhood, for it is noticeable that all land is largely increased in value by the proximity of a park, and the donation of Miss Williams for park purposes has already added largely to the taxable value in that section.

Your committee would recommend that common stone bounds be placed at suitable intervals on the division line of the park to guard against any encroachments on its borders. A few additional roads through the park would open it up for the numerous visitors that frequent it, while a little money spent in removing stumps that are dangerous for carriages, and the roots of trees, underbrush and other substances that mar the surface of the ground, would greatly improve its appearance and increase the enjoyment of all who visit it. Your committee recommend that a sum not exceeding \$3,000, be expended for these purposes.

This tract of land was given, to quote the exact words of Miss Betsy Williams' will, upon the following express conditions, viz. : "That said farm shall never be sold excepting, however, such small portions thereof as it may be desirable to sell or to exchange for the purpose of straightening any dividing line or lines, or of leaving the main body of the farm in a better shape than it now is ; that it shall never be used for any special punitive or reformatory purpose, or for a hospital for any contagious or infectious disease ; that no slaughter-house, piggery, bone or fat boiling establishment, or any repulsive trade or occupation shall be allowed thereon ; that any public purpose for which the said farm shall be used, shall be named in honor of Roger Williams, as "Roger Williams Park," "Roger Williams Cemetery," &c. ; that the said city shall erect a monument to the memory of Roger Williams, in the aforesaid Williams burying ground, at a cost of not less than five hundred dollars ; that the said city shall maintain a good and becoming fence around the said burying ground, and keep the grounds within the enclosure in proper order ; that all sums for which any portion of the said farm shall be sold, as hereinbefore provided, and all sums which may be received for rents, or in any other way derived from the property hereby devised, shall, after defraying the expense of improvements, constitute a fund to be entitled the "Roger Williams Fund," the interest of which shall be applied towards the support of the poor of the city of Providence,—I hereby reserving the aforesaid Williams bury-

ing ground from the above devise, as a place of sepulture of the descendents of my ancestor, Roger Williams, forever. Nothing however, above contained, is intended to debar the city from laying out such streets and avenues through and over said farm as the interest of the property and the public convenience may require."

The bounty of Miss Williams to our city is in harmony with the whole history of the relations between her illustrious ancestor, the founder of our little state, and his fellow-citizens. In the early days he divided his possessions with an unsparing hand, with the newer comers; he founded the state; he was one of its first agents to England to procure a charter; he was one of the earliest presidents of the colony, and he was its preserver from destruction by the Indians. It is the special pride and boast of all true Rhode Islanders that their state was the cradle of soul-liberty, the home of Roger Williams, who first in the annals of the whole world, "threw off the yoke of soul-oppression." His opinion, to quote the words of one of his biographers, "has long since become the common sentiment of the American people, and is fast spreading itself over the civilized world, everywhere, in its course, giving peace to the distracted elements of society, and placing on a sure basis the institutions both of government and religion." The intimate connection of Roger Williams with our city and commonwealth is abundantly testified by the fact that our corporate seal bears on its face a representation of his first landing on our shores, and as a legend the words that first greeted his ears, "What cheer!"—while our municipal name, as well as that of a part of the state—Providence Plantations—was derived from him, being intended, to quote once more, "as a perpetual memorial of pious gratitude to the superintending Providence which had protected him and guided him to the spot."

Notwithstanding the weight of obligation to him under which we labor, and which we can never suitably repay, no monumental stone to his memory can be found throughout the whole length and breadth of the state.

It will be noticed that one of the conditions of the very generous gift of his descendant is, that a monument of not less than five hundred dollars in cost, shall be erected to the memory of her ancestor, the founder of our city and state. As yet, that condition has not been complied with, and unless speedy action is taken in the matter, it may well be feared that the whole tract may be claimed by the residuary devisees of Miss Williams, or those claiming under them. The erection of a stone, not exceeding in cost the trifling sum named by the donor as the lowest limitation, would be as inadequate for the purpose as it would be niggardly in spirit; and it is presumed that the suggestion of the donor was an intimation that could not wholly be disregarded, of her sense of propriety that a city, founded and named by her illustrious ancestor, and indebted to him for so many blessings, should erect some suitable recognition of him,—rather than the prescription of a condition that was to be fulfilled as grudgingly as a trader would pay for mere value received; otherwise she doubtless would have erected a suitable monument herself, as a very small fraction of the large estate she has so bountifully given away, would more than perform the very slight actual condition that she has imposed upon the city.

She has selected the spot where it is certain Roger Williams' son and many of his other descendants lie buried, and where many of those very descendants, notwithstanding a popular tradition to the contrary, believe that his remains also repose. A suitable monument upon that spot could be seen a long distance down the broad avenue that approaches it from the north or south, and the location seems to your committee every thing that could be desired for it.

Designs for a monument were advertised for nearly two years since, and numerous plans were submitted. One has been recommended by a former committee of the city council, and this committee think that their choice was well made, and recommend the bronze figures of design marked Triangle No. 2, with the granite base and pedestal of design marked Triangle No. 1, as a combination that would make rather the most effective as well as ornate monument. The proposed monument would consist of a broad granite base, with steps rising one above

another, supporting a granite pedestal, surmounted by a bronze figure of Roger Williams; while seated on the steps of the base, sits History, a draped figure in bronze, writing the name of Roger Williams on the pedestal. The whole cost would amount to something less than \$25,000, but it would be two years before any payment would be required to be made. Surely, it is quite time that the tardy hand of history, after more than two hundred years, should be able to record that this rich and prosperous city has erected some suitable memorial of him who founded and named it, especially when it is so munificently paid for doing so.

At a future time, your committee will ask leave to submit a supplemental report upon some matters which the length of this report forbids their doing at this time.

In conclusion, your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PROVIDENCE., Oct. 13, 1873.

HORATIO ROGERS,	} Committee.
B. A. WHITCOMB,	
WILLIAM S. HAYWARD,	
GEO. H. PETTIS,	
WM. V. DABOLL,	

No. 285. Report of the Joint Committee on Education relative to the ordinances fixing the salaries of the school teachers.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on education, to whom, on August 18th, and September 8th, 1873, were referred ordinances relating to salaries of teachers in the public schools, report, that they are in favor of paying teachers in ten installments, in manner similar to that provided in the ordinances named ; but as

nothing can be gained by immediate action, and as the subject will be considered in the salary ordinance, your committee recommend that the further consideration of the ordinances be postponed to the second Monday in March.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 286. Report of the Joint Committee on Education
in relation to the salaries of the school teachers.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint standing committee on education, to whom by resolution No. 218, was referred a message from his honor the mayor, dated Sept. 8, 1873, beg leave to report:

The salary ordinance approved May 5, 1873, allows the school committee to pay "each principal in the primary schools the sum of \$425, and teachers in intermediate and primary schools, who have taught in our public schools for the space of two years, the sum of \$575." The lady alluded to in the message, in addition to her services in the schools of this city, had been for three years a successful teacher in schools of similar and higher grades, in North Providence. Under these circumstances, the representatives of the school committee construed the clause of the salary ordinance last quoted, as giving them the right to pay the larger compensation. In the opinion of the city solicitor, this construction is not warranted by the language used. The school committee should have the right, in their discretion, to pay increased salary for successful and valuable experience, wherever the same may have been acquired, and to accomplish this purpose your committee recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

For the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 287. Report of the Joint Committee on the Harbor.

(Presented October 13, 1873.)

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

The joint standing committee of the city council, to whom, on the first day of June, was referred that portion of his honor the mayor's inaugural address which relates to the harbor, respectfully report, that the suggestions made in said address meet the approval of your committee. We find that there is no plat of the harbor in the possession of the city, and are unable to learn that any survey has ever been made under the direction of the city. Your committee would further say, that in some localities the harbor lines have never been established, and owners of land on the shore are liable, at any time, to extend their wharves or fill into the public waters beyond what would be for the city's interest. Your committee are of the opinion that some competent engineer should be at once employed to make a careful survey of our harbor and prepare a plat of the same for the use of the city council. The committee would therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,

WILLIAM W. RICKARD, Chairman.

No. 288. Resolution authorizing the Harbor Committee to employ an engineer.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on the harbor be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to employ some competent engineer to make a survey and plat of the harbor.

No. 289. Resolution for building a wall and grading at the Central Bridge estate.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the committee on city property, for the purpose of building a retaining wall and grading the lot at the central bridge estate, and erecting thereon the necessary out buildings; the cost thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 290. Resolution to pay Nicholas Sheridan.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Nicholas Sheridan, the sum of sixty-eight dollars, in full for his claim for damage resulting from the falling of a bank wall in the Brook street district, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 291. Resolution relating to Washington Square.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause Washington square to be cleared and renovated and suitably enclosed: provided that the whole cost thereof shall not exceed the sum five hundred dollars.

No. 292. Resolution to procure plans for an avenue from Roger Williams Park to Field's Point.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be authorized and directed to procure plans for an avenue of not less than one hundred and fifty feet wide, extending from Roger Williams park to the Field's Point farm, now owned by the City of Providence, with the probable expense of carrying out said plans.

No. 293. Resolution for improving Roger Williams Park.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause new roads to be opened through Roger Williams park, and said park to be cleared of stumps and underbrush, and the surface thereof improved; provided however, that the whole expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

No. 294. Resolution for marking the boundary lines of Roger Williams Park.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they hereby are authorized and directed to cause common stone bounds to be set around Roger Williams park, sufficient to mark the boundary lines thereof.

No. 295. Resolution to contract for Bronze Statues
for the Monument to Roger Williams.

(Approved October 16, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized to contract with the author of the design designated as "Triangle No. 2," for the two bronze statues of Roger Williams and History, for the monument to Roger Williams, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of thirteen thousand dollars in gold.

No. 296. Resolution to pay John C. Harris.

(Passed in Common Council, October 13, 1873.)

(Passed in Board of Aldermen, October 23, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John C. Harris, the sum of five hundred dollars, in full compensation for injuries sustained by him by reason of the improper condition of Pond street; whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 297. Report of Commissioners to build a School
House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented October 30, 1873.)

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

The commissioners appointed to build the Point and Plane street school house, report that they have received plans and specifications from several parties, for heating and ventilating the school house, and lay the same before your honorable body for your consideration.

C. B. MANCHESTER, for the Commissioners.

PROVIDENCE, October 30, 1873.

No. 298. Resolution in relation to heating the School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved November 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Manchester and Spicer, with Messrs. Barker, F. Johnson, Harris, Carpenter and Hayward, of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with the commissioners appointed to build a school house on Point and Plane streets, in relation to plans for heating the same.

No. 299. Resolution relating to the Hose Station on Public street.

(Approved November 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the entrance to the hose station on Public and Burnett streets, to be graded and paved.

No. 300. Resolution relating to Spruce street.

(Approved November 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause Spruce street, from Acorn street to Lilly street, to be put in a condition safe and convenient for travelers.

No. 301. Resolution empowering the Water Commissioners to allow connections with the sewers by others than abutters.

(Approved November 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to allow connections to be made with sewers which have been constructed, or which may hereafter be constructed, under the direction of committees appointed by the board of aldermen, or by the water commissioners, by persons whose estates do not abut on the street in which such sewer is laid, on such terms as said water commissioners may prescribe.

No. 302. Report of the Commissioners to build a School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented November 10, 1873.)

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

The commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, make this, their third quarterly report, as required by resolution of the city council:—

During the quarter just ended, good progress has been made towards the completion of the building. The outside walls are substantially completed. The roof is covered in and is being rapidly tinned and slated. The galvanized iron is also being put on, and considerable progress has been made in that direction. The iron is furnished and being put on by James Kennedy, of New York city; the tinning by David Cady & Co., of this city, and the slating by David L. Rea & Co., of this city; and all is being furnished and done under contracts made with them as the lowest bidders.

The whole amount of money appropriated is	\$60,000 00
Amount expended to date, - - -	45,105 38
Amount of appropriation unexpended, -	14,894 62

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,	}	Commissioners.
JOSEPH F. GILMORE,		
SPENCER P. READ,		

November 1, 1873.

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No. 303. Resolution to hire an additional room for
the City Engineer.

(Approved November 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to hire, for the use of the city engineer's department, an additional room in Dexter block, on North Main street, at a rent not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

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No. 304. Resolution to pay the Unconfirmed Police.

(Approved November 10, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in October, 1873, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :-

John Bowen,	-	-	-	\$85 25
Thomas W. Cahoon,	-	-	-	85 25
George W. Grover,	-	-	-	85 25
Joshua A. Nickerson,	-	-	-	85 25
James McCready,	-	-	-	68 75
James P. Scott,	-	-	-	79 75
				\$489 50

No. 306. Resolution appropriating \$5,037 45 for the school estate on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand and ninety-seven dollars and forty-five cents, is hereby added to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school estate; to be charged to the reserved fund.

No. 307. Resolution to pay E. Howard & Co., \$300 for a clock in the Mayor's office.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby ordered to pay E. Howard & Co., the sum of three hundred dollars, for a clock placed by them in the mayor's office in the city building; the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 308. Resolution authorizing the employment of assistance in the office of the City Clerk.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on finance are hereby authorized to employ such assistance as they may deem necessary in the city clerk's office, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars, for the fiscal year ending September thirtieth, A. D. 1874, in addition to the sum already appropriated for assistance in the city clerk's office.

No. 309. Resolution for laying a Sewer in Power street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Power street, between Benefit street and South Main street.

No. 310. Report of Joint Committee on City Property in relation to the Hose Station on Public street.

[Presented November 10, 1873.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The joint committee of the city council on city property represent, that they were directed by the city council to cause a hose station to be erected on Public street, in the ninth ward, and the sum appropriated therefor in accordance with the estimate of the fire department, was thirty-five hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for that department.

Your committee, in conformity to the ordinance, advertised for proposals, and a number of bids were received, all from responsible parties, the lowest of which, Fanning & Swan, exceeded the appropriation by the sum of \$250. This bid being deemed a good one for the city was accepted, and the contract duly signed.

The city council also directed the superintendent of public buildings to sell at auction, to be torn down, the old house that stood upon the site of the proposed building, whereupon it became necessary to enlarge and construct a cellar and cellar walls when none were contemplated; to concrete and point up the bottom and sides of the cellar; to build stairs and furnish windows; all of which was done at an additional cost of about two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The building is completed, and in a manner satisfactory to the department for whose use it was constructed; but the chief engineer of the fire department urges upon this committee the prompt furnishing of the same, and to that end he asks for a stove, clock, table, desk, one dozen chairs, curtains, clothes presses, &c., all at a probable cost of about two hundred and fifty dollars, which is recommended by your committee.

The lot remains unfenced, but your committee do not recommend at this time, the prosecution of this work. If the council in their wisdom, think differently, the resolution hereto annexed would have to be amended by striking out the words eight hundred dollars and inserting in lieu thereof the sum of one thousand dollars.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES ARDERN,

For the committee on city property.

No. 311. Resolution appropriating \$1,000 for the Hose Station on Public street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of finishing, fencing and furnishing the hose station on Public street; to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 312. Resolution electing to lay out Hammond street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to lay out Hammond street, from High street southerly, under

and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the twenty-fourth day of September, 1873, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court ;

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

No. 313. Resolution electing to lay out Spring street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to lay out Spring street, from Broad street to Lockwood street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1873, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court ;

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

No. 314. Resolution for curbing Clifford street, from Chestnut street to Richmond street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set and the gutters re-paved on Clifford street, from Chestnut street to Richmond street.

No. 315. Resolution to pay Hugh Trainor \$83, for damages caused by the overflow of the sewer in Wickenden street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Hugh Trainor the sum of eighty-three dollars, in full for damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Wickenden street; whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 316. Resolution to pay John Burns \$200, for damages caused by the flooding of his premises on Aborn street.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Burns the sum of two hundred dollars, in full for damage sustained by him by overflow of his premises on Aborn street, caused by the obstructions on Atwell's avenue; whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolutions granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

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

No. 317. George A. Cooke, Colwell street.

318. John D. Masterson, No. 42 Whelden street.

319. Charles W. Perry, No. 70 Willow street.

320. John F. Pitts, rear of No. 48 Spring street.

321. Martin Quinn, No. 10 Norfolk street.

No. 322. Resolution granting permission to move building.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

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

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

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

- No. 323. John Campbell,
 - 324. John D. Masterson,
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Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved November 13, 1873.)

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

- No. 325. Thomas Clinton,
- 326. Gorman & McKenna,
- 327. John R. Kiernan.

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

No. 328. Resolution to sell land to Michael Ryan.

(Passed, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.)

(In Common Council, November 24, 1873.)

(In Board of Aldermen, November 26, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby authorized to sell to Michael Ryan, lots numbered 22 and 23, on the Sessions plat, at the rate of the thirty cents per foot, cash: to be paid on the delivery of the deed.

No. 329. Resolution to erect a building for the steam road roller.

(Approved November 24, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and he is hereby directed to build a building in the city yard on the cove lands, for the purpose of stowing the steam road roller in, belonging to the highway department, at a cost not to exceed four hundred and fifty dollars: to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 331. Resolution adding \$2,000 to the appropriation to purchase gravel land.

(Approved November 26, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation made September 8, 1873, for the purchase of gravel lots; the same to be paid from the reserved fund.

No. 332. Resolution relating to assessments for widening Potter street.

(Approved November 26, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit the interest upon the several assessments made upon parties benefited by the extension and widening of Potter street, in this city, from Broad street to Pine street; provided said assessments shall be paid to him on or before December 1, A. D. 1874.

No. 333. Resolution electing to widen and straighten Hope street.

(Approved November 26, 1873.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to widen and straighten Hope street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the second day of October, 1873; now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court,

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

No. 334. Resolution to pay L. M. Thayer.

(Approved November 26, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to L. M. Thayer the sum of fifty-one dollars and sixty-five cents, in full for damage caused by overflow of the sewer in Washington street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 337. Resolution for a reference of the claim of Edward H. Cutler, teacher at the High School.

(Approved December 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby authorized to agree to a reference of the claim of Edward H. Cutler, for salary for the months of July and August, A. D. 1873, as a teacher in the high school, to Hon. George A. Brayton, Hon. Thomas Durfee, and Hon. Elisha R. Potter, under a rule of court.

No. 338. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works.

(Approved December 8, 1873.)

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

No. 339. Report of Central Bridge Commissioners.

(Presented December 4, 1873.)

RECEIVED.		
From State of Rhode Island,	- - - -	\$20,000 00
“ City of Providence,	- - - -	37,675 00
“ Town of East Providence,	- - - -	15,000 00
“ Interest on the above,	- - - -	1,996 63
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		\$74,671 63
DISBURSEMENTS.		
S. B. Cushing,	- - - -	\$2,648 00
George H. Reed, -	- - - -	17,824 63
Francis Armington,	- - - -	4,764 15
Leonard Armington	- - - -	557 50
Harvey Kent,	- - - -	2,199 28
John Armstrong,	- - - -	645 86
Walter Coleman & Sons, -	- - - -	25 50

RESOLUTIONS.

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Samuel Stone, - - - - -	\$824 70
J. Albert Munroe, - - - - -	339 98
R. H. Purington, - - - - -	13 97
Samuel Chaffee, - - - - -	619 60
Belcher Bros., - - - - -	18 78
Esek A. Jillson, - - - - -	16 43
S. A. Hammond, - - - - -	2,284 64
A. D. Briggs & Co., - - - - -	33,804 36
Jackson & Cutler, - - - - -	640 00
S. Grant & Co., - - - - -	15 00
W. G. R. Mowry & Co., - - - - -	165 85
James A. Potter & Co., - - - - -	2,726 65
Prov. Steam Engine Co., - - - - -	272 45
Richard Barry, - - - - -	414 30
William E. Barrett, - - - - -	30 00
Thomas Phillips & Co., - - - - -	3 52
Prov. Dredging Co., - - - - -	2,250 00
Prov. Marine Railway, - - - - -	8 00
J. Balch & Son, - - - - -	8 48
Narragansett Brick Co., - - - - -	30 00
George W. Hall, - - - - -	17 50
Henry Staples & Co., - - - - -	20 85
Providence Press Co., - - - - -	30 00
" Journal, - - - - -	24 87
" Herald, - - - - -	20 25
E. S. Ruggles, - - - - -	150 00
James C. Bucklin, - - - - -	300 00
C. B. Farnsworth, - - - - -	200 00
Edward D. Pearce, - - - - -	200 00
James Y. Smith, - - - - -	200 00
Balance paid to City of Providence, - - - - -	356 53
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	\$74,671 63

JAMES C. BUCKLIN, } *Central*
 C. B. FARNSWORTH, } *Bridge*
 JAMES Y. SMITH, } *Commissioners.*

PROVIDENCE, December 1, 1873.

No. 340. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

(Approved December 8, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay James McCready, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of thirty-three dollars, for duty performed in November, 1873.

No. 342. Report of the special committee upon heating the school house on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented December 8, 1873.)

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

The joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 298, in reference to heating the new grammar school building, now being erected on the corner of Point and Plane streets, beg leave to report: that your committee deem the matter referred to them to be one of great importance, not alone in reference to the particular building mentioned in the resolution, but as affecting all other buildings to be heated by the city.

The subject of heating and ventilating large buildings is one that has received very great attention by such as are accounted experts, yet results have not been in accord with expectations or predictions, which truth is easily verified by an examination of buildings claimed to be heated and ventilated after the most approved manner.

Your committee, mindful of the importance of this subject, deemed it to be its duty to give as much care and attention to the same as was commensurate with its importance, and have, therefore, not only made examinations in this city, of buildings heated and ventilated by various methods, but also in Lynn, Boston, Brooklyn and New York. The results of such examination, in view both of cost and results to be attained, recommend, and your committee do recommend the system of heating and ventilating shown in the plans and specifications presented by Blake & Shortwell, of New York. And also, that the commissioners appointed to build said school house be authorized to contract with said Blake & Shortwell to put in their heating apparatus, upon such terms and conditions as to said commissioners shall seem best; and that an appropriation be made to carry the same into effect, they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

A. H. MANCHESTER, Chairman.

No. 343. Resolution relative to a heating apparatus for the school house on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners heretofore appointed to build the grammar school building, on the corner of Point and Plane streets, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract with Blake & Shortwell, for their steam heating apparatus, to be put in said building, upon such terms and conditions as to them shall seem best; and that the sum of eleven thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose; the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 344. Resolution accepting gift of the heirs of Joseph Tillinghast, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the gift of Mary T. Gladding, Elizabeth G. Chandler, and Amey Ann Arnold, heirs of Joseph Tillinghast, deceased, of the sum of one hundred dollars, to the commissioners of the north burying ground, in trust, the income thereof to be applied, under the provisions of chapter 367 of the public laws, to the preservation and care of the burial lot of said donors in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council, and that the same be called the Joseph Tillinghast fund,

No. 345. Resolution to purchase a Wagon and Harness for the Police Department.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the chief of police, acting by the advice and direction of the joint committee on police, is hereby authorized to purchase a wagon and harness, for the use of the police de-

partment, for a sum not exceeding one hundred and forty dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for police.

No. 346. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Burnett street.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Burnett street, from Greenwich street to Bucklin street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 348. Resolution for curbing Knight street.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on the east side of Knight street, from Carpenter street to Washington street.

No. 349. Resolution to pay Edward O. Brown, Andrew F. Willard and Henry T. Stone.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for contingencies, to Edward O. Brown the sum of fifty dollars, Andrew F. Willard the sum of thirty dollars, and Henry T. Stone the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full payment for damages sustained by them in Rothwell's block, on Lockwood street, on the 22d of August, 1873, by overflow of water from the sewer; whenever they shall each of them, sign a receipt for their respective amounts which shall be satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 350. Resolution to pay Ezekiel Owen.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Ezekiel Owen the sum of fifty-nine and sixteen one-hundredths dollars in payment for damages caused to his estate, 138 Pearl street, on January 5th, 1873, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever a receipt therefor shall be presented which is satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 351. Resolution abating tax of Hannah G. Beedle.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Hannah G. Beedle, wife of Charles H., the sum of eighty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her, for the year 1873.

No. 352. Resolution abating tax of Welcome A. Greene, Jr.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or, if already paid, to refund to Welcome A. Greene, Jr., the sum of two hundred and ninety-seven dollars, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 353. Resolution abating Tax of Cornelius S. Sweetland.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Cornelius S. Sweetland, the sum of forty-three dollars and twenty cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 354. Resolution abating tax against the estate of Hepsey S. H. Wayland.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or, if already paid, to refund to the executors of the estate of Hepsey S. H. Wayland, deceased, the sum of one hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against said estate for the year 1873.

No. 355. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Cornelius Clancy, to raise a certain building, located in the rear of No. 15 State street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons, to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their

several petitions, provided that all damage done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz:

No. 356. Charles Burlingame,

357. Margaret Morris,

358. John S. Paine,

359. A. B. Rice & Co.,

360. Charles Stark.

No. 361. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

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

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

No. 362. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved December 11, 1873.)

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

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

No. 364. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Cypress street.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and receive Cypress street, from Camp street to North Main street, as a public highway.

No. 365. Resolutions adding \$11,000 to the appropriation for the school house on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school house, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to charge to this appropriation the expense of placing the heating apparatus in said school house.

No. 366. Resolution for altering blinds at the school house on Arnold street.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the joint committee on city property, is hereby directed to have the blinds in the two rooms on the lower floor of the school house on Arnold street, cut in two horizontally; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 367. Resolution for storm doors at the Grammar school house on Thayer street.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the advice of the joint committee on city property, is hereby directed to have storm doors placed in the grammar school house on Thayer street ; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 368. Resolution relating to desks at the Intermediate school on Federal street.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the advice of the joint committee on city property, is hereby directed to have the desks changed in the intermediate school on Federal street ; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 369. Resolution for screens at the school house on Bridgham street.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the advice of the joint committee on city property, is hereby directed to have suitable screens placed in front of the out-buildings at the Bridgham school ; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 370. Resolution for fitting the Eighth Ward Room for school purposes.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, under the advice of the joint committee on city property, is hereby directed to have the ward room on Harrison street placed in suitable condition, by the exchange of seats, for the accommodation of the Messer street intermediate school; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 371. Resolution for establishing an Intermediate school in the Eighth Ward Room.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That authority is hereby given for the temporary establishment of an intermediate school, in the ward room of the eighth ward, on Harrison street.

No. 372. Report of the Joint Committee on Education, upon the salaries of the teachers, for July and August, 1873.

(Presented December 18, 1873.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The joint standing committee on education, to whom, December 4, 1873, was referred the request of the school committee for the payment of the salaries due to the superintendent and teachers in the public schools, for the months of July and August, 1873, according to the schedules approved by their finance committee, beg leave to report :

That the salary schedules referred to, have received the approval of the school committee, the finance committee of the school committee, the superintendent of public schools, the committee of the city council on accounts, the city auditor and the committee of the city council on education, these comprising all the committees and persons before whom said schedules properly come for audit and approval; and that said schedules remain unpaid by reason of the declination of the mayor to draw a draft upon the city treasurer for the amount of the same.

Your committee believe that the city council should comply with the request of the school committee, and they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
For the committee.

No. 374. Report of the Superintendent of the Point street bridge.

(Presented January 8, 1874.)

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: Some time ago, you passed an ordinance in relation to foot passengers crossing the bridge when about to be opened to let vessels through. I have told them repeatedly that it was against the law for them to pass over the bridge after the signal had been given by the striking of the bell for them to stop, and not to attempt to cross until the bell had been sounded once, which is the signal that all is right. I have had them ask me repeatedly, if that is the law, why is it not posted up on the bridge so all may know what the law is?

As for the working of the draw, it is now doing as well as can be reasonably expected. There is a little defect on the outside of the turn-table, where it rests upon the upper tier of

stones. The thin pieces of iron used between the sections, often get loose, but attention to it twice a day, keeps everything secure.

Annexed is a statement of the number of vessels that have passed Point street bridge, arriving and departing, from January 1st, 1873, to January 1st, 1874 :

Steamers, 19,516 ; schooners, 5,871 ; brigs, 13 ; sloops, 1,417 ; barges, 157 ; boats licensed 1,389. Total, 28,363.

During the last two months the number has been as follows :

For November—steamers, 1,211 ; schooners, 394 ; sloops, 63 ; barges, 26 ; boats licensed 274. Total, 1,968.

For December—steamers, 1,169 ; schooners, 391 ; sloops, 52 ; brig, 1 ; barges, 11 ; boats licensed, 242. Total, 1,866. Total for the two months, 3,834.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. BROWN,

Sup't Point Street Bridge.

No. 375. Report of the Joint Committee on the City Debt in relation to the guaranty of the bonds of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Co.

(Presented January 8, 1874.)

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

The committee on the city debt, having considered the application of the Providence and Springfield Railroad Company, for the guaranty by the city, of the full amount of the bonds authorized to be guaranteed by the act of the general assembly, make this report ;

The act referred to authorized the city to guarantee the payment of the bonds of the said railroad company to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars ; and the city council, by an ordinance approved July 17, 1872, authorized the mayor, by and with the advice of the committee on the city debt,

to guarantee the bonds of said railroad company to an amount not exceeding one-half of the amount actually expended in the construction of said railroad, as shown by the certificate of the engineers.

Under this authority, the mayor has, by the advice of your committee, guaranteed the bonds of said railroad company to the amount of four hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars; the company having expended in the construction of their railroad, from the junction at Olneyville to Pascoag, an amount exceeding eight hundred and forty-six thousand dollars, besides about one hundred thousand dollars, paid for rolling stock.

The company are now building a track from the Olneyville junction to the station in this city, and the directors of the company are to take sufficient additional stock to make the amount of the capital stock issued, five hundred thousand dollars.

When the proposed work is accomplished, the whole expenditure by the company, will be about one million dollars, and the city will have guaranteed four hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the railroad bonds.

The company now ask that the city council will authorize the guarantee of the balance of the amount authorized to be issued, which is fifty thousand dollars, when they shall have completed their road to the station in this city, and shall have executed a mortgage to the city, therefor.

Your committee, in view of the facts that the road is in excellent working order, that a sufficient amount of rolling stock has been purchased for its present business, and that the business of the road has already exceeded the anticipations of the friends of the project, have no hesitation in recommending that the request of the company be granted.

The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the amendment to the ordinance herewith submitted.

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

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, January 8, 1874.

No. 377. Resolution for a Telegraph to the City Yard.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of establishing telegraphic communication between the offices of the highway, public building and lamp departments and the city yard; the expense thereof to be equally divided and paid from their several appropriations.

No. 378. Resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for Sewers.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewers; and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 379. Resolution adding \$30,000 to the appropriation for the school house on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the school house on Point and Plane streets; and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 380. Resolution to pay account of Fanning & Swan.

(Approved January 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Fanning & Swan, two hundred and eighteen dollars and ten cents, the amount of their bill for carpenters' labor and material, for putting up sleeping compartments at fire station No. 7, on Richmond street, and charge the same to the fire department.

No. 386. Report of the Joint Committee on Highways relative to grading Howard, Hill and Perry streets.

(Presented January 12, 1874.)

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

The joint committee on highways, as instructed by resolution of the board of aldermen, passed January 8, 1874, to inquire into and report to the common council at its meeting, on January 12th, upon the subject of bringing Howard, Hill and Perry streets and Harris avenue to grade, and also, what sum the abutting proprietors will contribute towards the cost of the work, respectfully report, that they advertised in the papers employed to do the city advertising, for all persons interested in grading said streets to appear before the committee and state their views on the subject. Several property owners appeared and stated their views on the subject, but no one would agree to give any particular sum towards the proposed grading. On Harris avenue, the adjoining property owners would not do anything in the premises, unless the grade of said avenue be lowered two feet from the present established grade, a matter wholly under the control of the board of aldermen. Your committee therefore make no recommendation on the subject.

For the committee,

HORATIO ROGERS, Chairman, *pro. tem.*

PROVIDENCE, January 12, 1874.

No. 387. Resolution to convey land to the Town of Cranston, for a Highway.

(Approved January 15, 1873.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to give to the town of Cranston, a deed for highway purposes, of the strip of land between Sockanosset hill cross road and Pochasset bridge, purchased by the city of the heirs of Joseph Harris, deceased, provided that such deed shall be approved by the city solicitor.

No. 388. Resolutions for grading Brook Street, and depositing the surplus material.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they hereby are empowered to deposit the surplus material taken from the grading of Brook street, on the flats owned by the city, lying south of Hill's wharf, or in such other place as they may deem most for the interests of the city.

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Brook street to be brought to the established grade, without delay.

No. 389. Resolution for curbing Eagle street.

(Approved January, 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they hereby are directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Eagle street, from Atwell's avenue to the North Providence line.

No. 390. Resolutions relating to sewers in Weybosset and Westminster streets.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That so much of resolution No. 596, approved May 21, 1873, as relates to the construction of a sewer in Weybosset street, from the summit near the Arcade, to Dorrance street, and in Westminster street, from Dorrance street to Exchange street, be and the same is hereby repealed.

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause main drains or common sewers to be constructed in Weybosset street, from the summit near the Arcade, to Dorrance street, and in Westminster street, from Dorrance street to Exchange street.

No. 391. Resolution appropriating \$150 for Stairs in Dexter Block.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building stairs in Dexter block, for use of the city engineer's department: the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 392. Resolution to purchase a Sealer's beam for the Sealer of weights and measures.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they hereby are authorized to purchase a sealer's beam, for the use of the office of the sealer of weights and measures, at an expense not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars.

No. 393. Petition of George B. Darling and others, for the removal of Grace Church Cemetery, and Locust Grove Cemetery, with a Resolution referring the same to a special committee.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

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

Respectfully represent the undersigned, owners of real estate, or residents in the vicinity of Grace Church and Locust Grove cemeteries, that about two years ago, when public attention was directed to these burial grounds, the city authorities, for sanitary reasons, forbade the construction of a receiving tomb in the latter cemetery, and permitted only a limited use of that in the former; that dwelling houses have been and are being built in great numbers on all sides of these cemeteries, and far beyond them; that large portions of the grounds have not as yet been sold for burial lots; that interments are now being, and will continue to be rapidly made in these grounds, if permitted; the number of interments in each for the month of October, 1873, as shown by the report of the superintendent of health, printed in the public journals, being but one less than those made in Swan Point cemetery; that public convenience already requires, and will each year, more urgently require the extension of needed streets through their boundaries, and that within a few years at furthest, the discontinuance of these grounds will be inevitable, so that the sooner the change is made the better it will be for the feelings of all having friends buried there.

Wherefore, your petitioners respectfully, but earnestly pray, that such action may be taken as will insure the speedy removal of said cemeteries to some other, and less thickly settled locality.

[Signed,] GEORGE B. DARLING, and others.

PROVIDENCE, Dec., 1873.

RESOLVED, That the petition of George B. Darling and others, for the removal of Grace Church and Locust Grove cemeteries, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Pettis, Hopkins and Rogers, on the part of the common council, with alderman Angell, to examine and report thereon.

No. 394. Resolution to pay \$50, to Amos M. Bowen.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Amos M. Bowen, the sum of fifty dollars, in full for his services as secretary of the school committee, for the months of July and August, 1873.

No. 395. Resolution abating taxes of Francis and H. Lincoln Wayland.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Francis Wayland and H. Lincoln Wayland, the sum of two hundred eighty-two dollars and fifteen cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against them as Francis Wayland's heirs, for the year 1873.

No. 396. Resolution abating tax of James A. Windsor.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to James A. Windsor, the

sum of one hundred twenty one dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 397. Resolution to pay H. H. & C. A. Franklin.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to H. H. & C. A. Franklin, the sum of thirty-two dollars and seventy cents, in full, for damage sustained by obstructions in the highway, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise Buildings.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

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

- No. 398. Jason A. Blackmar, Fuller street.
 - “ 399. Edward Danin, No. 42 Robinson street.
 - “ 400. James Tiffany, No. 70 Ship street.
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Resolution granting permission to move Buildings.

(Approved January 15, 1874.)

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

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

- No. 401. Spicer S. Fish.
- “ 402. John Keeffe.
- “ 403. George W. Potter.
- “ 404. James White.

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No. 405. Invitation to join in Convention.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 12, 1874.

RESOLVED, That when this council do adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, 26th instant, at 7½ o'clock, and that the clerk of the council be directed to invite his honor the mayor and board of aldermen to join the council in convention at that time, for the purpose of electing certain city officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

J. M. ADDEMAN,
Clerk of the Common Council.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 15, 1874.

Read, whereupon it is ordered, that said invitation be accepted.

SAMUEL W. BROWN,
Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

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No. 407. Resolution to purchase Massachusetts Reports.

(Approved January 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to purchase, for the use of the city, a complete set of Massachusetts Reports, containing one hundred and seven volumes, provided the same can be obtained for a sum not exceeding three hundred and sev-

enty dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated therefor, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 408. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for interest.

(Approved January 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for "interest," and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 409. Resolution appropriating \$120,000 for interest on Water Loan.

(Approved January 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for "interest on the water loan, payable in 1900," and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 410. Message from the Mayor in relation to the floating city debt, with accompanying papers.

(Presented January 22, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 22, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

A statement has been published in this city, in relation to the floating debt, which is so incorrect that I deem it necessary to call your attention thereto.

The statement I refer to gives the net floating debt on the first instant, after deducting cash on hand, and balance of taxes uncollected, as \$2,206,820.24.

I append a statement prepared by the city treasurer, and verified by the city auditor, of the actual floating debt on the 31st ult., by which it will be seen that the whole amount of notes outstanding on that date was

	-	-	\$1,362,314	71
Less cash on hand,	-	-	327,445	15
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Actual floating debt, January 1, 1874,	-		1,034,869	56
Included in this sum are the notes given to the state of Rhode Island, and for land bought for North Burial ground.	-	-	235,000	00
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Leaving the floating debt for general purposes,			\$799,869	56
There is due to the city treasury from the water works,	-	-	1,087,906	88
From sewer construction account,	-	-	286,793	68
And from the purchase of land in the Brook street district,	-	-	274,555	16
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Total,	-	-	\$1,649,255	72

The difference between this sum and the amount of floating debt for general purposes, was advanced from the money received for city taxes during the current fiscal year.

The condition of the money market during 1873, was such as to prevent a satisfactory negotiation of the balance of the water loan, and the city was compelled to carry the large expenditures made for the water works, sewers and Brook street district, by temporary loans.

I am happy to say that the prospect now is that the city, at an early date, will be relieved from further inconvenience on this account, by a satisfactory disposal of the water bonds.

In this connection, I deem it proper to annex a statement of the financial condition of the city on the first instant, as prepared at my request by the city auditor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, January 20, 1874. }

BENJAMIN TRIPP, Esq., City Treasurer:

DEAR SIR: A false report having been put in circulation as to the amount of the floating debt of the city on the first inst., I would thank you to furnish me with the statement of the actual floating debt, as appears of record, at the close of business December 31, last, stating the amount of notes outstanding, the cash on hand, with the amount due from water works, sewers and Brook street district; also the amount due to the state of Rhode Island for cove lands and the notes given for the North Burial ground.

Yours truly, THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

January 22, 1874.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
PROVIDENCE, January 22, 1874. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: Your communication of the 20th inst. has been received.

In reply I herewith present you with the information which you desired.

Amount of notes outstanding, - - - - -	\$1,362,314 71
Deduct cash on hand December 31, 1873, - - - - -	327,445 15
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Net amount of floating debt - - - - -	\$1,034,869 56
Included in which is the note issued to the state of Rhode Island for cove lands, - - - - -	200,000 00
And the notes given for additional land for North Burying ground, - - - - -	35,000 00
The following amounts due from Providence water works, - - - - -	\$1,085,524 92
Interest on water bonds, - - - - -	240,252 94
Less amount of receipts, - - - - -	237,870 98
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	\$1,087,906 88
Sewers, - - - - -	286,793 68
Brook street district - - - - -	274,555 16

The foregoing statement is as it appears on my books on the 31st day of December, 1873.

Yours respectfully,

BENJAMIN TRIPP, City Treasurer.

Correct as appears by the books in this office,

J. M. CROSS, City Auditor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JANUARY 1, 1874.

Balance of the appropriations, per Treasurer's monthly statement, - - - - -	\$1,617,341 32
Less balance of city debt account, - - - - -	195,390 64
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	\$1,421,950 68

Amount of the floating debt, including cove land and Corliss notes, - - - - -		\$1,362,314 71
Indebtedness Sept. 30, 1874, if no further appropriations are made, - - - - -		\$2,784,265 39
This indebtedness will consist of the following items:		
Water works, - - - - -	1,087,906 88	
Sewerage, - - - - -	286,793 68	
Brook street, - - - - -	274,555 16	
Add appropriations for these accounts, - - - - -	250,636 58	\$1,899,892 30
Debt exclusive of water, sewers, and Brook street,		\$884,373 09
To pay which we have:		
Cash, - - - - -	\$327,445 15	
Taxes estimate, - - - - -	250,000 00	
Receipts estimate, - - - - -	100,000 00	\$677,445 16
Leaving unprovided for, - - - - -		\$206,927 94
There has been expended for,		
Point street school house estate, - - - - -	\$92,000 00	
Opening streets, - - - - -	130,000 00	\$222,000 00
Over and above the amount that has been appropriated for these accounts from the city tax.		

J. M. CROSS, City Auditor.

PROVIDENCE, January 22, 1874.

No. 412. Resolution for grading Howard, Hill and Perry streets, and Harris avenue.

(Approved January 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Howard, Hill and Perry streets, and Harris avenue to be brought to the established grades, provided the adjoining property owners shall agree not to claim any damages resulting from said grading.

No. 413. Resolution relating to a building for the Lamp department.

(Approved January 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby directed to rebuild the building for the lamp department, at a cost not exceeding the sum of seven hundred dollars; the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 414. Election of Highway Commissioner.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 26, 1874.

Charles Anthony having been elected, on the part of the board of aldermen, highway commissioner, for the term of three years: therefore,

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, January 26, 1874.

The foregoing communication is read, and on the same day it is RESOLVED, by the common council, that Charles Anthony be elected in concurrence, highway commissioner, for the term of three years.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN CONVENTION.

JANUARY 26, 1874.

The following officers are elected, viz :

City Engineer,	Charles E. Paine.
Superintendent of Public Buildings,	Obadiah Slade.
Trustee of the Providence Reform School,	William Spencer,
(In place of Amos W. Snow, declined.)	
Port Warden,	Nathaniel Crowell,
(In place of Nathaniel Crowell, senior, deceased.)	
Constable,	Milton H. Shattuck.
Police constables, without power to serve civil process,	
George M. Turner,	David E. Howard,
Marcus W. Morton,	Alexander Forsyth.
Weigher of Cotton,	John S. Peck.
Weigher of Anthracite Coal,	John S. Peck.

VOTED, That the city council meet on Tuesday, February 3, 1874, at 7½ P. M., for the purpose of revising the city ordinances.

No. 415. Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of
Sinking Funds.

(Presented January 26, 1874.)

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their first quarterly report.

The board organized on the 29th day of August, 1873, all the members except the city treasurer, being present.

At this meeting the several boards of commissioners of the respective loans of 1876, 1885 and 1893, transferred the funds in their hands to the present board of commissioners.

The amounts so transferred, were as follows :

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$132,011 16
Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	326,636 69
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	125,687 85
Whole amount,				<u>\$584,335 70</u>

The amount on hand December 31, 1873, was :

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$139,724 41
Of the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	346,333 70
Of the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	125,837 85
Whole amount,				<u>\$611,895 96</u>

The increase in the several funds was :

In the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$ 7,713 25
In the fund of 1885,	-	-	-	19,697 01
In the fund of 1893,	-	-	-	150 00
Whole increase,	-	-	-	<u>\$27,560 26</u>

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commissioners,
THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, January 26, 1874.

No. 416. Resolution relating to expenditures on Parks.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to expend at any one time, in the care, maintenance and preservation of any one public park, an amount not exceeding the sum of three hundred dollars.

No 418. Resolution electing to widen Canal street.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to lay out and widen Canal street, from Allen's lane to Smith street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the third day of December, 1873; now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court,

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

No. 419. Resolution referring to a Joint Special Committee the report of the Commissioners to widen Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment, to widen and straighten Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street, made to the supreme court on the 19th day of December, 1873, be and the same is hereby referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Paine, Smith and Douglas, of the common council, with alderman Angell, to examine and report thereon.

No. 420. Resolution to pay Sarah A. Slocum \$70, for flooding her premises on Lockwood street.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. Sarah A. Slocum, the sum of seventy dollars, in full, for damages sustained by her by reason of obstructions in openings to sewer in Lockwood street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 421. Resolution to pay Mrs. L. E. Wilmarth \$75, for flooding her premises on Lockwood street.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Mrs. L. E. Wilmarth, the sum of seventy-five dollars, in full, for damages sustained by her by reason of obstructions in openings to sewer in Lockwood street, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 422. Resolution abating assessment against Daniel M. Wiswall for curbing.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Daniel M. Wiswall, the sum of eleven dollars and ten cents, being the amount of the penalty imposed upon him in the matter of the curbing of Camp street, by reason of his failure to receive the notice of curbing provided by statute, and of the deduction to which he would have been entitled on payment of his assessment for said curbing.

No. 423. Resolution abating tax of Jonathan Chase.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Jonathan Chase, the sum of twenty dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property, erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 424. Resolution abating tax of Henry J. Holden.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Henry J. Holden, the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty-five cents, the amount of a tax on personal property, erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 425. Resolution abating tax of Ann C. Pearsons.

(Approved January 29, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Ann C. Pearsons, the sum of three hundred and ten dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against her for the year 1872.

No. 406. Resolutions to erect a School House on
Messer street.

(Passed, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.)

(In Common Council, January 26, 1874.)

(In Board of Aldermen, February 5, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to erect a school build-

ing on the lot owned by the city on Messer street, said building to be built of brick, not exceeding two stories in height, and to contain six school rooms, with recitation rooms, and a hall if the committee shall deem the same desirable; to be used for primary and intermediate school purposes: provided, that the cost of the same shall not exceed twenty-eight thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, from the appropriation for school houses and lots, to carry into effect the above resolution.

No. 427. Report of Trustees of Providence Reform School.

(Presented January 29, 1874.)

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

The trustees of the Providence Reform School make report that from the establishment of the school up to the close of the year, 1873, insurance has been maintained upon the buildings of the institution in the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars; that during the past year Pawtuxet water has been introduced into the school and pipes so laid as to protect the buildings from the outside, while in the inside hose can be attached in each story of the building in case of fire; that, notwithstanding the introduction of water, the rate of premium for insurance upon the buildings has been advanced very heavily, and the trustees have in consequence thereof, declined to renew the insurance upon the institution, and they request that your honorable body will if you deem such insurance to be necessary, advise them thereof.

The trustees further report, that inasmuch as the dwelling houses adjoining the Reform school estate, and situate on East street, have been taken by the city, under the power given to the city in the act authorizing the grading of the Brook street district, the said houses might be removed from their present

location to some point upon the Reform school estate, and at a moderate expense, fitted for use as an industrial school, or school for truants.

The trustees therefore recommend to your honorable body the establishment of the industrial school in the manner proposed, and trust that the same may be done at the earliest practicable day.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of trustees.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, January 29, 1874.

No. 428. Resolution relating to the Providence Reform School and an Industrial School.

(Approved February 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district be directed to deliver into the possession and control of the trustees of the Reform school, the estates recently taken by the city on the easterly side of East street, between the Reform school building and Wickenden street : the same to be used by the said trustees for the establishment of an industrial school for small girls, and for a better classification of the inmates of the Reform school, as they may deem necessary.

No. 429. Resolution relating to Eddy street.

(Approved February 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That aldermen Clarke, Pötter and Spicer, with Messrs. Paine, F. Johnson, Douglas, Brown and Bradford of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to confer with the parties in their opinion interested, and with the owners of the land necessary to be taken for the purpose of widening Eddy street from Broad street to Pine street, in relation to the terms on which said Eddy street can be widened.

No. 430. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policeman.

(Approved February 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay to George W. Shaw, a policeman who has been appointed but not confirmed, the sum of eighty-two dollars and fifty cents, for duty performed in January last.

No. 431. Resolution relating to the Harbor.

(Approved February 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby instructed to appear before the general assembly at its present session, to recommend that when the harbor line on the east side of the Providence river is taken into consideration, the west side also be considered, and also to ask that all action fixing finally the harbor lines be deferred until a report be made by the engineers of the United States coast survey, who are now preparing surveys and plans of the harbor.

I N C O N V E N T I O N .

FEBRUARY 9, 1874.

Esek A. Jillson is elected surveyor of lumber.

No. 445. Resolution to print the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department upon the National Convention of fire officers.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on printing be hereby directed to cause five hundred copies of the report of the chief engineer of the fire department and accompanying documents, to be printed for the use of the city council.

No. 446. Resolution relating to Water Commissioners.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Aldrich, Rickard and Pegram with, alderman Potter, be hereby appointed a committee to apply to the general assembly for an amendment to chapter 640 of the statutes, as subsequently amended, permitting the city council to extend the term of office of the water commissioners for such time as said city council may deem advisable, or to elect successors to the present board, for such further term as they may deem proper.

No. 447. Resolution relating to Reservoir avenue.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for highways, for the purpose of putting Reservoir avenue in suitable condition for travel, providing the adjoining property owners will widen said Reservoir avenue to a uniform width of eighty feet, free of expense to the city, from the bridge over the Providence and Stonington Railroad Co's track to the Cranston line ; provided further, that the adjoining property owners on said Reservoir avenue will give bonds satisfactory to the city solicitor, to hold the city harmless from any claims for damages resulting from said widening ; and provided further, that the work is done satisfactory to the highway commissioners.

No. 448. Report of joint special committee upon widening Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street.

(Presented February 9, 1874.)

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

GENTLEMEN :—The special committee to whom, on the twenty-ninth of January last, was referred the report of the commis-

sioners of estimate and assessment to widen and straighten Broad street, from Greenwich street to Public street, beg leave to report, that all but one of the parties who have filed their notice of appeal have been seen and their views ascertained so far as practicable.

The amount awarded by the commissioners is	\$41,304 00
Estimated by the committee to settle with parties whose land is taken	14,000 00
Estimated by the committee to satisfy parties who are assessed,	2,500 00
	\$57,804 00

In addition to the above and of which no estimate could be made, is the possibility of law suits which may arise with the owners of burial lots in Grace Church Cemetery, facing Broad street. Amount of assessments per commissioners report, \$30,978 00.

For the committee,

W. M. W. PAINE, Chairman.

No. 449. Resolution electing not to widen Broad street from Public street to Greenwich street.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1873, to widen and straighten Broad Street, from Public street to Greenwich street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the nineteenth day of December, 1873: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court,—

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

No. 450. Resolution relating to the steps in Meeting street.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to re-construct the stone steps in Meeting street at the junction of Congdon street, in accordance with the plans of the city engineer, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars: the same to be paid out of the appropriation for highways.

No. 451. Resolution appropriating \$260.66 for the Fishway at Pawtuxet.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-six cents is hereby added to the appropriation of five hundred dollars, for a fishway at the mouth of Pawtuxet river, made under resolution of the city council, No. 325: to be taken from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 452. Resolution abating assessment against James Lynch, for curbing.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to James Lynch the sum of thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of penalty imposed upon him in the matter of curbing Penn and Courtland streets.

No. 453. Resolution abating Tax of Harry P. Bush.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, The city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Harry P. Bush, the sum of thirty-five dollars and ten cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 454. Resolution abating tax of Henry R. Hill and wife.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Henry R. Hill and wife the sum of fifty-four dollars, being the amount of tax erroneously assessed against them for the year 1873.

No. 455. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved February 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to A. B. Rice, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires, or other property of the city thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

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

No. 456. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 9, 1874.

Mr. John C. Pegram having this day been appointed to fill vacancy in the joint committee on ordinances and in the joint committee on the city engineers' department, caused by the resignation of Mr. William Binney, it is

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 12, 1874.

Read and received.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 457. Joint Special Committee on Cemeteries.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 9, 1874.

Mr. Horatio Rogers having been excused from further service on the joint special committee to whom was referred the petition of George B. Darling, et als., for the removal of Grace Church and Locust Grove cemeteries, and Mr. Henry L. Parsons appointed in his stead, it is

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 12, 1874.

Read and received.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 458. Fourth quarterly report of the Commissioners on the School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented February 12, 1874.)

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

The commissioners appointed to build a school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, beg leave to make this their fourth quarterly report, for the quarter ending January 31, 1874:

The work committed to us has so far progressed during the past quarter as that the roof, saving and excepting the front and rear towers, is finished, that the interior is furred and ready for lathing and plastering. The work of lathing and plastering will proceed as soon as the weather will warrant it.

Although the subject of heating belongs rather to and will receive at the proper time a special report, yet we deem it proper to state that a contract has been made for heating, and work upon the same is begun.

The whole amount of appropriation made for the school building is	-	\$90,000 00
The whole amount expended to this date,		58,499 26
Balance on hand,	-	31,500 74
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		\$90,000 00
Cash on hand at beginning of quarter,	-	14,894 62
Appropriated during quarter,	-	30,000 00
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		\$44,894 62
Amount expended during quarter,		13,393 88
Balance at end of quarter,	-	31,500 74
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		\$44,894 62

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,
 JOSEPH F. GILMORE,
 SPENCER P. READ, } Commissioners.

No. 459. Resolution authorizing the School Committee to hire a hall.

(Approved February 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the school committee be hereby authorized to expend the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of hiring the use of a large hall, for five months, in which to exercise the scholars in the public schools in singing; said sum to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 460. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Providence Water Works.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

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

No. 461. Resolutions for additional Schools.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to open an additional grammar school room and an additional primary and intermediate school room in the rooms now occupied by the city, in the building corner of Ocean street and Potter's avenue.

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized, if they deem it expedient, to hire a room in the neighborhood of Cass street, for the purpose of opening a primary and intermediate school therein, provided that the rent of the same shall not exceed one hundred dollars per annum.

No. 462. Resolution to pay expenses of a joint Special Committee upon heating the School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Albert H. Manchester, the sum of one hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety cents, for expenses incurred by the joint committee appointed to report plans for heating the school house on Point and Plane streets, in visiting Brooklyn, Boston, and Lynn, in the discharge of the duties of the committee: said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Point and Plane street school house.

No. 463. Petition of John Gorham and others, for a division of the First Ward, and Resolution referring the re-division of wards to a joint Special Committee.

(Passed February 26, 1874.)

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

The undersigned, voters of the first ward, respectfully represent, that the said ward contained at the last census, a population of about twelve thousand persons, and that at the present time the population of said ward cannot be less than about fifteen thousand.

So large a number cannot be well accommodated in one ward room, particularly in any contested election, and the voters are in consequence put to very great inconvenience in many ways. All the other wards at the last census, contained a population of from five thousand to less than nine thousand, which experience has shown is a number quite large enough to be properly accommodated in one ward room.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully request that the said ward may be divided into two wards in such manner as that

the said two wards may be as equal as possible in population, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Providence, February, 1874.

(Signed,) JOHN GORHAM and others.

RESOLVED, That the petition of John Gorham and others, for the division of the first ward, and the general subject of re-dividing the city into wards be and hereby is referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Greene, Douglas, Rogers, A. J. Barnaby, Rickard, Hayward, Murray, Hopkins, and Barker, of the common council, with aldermen Clarke, Fisher and Daboll, to examine and report thereon.

No. 464. Report of the joint Special Committee upon widening Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street.

(Presented February 23, 1874.)

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

The joint special committee appointed on the ninth instant, to confer with parties interested in the widening of Eddy street, from Broad to Pine, beg leave to report that they have held a conference with most of the parties above mentioned, and find that the objections to the report of the commissioners previously appointed to widen said street were in making too small an award for land taken, and in not extending their assessments over a larger territory, they confining their assessments entirely between Broad and Pine streets. The Narragansett Hotel Company are desirous of improving their property during the coming season and cannot make their contracts until the line of Eddy street is permanently fixed. They have made a proposition to the committee, (which proposition accompanies this report) to the effect that they will accept the sum of ten thousand

dollars for their land taken for the widening of said Eddy street free from all assessments thereon. Your committee deemed this a very favorable offer, and in view of the fact that the city is lamentably deficient in hotel accommodation, they unanimously recommend that the proposition be accepted, and that the proper steps be taken immediately to widen Eddy street, between Broad and Pine, in accordance with the accompanying plat. The quantity of land to be taken from the Narragansett Hotel Company is $1,293\frac{6}{10}$ square feet.

In order to carry out the above views your committee respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

For the committee,

W. M. W. PAINE, Chairman.

No. 465. Resolutions to lay out and widen Eddy street, from Broad street to Pine street.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to re-lay, widen and straighten Eddy street, from Pine to Broad, by the following courses and distances: beginning for the easterly line of said street in the northerly line of Pine street, and at the south-west corner of the Opera House estate; thence northerly in the westerly line of said Opera House estate, and in direct range therewith, about two hundred ninety three and $\frac{83}{100}$ feet to the southerly line of Broad street: the westerly line of said street to be parallel with the easterly line, and forty and $\frac{12}{100}$ feet therefrom, beginning at Pine street, and from thence northerly to the brick building on the estate of William Grosvenor and children, at a point about one hundred and $\frac{39}{100}$ feet southerly from Broad street, thence following the line of said building fifty-nine and $\frac{45}{100}$ feet, thence in a line parallel with the easterly line aforesaid, and forty and $\frac{12}{100}$ feet therefrom to the southerly line of Broad street: and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 466. Resolution to pay James H. Warner.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James H. Warner, the sum of nineteen dollars, being the amount of his claim for lumber taken for the construction of a building in fourth police station yard : to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 467. Resolution to pay Frederick Demas.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Frederick Demas, the sum of seven dollars and eighty cents, in full for his claim for damage resulting from defect in Prairie avenue, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 468. Resolution abating \$22.43, for assessment against Charles E. Boon, for curbing.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Charles E. Boon, the sum of twenty-two dollars and forty three cents, being the amount of charge against him for curbstones at the corner of Parade and Oak streets.

No. 469. Resolution abating tax of John Remington.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to John Remington, the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty-five cents, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1873.

No. 470 Resolution for laying a sewer in Congdon street.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Congdon street, from Bowen street to Angell street.

No. 471. Resolution for laying a sewer in Broad street.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Broad street, from Stewart street to Chestnut street.

No. 472. Resolution for laying a sewer in Pitman street.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pitman street, from Ives street to Gano street.

No. 473. Resolution for laying a sewer in Prospect and Meeting streets.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED; That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Prospect street, from Jenckes to Meeting streets, and through Meeting to Thayer street.

No. 474. Resolution for laying a sewer in Richmond street.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Richmond street, from Broad street to Pine street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved February 26, 1874.)

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

No. 745. John Cullen.

476. B. A. Whitcomb.

No. 477. Invitation to join in Convention.

In Common Council, February 23, 1874.

RESOLVED, That his honor the mayor, and the honorable board of aldermen, be and they are hereby invited to join the common council in convention on Friday evening next, at 7½ o'clock, for the transaction of such business as may legally come before them.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, February 26, 1874.

Read, whereupon it is ordered, that said invitation be accepted.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 478. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the laying out of Lippitt street.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city council do hereby direct that all proceedings heretofore instituted to lay out Lippitt street, from East avenue to Randall street, be discontinued.

No. 479. Resolutions to lay out Lippitt street, from Camp street to Hewes street.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Lippitt street, forty-five feet wide, from Camp street to Hewes street, by the following described lines: beginning for the northerly line in the westerly line of Camp street, at the southeasterly corner of the land of Charles H. Snow and wife, thence westerly one thousand and sixty-three and $\frac{78}{100}$ feet in the line of said Lippitt street, to a stone bound; thence in a direct line, passing through the corner board at the southeast corner of the most southerly dwelling house on the estate of Sarah Dexter heirs, three hundred forty-one and $\frac{82}{100}$ feet to the easterly line of North Main street; thence westerly two hundred sixty-eight and $\frac{29}{100}$ feet to a point in the westerly line of Hewes street, thirty and $\frac{1}{10}$ feet northerly from the northeast corner of the estate of Charles A. Brown and wife: and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," and the city council hereby direct,

that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application that said commissioners shall apportion and assess three-quarters 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 hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 480. Resolution relating to land of the Narragansett Hotel Company, proposed to be taken to widen Eddy street, from Broad to Pine street.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the city, with the Narragansett Hotel Company, to pay said hotel company the sum of ten thousand dollars, with interest from and after May 1, 1874, over and above any assessments for benefits, for that portion of their land at the corner of Broad and Eddy streets, which will be taken in making Eddy street of an uniform width of forty and $\frac{12}{100}$ feet, between Broad and Pine streets, said strip of land containing about 1293.6 square feet, provided that said company shall agree to accept the same in full compensation for all such damages.

No. 481. Message from the Mayor in relation to Water Commissioners.

(Presented February 27, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,)
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, February 27, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The term of office of the water commissioners, as extended by an ordinance approved June 17, 1873, expires on the 28th

instant. At that time the term of service of every person in the employ of the commissioners will also end.

By the provisions of chapter 640 of the statutes, the city council have full power to provide by ordinance, or the election of water commissioners, to prescribe their duties and fix their term of office and compensation.

The city solicitor, under the direction of the board of aldermen; has prepared a draft of an ordinance in relation to this subject, which will be submitted for your consideration.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 483. Resolution abating tax of Nathaniel
C. Bushee.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Nathaniel C. Bushee, the sum of eighty one dollars, being the amount of taxes on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the years 1872 and 1873.

No. 484. Resolution granting permission to raise a
building.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to George Henry, to raise a certain building, located at the corner of Cushing and Thayer streets, pursuant to his petition.

No. 485. Resolution granting permission to move a
building.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

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

No. 486. Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved February 27, 1874.)

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

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

IN CONVENTION.

FEBRUARY 27, 1874.

The convention acting as a committee of the whole, proceed to the consideration of the subjects of water works and water commissioners, and informal ballots are taken.

The following officers are elected :

Water commissioners for the term ending March 1, 1875 :

Joseph J. Cooke, Charles E. Carpenter,
William Corliss.

Police constable, without power to serve civil process,

Albert Smith.

The surveyor of lumber presents the names of the following persons as deputy surveyors ; whereupon it is voted, that they be severally confirmed, viz :

Nathaniel C. Bushee,	Charles A. Manchester,
Joseph K. Robinson,	John B. Winship,
Charles C. Lee,	Robert Carlisle,
Benjamin Bogman, 1st,	Frank S. Roberts.
Frank R. Chedel,	George A. Cleveland.

Charles C. Lee, for mahogany and other ornamental lumber.

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

No. 487. Resolution accepting invitation of Irish and Irish American Societies.

(Approved March 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the invitation of the Irish and Irish-American societies of the state of Rhode Island, for the city council to review the procession on St. Patrick's day, March seventeenth, be and the same is hereby accepted by the city council.

No. 488. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

(Approved March 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in February 1874, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Henry C. Gross, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	\$77 00
William R Johnson,	-	-	-	-	77 00
George R. Shaw,	-	-	-	-	77 00

No. 489. Resolution permitting the Providence, Warren and Bristol Railroad Co., to place a water pipe in Washington square.

(Approved March 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission is hereby granted to the Providence, Warren and Bristol Railroad Company to remove their water pipe, used for supplying locomotives, on India street, to a point just within the fence of Washington square, adjoining said street, provided, the work be done under direction of the joint committee on parks, and that the company shall remove said water pipe when so directed by the city council.

No. 490. Resolution agreeing to a reference of the claim of James Rothwell.

(Approved March 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby agree to a reference under a rule of court, of the claim of James Rothwell, for damages to his estate on Lockwood street, by the overflow from the sewers on Pearl street and Lockwood, upon the following terms, to wit: said referees to be non-residents and not to be tax payers in the city of Providence, and to be chosen, one by said city council and one by said Rothwell, and the third by the two so chosen, and to decide which party shall pay the cost of the reference.

No. 497. Message from the Mayor, relating to the use of Locomotives in India street.

(Presented March 9, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 9, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I deem it proper to call your attention to the necessity of immediate action, by the city council, in relation to the use of locomotives on India street, and South Water street. At present, there are no regulations on this subject, and the streets referred to are used as if they were the private property of the railroad corporations, and persons in charge of vehicles who drive upon these thoroughfares seem to be regarded in the light of trespassers. I am confident that unless stringent regulations are adopted and rigidly enforced, serious injury or loss of life must ensue.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 498. Resolution relating to furniture for the school house on Point and Plane streets, and transferring \$7,000 to the appropriation therefor.

(Approved March 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to build the school building upon the corner of Plane and Point streets, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to contract for such school furniture as may be needed to furnish said building for school purposes, and the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for such purpose, the same to be transferred from the appropriation for school houses and lots to the appropriation for building the school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets.

No. 499. Resolution to lay out and widen Butler Avenue.

(Approved March 12 1874.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and extend Butler avenue, eighty feet wide from Providence river to North street, as follows, viz: beginning for the westerly line, in the westerly line of said Butler avenue as now laid out on a plat recorded in plat book No. 4, page 28; thence in said westerly line from Providence river to the northerly line of Waterman street; thence in a direct line northerly to a point in the southerly line of Angell street, thirty feet westerly from the present westerly line of said Butler avenue; thence northerly in a line parallel with and thirty feet westerly from the present westerly line of said avenue and in direct range with said parallel line to North street, and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 500. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved March 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John O. Farrell to raise a certain building located at Nos. 79 and 81 Martin street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved March 12, 1874.)

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

No. 501. George Crane,

" 502. Patrick Goodwin.

No. 503. Resolution abating tax of Estate of Sally
B. Comstock.

(Approved March 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to abate, or if already paid, to remit the sum of one hundred thirty-six dollars and thirty-five cents and accrued interest, from the tax assessed against the estate of Sally B. Comstock for the year 1873.

No. 504. Resolution abating tax of Estate of Abby B.
Watson.

(Approved March 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to abate, or if already paid to remit, the sum of eight hundred thirty-three dollars and sixty-two cents and accrued interest, from the tax assessed against the estate of the late Mrs. Abby B. Watson, for the year 1873.

No. 505. Resolution appointing a joint special committee to report in relation to the amount paid for legal expenses, and in relation to the City Solicitor.

(Passed March 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That a committee of Messrs. Paine, Douglas and Greene, with alderman Clarke be, and they are hereby appointed with full power to send for persons and papers and report to the city council a statement of and the date thereof of all sums of money paid out of the city treasury for legal expenses since June 1, 1869. Also, all sums of money paid to the city solicitor, out of the city treasury, whether for services, expenses

or otherwise, since the date aforesaid. Also, what sums of money have been received by the said city solicitor as fees, costs or otherwise, in cases where the city was a party, and when such costs and fees were paid by parties other than the city.

No. 506. Resolution relating to wards and voting districts.

(Passed March 12, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby directed to apply to the general assembly at the present session, for the passage of an act authorizing the city council to establish voting districts in the several wards, and to divide the city into not exceeding twelve wards.

No. 507. Resolution to employ assistance in the office of the City Auditor.

(Approved March 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city auditor, with the approval of the mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to pay for assistance in his office from the first day of January, 1874, at the rate of six hundred dollars, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for salaries.

No. 508. Resolution to lay out Bridgham street.

(Approved March 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Bridgham street, as near as may be forty feet wide, from High street, northerly to Carpenter street:

the westerly line to be the boundary line between the estates of Charles W. Moore and the heirs of William A. Howard, extended to Carpenter street, and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 509. Resolution electing to lay out College street, from South Main street to the Harbor.

(Approved March 23, 1874.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to lay out and extend College street, from South Main street to the harbor line, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the fourth day of February, A. D., 1874: now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

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

No. 510. Resolution empowering the Commissioners of the Brook street district to make repairs.

(Approved March 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the commissioners on the Brook street district, be and they are hereby authorized to make such temporary and necessary repairs upon the buildings under their charge, in said district, as they may deem requisite, provided that the expense in each case, shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, and to be charged to the Brook street district.

No. 511. Message from the Mayor upon Resolution No. 505, relating to legal expenses and to the City Solicitor.

(Presented March 23, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, MARCH 23, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

On the ninth instant, a resolution was passed by the common council, and was concurred in by the board of aldermen, on the twelfth instant, appointing a joint special committee with power to send for persons and papers to report to the city council "a statement of all sums paid out of the city treasury for legal expenses since June 1, 1869; also all sums paid to the city solicitor in the same time for services, expenses, or otherwise; also, all sums of money received by the city solicitor as fees, costs, or otherwise, in cases where the city was a party, and where such fees and costs were paid by parties other than the city."

This extraordinary and uncalled for resolution I had intended to return to the common council with my disapproval thereof, but at the request of the city solicitor, I have suffered it to be-

come a law, and the committee will therefore proceed with the investigation they are directed to make.

I have said that the resolution was uncalled for, because the city solicitor, although elected to his position by the voters for general officers, is wholly subordinate to the city council, and is required by ordinance not only to obey their directions in any matter concerning his official duty, but in like manner is required to obey the directions of either board of the city council, or any committee of the latter body, or either board thereof, and I take pleasure in saying that the present solicitor during his nearly six years of service, has not only cheerfully complied with all such orders, but has done for committees a vast amount of work which was not required by the letter of the ordinance, and I may properly add, nor by the spirit of it.

The resolution is extraordinary, because the information sought for could have been easily obtained by requesting the city solicitor to furnish it ; and so much of the information as the city council has any right to request, if the provisions of the ordinance under which the solicitor acts are to be followed, could have been procured from the city auditor, within whose department all the facts are contained.

In these days of official corruption and investigations, it seems to me, that the city council should not without good and sufficient cause being made known, publicly cast an imputation upon the official conduct of any public officer, by the unusual course of appointing a joint special committee empowered to summon witnesses and administer oaths, for the purpose of obtaining from him information wholly within their control, without such process.

In the case under consideration, no cause whatever was alleged for the passage of the resolution so far as I am informed, and I have, therefore, felt it to be by duty to communicate to the city council my opinion upon a resolution which I have permitted to become a law, and which I have reason to believe was passed without that due consideration which its importance demanded.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 512. Report of the joint Committee on Finance upon the annual reports of the City Treasurer and City Auditor.

(Presented March 23, 1874.)

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

The joint standing committee on finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of the city auditor, and city treasurer, for the fiscal year ending September, 30, 1873, report that they have examined the same and compared them with the vouchers and find the same correct.

For the committee,

P. M. MATHEWSON, Chairman.

No. 513. Report of the joint committee on Finance upon the subject of insuring the buildings of the Providence Reform School.

(Presented March 23, 1874.)

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

The joint committee on finance, to whom, on the ninth day of February, last, was referred the subject of effecting insurance upon the buildings of the Providence Reform School, respectfully report, that in view of the largely increased rates of insurance and of the much greater safety of the buildings by reason of the introduction of Pawtuxet water, with conveniences for attaching hose inside, the committee do not deem it advisable to incur the expense of insurance.

Respectfully submitted. For the committee,

P. M. MATHEWSON, Chairman.

No. 515. Resolution approving of the proposed annexation of a portion of North Providence.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city council hereby approves of the annexation of so much of the town of North Providence to this city as is delineated upon the map accompanying the report of the commissioners elected under a resolution of the city council, approved May 23, 1872, relating to the proposed annexation of a portion of the town of North Providence to the city of Providence.

No. 516. Resolution continuing certain powers to the Board of Water Commissioners.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the authority granted by resolution No 446, approved March 28, 1870, to the water commissioners, is hereby continued to the board of water commissioners elected under the ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing a board of water commissioners," approved February 27, A. D., 1874.

No. 517. Resolution relating to the Hose Station on Pallas street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a shed and to ventilate the stable at Pallas street hose station: the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 518. Report of the Joint Special Committee in relation to relaying Broad street near Public street.

(Presented March 23, 1874.)

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

GENTLEMEN :—The special committee to whom, on the first day of November, 1872, was referred a resolution in regard to the relay of Broad street at the corner of Public street, beg leave to report :

That they have delayed making a report in consequence of the petition and consequent pending action of the city council in regard to widening Broad street to a width of eighty feet from Public to Greenwich street. Your committee have conferred with the Ninth Ward Land company, parties now owning the property embraced in the resolution, and they are willing to accept the reward of three competent disinterested persons, as is required under what is termed the "old highway act."

Your committee are of the opinion that this projection of Broad street at Public street, should be cut off, and the east side of the street tapered from eighty feet to sixty-six feet, the present width, without waiting for any further petitions for future widening of Broad street, and whatever land is paid for now, will not have to be paid for then, and with the possibility that no further widening will be needed.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution in place of the one referred to them.

For the committee,

WM. W. PAINE, Chairman.

No. 519. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out a portion of Broad street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of Aldermen be, and are hereby requested to re-lay the east side of Broad street, from the present

south-east corner of Public street to the southerly line of the estate of Henry T Root, at its boundry on Broad street, a distance of six hundred four and $\frac{58}{100}$ feet, and containing four thousand one hundred seventy-three feet, as per the accompanying plat.

No. 520. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Keene street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Keene street, from Prospect street to Hope street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 521. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Myrtle street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Myrtle street, from Friendship street to Dudley street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 522. Resolution in relation to the extension of Pearl street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on highways is hereby directed to confer with the owners of the land required for the extension of Pearl street, from its present termination to Dudley street, and ascertain and report on what terms the land so required can be obtained, and make report to the city council at the same time that they report on the resolution now in their hands in regard to such extension.

Resolutions granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

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

- No. 523. Harris W. Aldrich, No. 33 Ring street.
- “ 524. William H. Gale, corner of Pine and Page streets.
- “ 525. Terence McKennie, No. 263 Atwell's Avenue.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

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

- No. 526. Benjamin F. Aldrich.
- “ 527. Frank G. Allen.
- “ 528. Patrick Coleman.

No. 529. Resolutions granting permission to move
a building.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

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

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

No. 530. Resolutions granting permission to move
a building.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John R. Kiernan, to move two certain wooden buildings, pursuant to his petition, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and to move day and night while on the railroad track.

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

No. 531. Resolution discharging Special Committee
on a City Hall.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the committee to procure plans and estimates for a city hall, appointed by resolution number 483, passed May 5, 1873, are hereby discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

No. 532. Resolution to procure plans and estimates
for a City Hall.

(Passed March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. A. J. Barnaby, Nichols, Carpenter, Rice, Place and Pettis, of the common council, with aldermen Fisher, Angell and Daboll, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to advertise for plans, with approximate estimates of the cost of a city hall, to be built upon the lot belonging to the city, known as the city hall lot, bounded by Dorrance,

Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets ; said plans to be presented to the committee upon the following conditions : that the city shall pay to the person or persons whose plans shall be selected by the committee, and adopted by the city council, such sum as shall be fixed by the committee, not exceeding one thousand dollars, and no compensation shall be allowed to any person or persons presenting such plans, unless the same shall have been selected by the committee and adopted by the city council. And the committee are hereby directed to reserve the right to reject any and all plans that may be presented to them as aforesaid.

No. 533. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Cargill street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Cargill street, from Carpenter street to Fountain street, of a width of not less than forty feet.

No. 534. Resolution for curbing Myrtle street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Myrtle street, from Friendship street to Dudley street.

No. 535. Resolution for laying a drain across land of William Woodward on Ridge street.

(Approved March 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause a suitable drain to be laid across the land owned by William Woodward, on Ridge street, for the purpose of carrying off the surface water flowing across said Woodward's land, from the adjoining streets, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars, providing however, that said Woodward will not make any claim for damages resulting from laying said drain.

No. 536. Report of the Joint Committee on Claims upon the abatement of certain taxes.

(Presented March 23, 1874.)

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

The joint standing committee on claims, in pursuance of instructions of the common council, of February 9, 1874, report without recommendation, the accompanying resolutions, directing the city treasurer to remit, or, if already paid, to refund to Narragansett Encampment, I. O. of O. F., the sum of sixteen dollars and twenty cents; and to Hope Lodge, I. O. of O. F. the sum of fifty-six dollars and seventy cents, said sums being respectively the taxes assessed against said encampment and said lodge for the year 1873.

And your committee further report, that they have carefully considered the several petitions of T. W. Bancroft, for self and wife, of Benjamin F. Clarke, for self and wife, and of John H. Appleton, all for abatement of taxes, referred to them by the board of aldermen, the first mentioned petition on the thirtieth day of October last, and the other two on the sixth day of

November last, and find that said Bancroft, Clarke and Appleton are and have been for several years past, professors in Brown University, that each of the petitioners claims that the estate of himself and family was assessed for the year 1873, at its full value, over and above encumbrances; that under the charter of Brown University the entire estates of the president and professors thereof and of their families were originally entitled to exemption from taxation, and it was only with the consent of such president and professors, that the act of the January session, 1863, of the general assembly, first authorizing taxation of said president and professors and their families on the excess of their property over ten thousand dollars, became operative; that the salaries of said president and professors are, and always have been small, and the exemption from taxation to which they have been entitled, by charter or statute, has always been regarded as a part thereof; that since making their original claim to the exemption of ten thousand dollars, they have been allowed the same, without re-asserting their claim thereto, from year to year, down to 1873, having been informed by the assessors that such yearly claim was unnecessary, and that they had therefore, good grounds for assuming that they would be allowed the same exemptions for the year 1873, and that no different course from that of previous years would be pursued towards them; that with this understanding, they went off on their usual summer vacation and were absent from the city until after the expiration of the time within which persons entitled to exemption were notified to appear and claim the same; that no exemption whatever, was allowed either of the petitioners who claim and are entitled to exemption under the same statute as the above mentioned encampment and lodge; that said encampment and lodge are equally with the professors, aforesaid, subject to the statute relative to making return to the assessors, of their estates and in case of neglect to make such return, are equally without remedy if over-taxed; and that your committee cannot see any just reason for discriminating in favor of said encampment and lodge.

And your committee further report that, but for the instruc-

tions of the common council, above referred to in the matter of the petitions of said encampment and lodge, they would have felt compelled to pursue the usual course in cases of neglect to make the return required by law, and to recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as they did originally in the cases of said encampment and lodge. But in view of the manifest inequity of granting relief in the latter cases and in denying it to the petitioners, your committee have felt constrained to report, also without recommendation, the additional resolutions presented herewith directing the city treasurer to remit, or if already paid to refund to E. Dyer, jr., trustee to Sarah D. J. Bancroft, Mary E. Clarke, wife of said Benjamin F., and to John H. Appleton, each the sum of one hundred thirty-five dollars, being the amount of tax on ten thousand dollars, as per rate of assessment for the year 1873.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the committee,

E. C. MOWRY, Chairman.

No. 541. Message from the Mayor in relation to the proposed annexation of part of North Providence.

(Presented March 30, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, March 30, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The act annexing a portion of the town of North Providence to this city, which passed the general assembly last week, provides that the portion so annexed shall be a part of the first ward of this city "until the next division of the city into wards."

The first ward already contains a larger number of voters than any other ward, and the territory annexed to it is more than one-third larger than the ninth ward, and contains more

than twice as many inhabitants as the later territory did at the time of its annexation to the city.

When the next division of the wards will be made is necessarily uncertain, and until that time, there will be no proper supervision of the schools in the large district annexed, nor any person in either branch of the city council qualified to represent, from actual residence there, the wants of the large number of inhabitants residing in the district.

These facts are already creating some opposition in the district, to the act of annexation, as the people justly claim that as soon as they become a part of the city, they are entitled by their representatives in the city council, to a voice in the assessment of the tax to be levied the present year.

There certainly can be no good argument advanced against this claim, and if the city council, should request the general assembly to create into a ward the territory annexed, and provide for a special election to be held therein for ward officers, members of the school committee and city council, to hold office until the next organization of the city government, the request would undoubtedly be granted.

The passage of such a resolution by the city council would facilitate the adoption of the act by the voters in the district to be annexed and I recommend prompt action thereon.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 542. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly to create a new ward in the territory proposed to be annexed from North Providence.

(Approved March 31, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be directed to apply to the general assembly, at its present session, for the passage of an act making the territory to be annexed to the city from North Providence, a new ward of this city, instead of a portion

of the first ward, as provided in the act of annexation, and also for authority for the city council, if said territory shall be annexed, to order a special election to be held in said portion for ward officers, for members of the school committee, and for an alderman and four members of the common council, to represent said ward in the city council : all said officers to hold their respective offices during the term for which corresponding officers in other wards of the city now hold hold their offices.

No. 543. Report of the Joint Committee on Education in relation to the School House on Messer street.

(Presented March 30, 1874.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on education beg leave to report that they have made a contract with Hiram S. Read, Esq., for the erection and completion of a school house on Messer street, for the sum of twenty-seven thousand six hundred dollars. A copy of the specifications is herewith presented. The wooden building now on the lot occupies a portion of the site of the new building. The committee offer a resolution providing for its removal by the superintendent of public buildings.

For the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 544. Resolution for moving the old School house on Messer street.

(Approved March 31, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby authorized and directed to cause the wooden school build-

ing on the Messer street lot, to be moved to the northerly portion of the lot, the expense to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 545. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Wayland street.

(Approved March 31, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Wayland street, from Angell street to Waterman street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 546. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Diamond street.

(Approved March 31, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Diamond street, from Cranston street to Superior street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 547. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved March 31, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Benjamin R. Almy to raise a certain building located at No. 198 Canal street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 548. Resolution for curbing Bourn street.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the curbing to be set and the gutters paved on Bourn street, from Atwell's avenue to Aborn street, while the curbing is being set on Aborn street.

No. 549. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in March 1874, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows, viz:—

Frank Gould,	-	-	-	\$93.00
Henry C. Gross, Jr.	-	-	-	85.25
William R. Johnson,	-	-	-	79.75
James T. Oatley,	-	-	-	93.00
George W. Shaw,	-	-	-	85.25
Hiram T. Watson,	-	-	-	85.25 \$521.50

No. 550. Message from the Mayor in relation to employing a Clerk.

(Presented April 9, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 9, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The amount of work required of the superintendent of lights in his department, has so increased as to leave him little time to attend to the duties required of him as mayor's clerk.

This has been a serious inconvenience to me for several months, and now that the active work has commenced in the lamp department with the return of mild weather, I find it necessary to request the city council to relieve the superintendent from acting as clerk to the mayor, and that the mayor may be authorized to employ a clerk for his office.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 551. Resolution referring the above message to the joint committee on Finance.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor, dated April 9, 1873, in relation to employing a clerk in his office, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 552. Message from the Mayor in relation to the sidewalk at the Soldiers' Monument.

(Presented April 9, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, April 9, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The general assembly, at its late session, appropriated a sufficient sum of money to purchase the material for a suitable sidewalk of granite to be constructed around the soldiers' and sailors' monument in Monument square.

The plans for this sidewalk were made by the city engineer, and the cost of the granite will be about four thousand dollars. The appropriation was made upon condition that the work of

setting the granite in place, should be paid for by the city, and this expense will not exceed fourteen hundred dollars.

I recommend that the city council order the necessary work to be done by the highway commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 553. Resolution for laying a sidewalk at the
Soldiers' Monument.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause the granite sidewalk furnished by the state of Rhode Island, to be properly laid around the monument to the soldiers and sailors, on Exchange place, and that the expense, estimated at fourteen hundred dollars, be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 555. Resolution relating to the Annual Report
of the Chief of Police.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on police are hereby instructed to examine into the matters contained in the annual report of the chief of police, for the year ending December 31, 1873, and to report to the city council thereon.

No. 556. Resolution appointing a joint special committee on Lloyd street.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That aldermen Manchester and Spicer, with Messrs. Paine, Parsons and Rickard of the common council, are hereby appointed a special committee to examine and re-

port upon the expediency of electing to lay out Lloyd street, from Hope street to Arlington avenue, according to the report of the commissioners appointed by the supreme court.

No. 557. Resolution electing to straighten Point street.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term 1873, to lay out and straighten Point street, from Hoppin street to Plane street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on Tuesday, March 3, 1874, now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

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

No. 558. Resolution for curbing Andrews street.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to set the curbing and pave the gutters on Andrews street, from Broadway to Grove street, in connection with the work in progress on Grove street.

No. 559. Resolution for grading and curbing Plane, South and Point streets.

(Approved April 13, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Plane street, from Elm street to Blackstone street; South street, from Plane street easterly, and

Point street, from Hoppin street to Beacon street, to be brought to the grade as changed by the Board of Aldermen, October 23d, 1872, and set new curb stones where needed, re-pave the gutters and put the streets in good condition for travel.

No. 563. Quarterly Report of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

(Presented April 13, 1874.)

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their second quarterly report.

The amount of funds in the control of the board December 31, 1873, was as follows :

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$139,724	41
“ “ 1885,	-	-	-	346,333	70
“ “ 1893,	-	-	-	125,837	85
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$611,895	96

The amount on hand March 31, 1874, was :

Of the fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$143,501	32
“ “ 1885,	-	-	-	368,252	41
“ “ 1893,	-	-	-	133,953	35
Whole amount,	-	-	-	\$645,707	08

The increase of the several funds was:

In fund of 1876,	-	-	-	\$3,776	91
“ “ 1885,	-	-	-	21,918	71
“ “ 1893,	-	-	-	8,115	50
Whole increase,	-	-	-	\$33,811	12

Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commissioners.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, April 13, 1874.

No. 564. Resolution relating to the Annual Report
of the City Registrar.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the nineteenth annual report of the city registrar for the year ending December 31, 1873, be received, and that seven hundred and fifty copies thereof and of the communication accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council, under the direction of the joint committee on printing.

No. 565. Report of the Joint Committee on Railroads
relating to the annual payments by the Union Rail-
road Co.

(Presented April 13, 1874.)

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

The joint standing committee on railroads, to whom was referred the petition of the Union Railroad Company for remission of tax, respectively report that they have duly considered the same, and that in their opinion the interruption to travel and consequent loss to the petitioners, occasioned by tearing up the streets for the purpose of laying water pipes and constructing sewers, entitle the petitioners to the relief for which they pray. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted for the committee.

C. A. NICHOLS, Chairman.

No. 567. Resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for Sewers.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewerage ; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 568. Resolutions for a celebration of the fourth of July.

(Approved April 26, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Barker, Whitcomb and Douglas, of the common council, with alderman Angell, are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American independence.

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

No. 569. Resolution adding Mr. H. A. Cory to the special committee to procure plans for a City Hall.

(Passed April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Mr. Henry A. Cory, of the fifth ward is hereby added to the joint special committee named in resolution passed in common council March 23d, and concurred in board of aldermen March 26th, to advertise for plans and estimates for a city hall.

No. 570. Report of the Special Committee to procure plans for a City Hall.

(Presented April 13, 1874.)

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The special committee appointed by resolution number 532, to procure plans and estimates for a city hall, respectfully report, that in the opinion of the committee, the resolution should be so amended as to allow the premium which may be fixed by them for the plans, to be paid to the successful competitor, upon the selection being made by the committee, instead of making the payment of the award, depend upon the adoption of the plan by the city council.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee.

ABNER J. BARNABY, Chairman.

No. 571. Resolution in amendment of Resolution No. 532, relating to plans for a City Hall.

(Passed April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That resolution number 532, passed March 26, 1874, be amended by striking out the words "and adopted by the city council," wherever they occur.

No. 572. Resolution for a sewer in Point street.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the

water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Point street, from Parsonage street to Plane street.

No. 573. Resolution for curbing Burnett street.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Burnett street, from Greenwich street to Bucklin street.

No. 574. Resolution for curbing a portion of Pearl street.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

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

No. 575. Resolution for curbing portions of Snow and Broad streets.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new granite curbing to be set in place of the old blue stone curbing, on the east side of Snow street between Broad and Chapel streets, also in front of the estates owned by G. & S. Owen, on Broad and Snow streets.

No. 576. Resolution to pay A. J. & D. S. Anthony \$75 for loss of a horse at Point street bridge.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to A. J. & D. S. Anthony, the sum of seventy-five dollars, for remuneration for loss of a horse which was killed in consequence of breaking his leg, by being caught between the draw and shore span of Point street bridge, and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever said A. J. & D. S. Anthony shall sign a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

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

No. 577, Theodore F. Chase, No. 198 Transit street.

578, Peter Healey, No. 61 Crary street.

No. 579. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

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

 Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

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

No. 580, William B. Hart.

581, Ebben Simmons.

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

 Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

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

No. 582, John Dwyer.

583, Thomas Peirce.

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

 No. 584. Resolution to furnish water for sprinkling
Exchange Place.

(Approved April 16, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby authorized to furnish, during the coming summer, Pawtuxet

water, for sprinkling Exchange place : the cost of the same to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 585. Joint Standing Committees:

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 13, 1874.

Mr. Henry A. Cory having been elected a member of the joint committee on accounts, in place of Mr. Barker, resigned, and Mr. Cory having been appointed a member of the joint committee on highways, and Mr. Barker having been appointed a member of the joint committee on finance, both to fill vacancies in said committees, it is RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 16, 1874.

Read and received.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, City Clerk.

No. 588. Resolution for taking a census in the tenth ward.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the mayor be authorized to take a census of the population in the district recently annexed to the city, to be known as the tenth ward.

No. 589. Resolution for repairing the wharf at Point street bridge.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

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

at the south side of the Point street bridge, on South Water street, to be thoroughly repaired: the cost thereof to be charged to public buildings.

No. 590. Resolution for new curbing on Broad and High streets.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set on Broad street and High street, between Mathewson street and the junction of High and Westminster streets, wherever, in the opinion of the commissioners, such new curbing is needed.

No. 592. Resolution fixing the compensation of the Mayor's Clerk.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the compensation of the mayor's clerk shall be at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

No. 593. Resolution to discontinue proceedings for widening South Main street.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor is hereby instructed to discontinue all proceedings in reference to the widening of South Main street, under the resolution approved April 16, 1873.

No. 594. Resolution for widening South Main street.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen South Main street, from College street to Transit street, of a uniform width of sixty feet, as follows, viz.: beginning for the easterly line of said widening at the south-westerly corner of the building now standing at the south-easterly corner of College street and South Main street; thence running in a direct line to the center of Hopkins street, touching the outermost corner of the building now standing at the northeast corner of said Hopkins and South Main streets; thence in a direct line, touching the outermost corner of the Isaac Brown house, opposite Crawford street, to an angle in said South Main street; thence in a direct range with the present easterly line of said South Main street, between Planet street and Harding's alley, and in continuation of said line to Transit street. The westerly line of said South Main street to be parallel with and sixty feet from said easterly line; and to extend to Market square: and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 595. Resolutions for the reception of the
Gettysburg Gun.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That alderman Fisher, with Messrs Rogers, Douglas and Pettis of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for the reception of the Gettysburg gun.

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the expense of said reception, to be paid by the city treasurer to the order of the committee, from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 596. Resolution transferring \$7,000 to the
appropriation for support of the poor.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the support of the poor, to be transferred from the reserved fund.

No. 597. Resolution to pay James W. Hale and
S. W. Miller.

(Approved April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James W. Hale and S. W. Miller, the sum of nineteen hundred dollars, in full for damages sustained by them, in their estate at the south-east corner of Broad and Public streets, by the laying of water pipes and otherwise, and for land required for straightening the southerly line of Public street, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 20, 1874.

The Mayor announces that Mr. William Spencer who was elected a trustee at the Providence Reform School on the twenty sixth-day of January last, declines to serve.

Amos D. Lockwood is elected Trustee of the Providence Reform school, in place of William Spencer, declined.

No. 600. Resolutions relating to Decoration Day.

(Passed April 20, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rogers, F. Johnson and Phillips of the common council, with aldermen Fisher and Potter, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make arrangements for a suitable observation of Decoration Day.

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that day, to be paid by the city treasurer upon the order of said committee, from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 601. Report of Joint Committee on Railroads in relation to the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company.

(Presented April 20, 1874.)

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

The joint committee upon railroads to whom, on the twenty-third of February, 1874, was referred the petition of Samuel Nott, superintendent in behalf of trustees for the bondholders of Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, for an

abatement of the rent accruing to the city from said railroad company, for the six months ending January 10, 1874, respectfully report, that they have been attended by the petitioners, and after hearing evidence upon the subject matter of the petition and duly considering the same, they are of the opinion that the petitioners were deprived of the use of Dorrance street, during the six months ending January first, 1874, substantially as alleged, and that they are entitled to the relief for which they pray. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the committee,
C. A. NICHOLS, Chairman.

No. 602. Resolution remitting rent of Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the rent which has accrued to the city from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, for the six months ending January first, 1874, be and the same is hereby remitted.

No. 603. Resolution relative to steam cars in the streets.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee upon railroads be instructed to enquire and report to the city council upon the expediency of amending section eleven of the chapter of the ordinance relating to railroads, by which permission is granted to certain railroads to operate with steam, in certain streets within the city.

No. 604. Resolution for laying out Brook street, from Angell street to Hope street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and extend Brook street fifty feet wide, from Angell street to Hope street, by the following metes and bounds, viz:

Beginning for the westerly line, at the termination of the present westerly line of Brook street in the southerly line of Angell street; thence in a direct line to the westerly line of Hope street, passing through a point sixty-four and eighty-two one hundredths feet westerly from the north-west corner of a brick barn belonging to Anna T. Aldrich, at the south-east corner of Cushing and Brook streets: and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 605. Resolution for curbing Wayland street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Wayland street, from Angell street to Waterman street.

No. 606. Resolution for placing sand catchers in Fountain street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to cause as many sand catchers to be constructed in Fountain street, as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of abating the nuisance now existing in said street.

No. 607. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Aborn street, and West Exchange street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Aborn street from near Sabin street to Cove street, through West Exchange street.

No. 608. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Bowen street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Bowen street, from Prospect street to Congdon street.

No. 609. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Carpenter street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Carpenter street, from Ringgold street to Jackson street.

No. 610. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Claverick street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Claverick street, from Pine street to Broad street.

No. 611. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Eddy street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Eddy street, from Lockwood street to Langley street.

No. 612. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Washington street.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Washington street, from Jackson street to the summit in Washington street.

No. 613. Resolution to pay the Commissioners on annexing part of North Providence.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the commissioners elected under a joint resolution of the city council, approved May 23, A. D., 1872, for the purpose of performing certain specified duties in the matter of the annexation to the city of a portion of the town of North Providence, their bill for services, amounting to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; and charge the same to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 614. Resolution abating \$7.43 from assessment against Mary B. Knight for curbing.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

RESOLVED. That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Mary B. Knight, wife of Henry M. Knight, the sum of seven dollars and forty-three cents, being the amount of penalties assessed against her in the matter of the curbing of Camp street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

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

No. 615. Michael Dooley, No. 37 Robinson street.

616. Alexander Hill, Amy street.

617. James D. Rafferty, corner of Ives and Transit street.

No. 618. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

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

No. 619. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

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

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

No. 620. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 23, 1874.)

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

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

No. 621. Resolution relating to the Fountain in Abbott Park.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby authorized to supply the fountain in Abbott park, with Pawtuxet water; the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 622. Resolution relating to Prospect square.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to cause the work on Prospect square to be completed without delay.

No. 623. Resolution relating to Water Meters.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the provisions of section four of an ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners, approved February 27, 1874, are hereby declared inoperative, so far as to allow the board of water commissioners to purchase and use water meters, made under patents granted to J. Herbert Shedd.

No. 624. Resolution electing to lay out Lloyd street.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1873, to lay out Lloyd street, from Hope street to Arlington avenue, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on Monday, March 2, 1874, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;

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

No. 625. Report of Joint Committee on Education
relating to a new High School on Summer street.

(Presented April 27, 1874.)

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on education, to whom was referred the request of the school committee for the crection of a high school building, on Summer street, beg leave to report :

They recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions, fixing upon the lot on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, suggested by the school committee as the location for a new high school building, and authorizing the committee on city property to negotiate for the purchase of such portions of it as are not already the property of the city, also directing the committee on education, to procure detailed plans and estimates for the proposed high school building, and for a primary and intermediate school building, to be erected on the north-west corner of Summer and Pond streets.

There is urgent need for other and better accommodations, for the high school. The building now in use is inadequate in size and unsuitable in its arrangements for the present demands of the school. It will fairly accommodate but three hundred pupils. The number entered last term, according to a recent report of the superintendent, was three hundred and seventy-six. Of these one large class occupied the ward room of the second ward.

Before a new building can be completed, the city council will be called upon to make some temporary provision for the scholars from the tenth ward and such classes as shall enter from the grammar school during the coming year.

Your committee in considering the important question of the proper locality for a high school building, intended to accommodate pupils from all parts of the city, have been convinced, after a canvass of the comparative merits of other localities, that the lot recommended by the school committee, unites more advantages of surroundings and accessibilities, than any other which can be obtained. The city owns two-thirds of the area required.

The plan of the school committee contemplated the removal of the Summer street primary and intermediate school building to the lot on the same street now occupied by an engine house, but the construction of the building was such that this could not be done. Your committee recommend the taking down of the Summer street school building and the erection of a new primary and intermediate school house on the engine house lot, which is too large and valuable for its present uses. Following this plan it will be necessary to purchase about 9,700 feet of land to add to the high school lot, at an expense of about \$32,000. The cost of a new primary and intermediate school house suited, to the wants of this district, will be about \$25,000. If the high school should be erected on the north side of Pond street, (the engine house lot) it would be necessary to purchase about 19,000 feet of land at an expense of about \$55,000. The Summer street school house is over thirty years old. It will soon be necessary to expend a large sum, estimated at \$10,000 upon it, for new furnaces, floors and furniture, and for some means of ventilation. Under these circumstances the committee believe the course suggested in the resolutions submitted, the most economical one for the city to pursue.

For the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 626. Resolution fixing upon a location for a High School on Summer street.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city council, of the city of Providence, fix upon the following described land in said city, as a location for a school house; to wit, a certain tract of land bounded and described as follows: beginning at the south-west corner, formed by the intersection of Summer street and Pond streets; thence westerly in the southerly line of Pond street, about one hundred

ninety-seven and $\frac{3}{100}$ feet to Spring street ; thence southerly in the easterly line of Spring street, one hundred and fifty and $\frac{45}{100}$ feet to land of Jesse P. Eddy ; thence easterly bounding southerly on land of said Jesse P. Eddy, about one hundred and eighty-eight and $\frac{71}{100}$ feet to Summer street ; thence north-erly in the westerly line of Summer street, one hundred fifty-one $\frac{76}{100}$ feet to the point of beginning ; and the same is hereby fixed upon as such location for said purpose.

No. 627. Resolution to negotiate for the land for the High School on Summer street.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby authorized to negotiate with the owners of that portion of the land on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, this day fixed upon as a location for a school house, which is not owned by the city, and to obtain the terms upon which said owners will convey said land to the city, and said committee are authorized to purchase said land with the buildings and improvements thereon, provided the same can be bought for a sum not exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars and a title thereto satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained. In case of such purchase, said sum to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 628. Resolution to procure plans for a High School on Summer street.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to procure detailed plans and estimates for a high school building, to be erected on the

lot this day fixed upon as a location for a school house, on Summer, Pond and Spring streets.

No. 629. Resolution to procure plans for a Primary and Intermediate School House on Summer street.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on education are hereby directed to procure detailed plans and estimates for a primary and intermediate school house building, to be erected on the lot owned by the city on the north-west corner of Summer and Pond streets.

No. 631. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved April 27, 1874.)

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

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

IN CONVENTION.

APRIL 27, 1874.

Jabez C. Potter is elected special constable, under the bird laws.

No. 632. Report of Joint Committee on Education,
on School Accommodations in the ninth ward.

(Presented April 27, 1874.)

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint standing committee on education, to whom, on April 13, 1874, was referred the application of the school committee for further school accommodations in the ninth ward, beg leave to report, recommending the accompanying resolutions, providing for the temporary opening of a primary school in the hall on Greenwich street and Potter's avenue, and the opening of an additional grammar room in the Greenwich street building.

For the committee,
NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 633. Resolution for establishing a Primary School.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to open and establish, temporarily, a primary and intermediate school, in the building on the south west corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue.

No. 634. Resolutions to hire rooms for school purposes.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized to hire, for a period not exceeding three months, for temporary use for a primary school, the hall in the building on the south-west corner of Greenwich street and Potter's avenue,

provided the amount paid for the use of said hall shall not exceed sixty-seven dollars in all, the amount so paid to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings is hereby authorized and directed to have an additional room, in the Greenwich school, fitted for grammar school purposes: the cost of the same, which shall not exceed three hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 635. Resolution relating to mounted Police and harbor police.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on police are hereby requested to consider and report upon the expediency of a mounted police force, and a harbor police for the city.

No. 636. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Chapin avenue.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Chapin avenue, from Parade street to Messer street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 637. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Sycamore street.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Sycamore street, from Hudson

street to Chapin avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 638. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Gano street.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

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

No. 639. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Clemence street.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Clemence street, from Broad street to Westminster street.

No. 640. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Charles Field street.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Charles Field and Benefit streets, from Brown street to Power street.

No. 641. Resolution to lay a Sewer in North Court street.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in North Court street, from Benefit street to North Main street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved May 1, 1874)

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

No. 642, Patrick Heslin, No. 447 Eddy street.
643, Oren A. Read, No. 14 Camp street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 1, 1874)

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

No. 644, Sylvia Ofee,
645, Peter McCabe,
646, John Tannahan,

No. 647. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 1, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the heirs of William A. Howard, to move two certain wooden buildings pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

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

No. 648. Resolution to purchase a piece of land at the junction of North Main and Randall streets.

(Approved May 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the devisees of William E. Smith the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars, whenever the said devisees shall deed to the city of Providence, for highway purposes, a gore of land situated at the junction of North Main and Randall streets, provided a title satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained: to be paid from the reserve fund.

No. 650. Resolution for improving Roger Williams Park.

(Approved May 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to continue the opening of new roads through Roger Williams park and the improvement of the surface of said park; provided, however, that the whole expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

No. 651. Resolution to purchase land of Daniel H. Bennett, on Scott street.

(Approved May 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby instructed to purchase of Daniel H. Bennett, a certain lot of land at the corner of Bacon and Scott streets, adjoining land owned by the city, provided the same can be had for a sum of not over three thousand dollars, and a title satisfactory to the city solicitor obtained.

No. 652. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

(Approved May 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in April, 1874, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

William R. Johnson,	-	-	-	-	\$82 50
George R. Shaw,	-	-	-	-	82 50

No. 653. Report of Special Committee upon Broad street, upon claims of Philo S. Perkins and David S. Harris.

(Presented May 4, 1874.)

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

The special committee appointed to settle with parties aggrieved by having more land taken in widening Broad street, below Public street, than they were paid for by the commissioners, and to whom the petitions of Philo S. Perkins and David S. Harris

and wife for compensation, were referred, beg leave to report that they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, on the personal request of the former, and for the reason that with the latter petitioners, no equitable settlement could be made.

For the committee,

WM. W. PAINE, Chairman.

No. 654. Resolution adding \$150,000 to the appropriation for opening streets.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for opening streets, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 655. Resolution for ringing the First Baptist Bell.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be hereby authorized to cause the First Baptist bell to be rung every week day at sunrise, at noon, and at nine o'clock in the evening, provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum; to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 656. Resolution to lay a sewer in Angell and Wayland streets.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the

water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Angell street and Wayland avenue, from Gano street to Pitman street.

No. 657. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arnold and Hope streets.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Arnold and Hope streets, from East street to Transit street.

No. 658. Resolution to lay a sewer in Foster street.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Foster street, from Pine street to Broad street.

No. 659. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pallas street.

(Approved May, 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the

water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Pallas street, from Broadway to Vernon street.

No. 660. Resolution to lay a sewer in Parsonage street.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Parsonage street, from Elm street to Point street.

No. 661. Resolution to lay a sewer in Williams street.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, that the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Williams street, from East street to the sewer already constructed in Williams street near Hope street.

No. 662. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to James Campbell to raise a certain building located to No. 137 Pine street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

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

- No. 663. William Dolan.
- 664. James Mallon.
- 665. Robert Muir.
- 666. Erastus N. Steere.

No. 667. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 7, 1874.)

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

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

No. 668. Resolution electing Commissioners to build a Bridge across Providence river.

(Passed in Common Council, May 4, 1874.)

(Passed in Board of Aldermen May 7, 1874)

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Amos C. Barstow, Sturges P. Carpenter and Abner H. Angell are hereby elected commissioners

to build a bridge across Providence river, under the provisions of the ordinance of the city council, approved April 24, 1874.

No. 669. Joint Standing Committees.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, May 7, 1874.

Alderman Raynsford having been appointed a member of the joint standing committee on printing, in place of Alderman Daboll, resigned: and also having been elected by ballot a member of the joint committee on accounts, in place of Alderman Potter resigned, it is

ORDERED, that said appointment and election be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

No. 670. Message from the Mayor relating to the Recorder of Deeds.

(Presented May 7, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
City of Providence, May 7, 1874.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The recent illness of the recorder of deeds, and his absence from the office, has shown that there should be some person qualified to act as his deputy, and the great increase of business in his department requires the appointment of an additional assistant.

Under these circumstances, I suggest that instead of making an appropriation for an ordinary assistant, the sum be large enough to provide for a deputy recorder.

The fees received in the office are sufficient to more than cover the necessary outlay, and I therefore recommend that the city council provide for a deputy recorder of deeds, by causing application to be made to the general assembly for the required authority.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 671. Resolution referring the above Message.

(Approved May 18, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor, the mayor, dated May 7, 1874, in relation to a deputy recorder of deeds, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 672. Report of the Commissioners to build a School House on Point and Plane streets.

(Presented May 7, 1874.)

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

The commissioners appointed to build the school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, beg leave to make this their fifth quarterly report.

During the quarter just ended, the work on the building has progressed as fast as could be expected for the season of the year.

Since our last report, contracts have been made, with Thomas Phillips & Co., for plumbing, with James McNally, for plastering, with Moulton & Ingraham for doors, with L. Vaughan & Co., for windows and inside blinds. The above parties being the lowest bidders and satisfactory in other respects. All the above work is progressing as fast as possible.

Whole amount appropriated for school building, \$90,000 00
Whole amount appropriated for heating apparatus, 11,000 00

\$101,000 00

Whole amount expended to date for	
building, - - -	\$69,883 77
Whole amount expended for heating,	2,500 00---72,383 77
Balance, - - -	\$28,616 23

Amount on hand at commencement of quarter, for building, -	\$31,500 74	
Amount on hand at commencement of quarter for heating -	11,000 00	\$42,500 74
Expended during the quarter for building, -	\$11,384 51	
Expended during the quarter for heating, -	2,500 00—	\$13,884 51
Balance,	-	\$28,616 23

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,
 JOSEPH F. GILMORE, } Commissioners.
 SPENCER P. READ, }

No. 673. Resolution relating to claim of John W. Vernon and wife.

(Approved May 18, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That alderman Earle, with Messrs Paine, Cory, and Nichols, of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with John W. Vernon and wife, in relation to the terms on which they will settle for damages sustained by them, by the widening of Hope street.

No. 674. Resolution to lay a Sewer in College street.

(Approved May 18, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners and in accordance with the provisions of

chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in College street, from Benefit street to the river.

No. 675. Resolution relating to plans for a City Hall.

(Passed May 8, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation made by resolution, number, 532, passed March 26, 1874, for procuring plans with approximate estimates of the cost of a city hall, to be built upon the lot belonging to the city, known as the city hall lot, bounded by Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, upon the same conditions as provided for in said resolution as amended by resolution number 571, passed April 16, 1874.

No. 676. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 18, 1874.

Mr. Amasa M. Eaton, having been elected, by ballot, a member of the joint standing committee on accounts, in place of Mr. Sellew, resigned:—Mr. Charles E. Gorman having been appointed a member of the joint standing committee on ordinances, in place of Mr. Mowry, resigned:—Mr. James J. Nolan having been appointed a member of the joint standing committee on the north burying ground, in place of Mr. Pettis resigned; and Mr. Hugh Hamill having been appointed a member of the joint standing committee on printing, in place of Mr. Phillips, resigned; it is ORDERED that said election and appointments be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 683. Resolution for grading the School House,
lot on Jackson Avenue.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property, be authorized to cause the Jackson avenue school house lot to be brought to a grade, at a cost not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 684. Resolution relating to School Teachers
in the Tenth Ward.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the teachers at present employed in the tenth ward be continued through the present term, with the same salaries which they are at present receiving.

No. 685. Resolution electing to lay out Langley
street.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1873, to lay out Langley street, from Hospital street to Plane street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on Tuesday, May 12, 1874; now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

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

No. 686. Resolution to pay M. E. Taft, \$50.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to M. E. Taft, wife of Edward A. Taft, the sum of fifty dollars, in full compensation for all loss and damage sustained by him by reason of excavations at and near the corner of Square and Burnside streets, whenever she shall present a receipt therefor: satisfactory to the city solicitor, to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 687. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Atwell's avenue.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Atwell's avenue, from Dean street to Bourn street.

No. 688. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Broadway and Aborn streets.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Broadway and Aborn street, from Bourn street to Washington street.

No. 689. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Brown and Charles Field streets.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners, acting under the provisions of an ordinance conferring certain powers upon the water commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 313 of the public laws, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Brown and Charles Field streets, from George street to Brook street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

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

- No. 690. William Hall, No. 9, Fremont street.
 - 691. Stephen McDermott. No. 453 Eddy street.
 - 692. John O'Reilly, No. 10 Merriam street.
 - 693. John Walker, No. 102 Cary street.
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No. 694. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

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

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

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

No. 695. John McNulty.

696. Henry G. Russell,

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

No. 697. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

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

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

No. 698. Resolution adding to the Joint Special Committee on revision of the wards.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Mr. Eaton, a member of the common council from the tenth ward, be added to the joint special committee to whom was referred the subject of re-arranging the ward lines.

No. 699. Resolution abating tax of Mary English.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Mary English, the sum of fifty four dollars, being the amount of a tax on four thousand dollars erroneously assessed against her for the year 1873.

No. 700. Resolution abating tax of Ellen M. Whitaker, executrix.

(Approved May 21, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund to Ellen M. Whitaker, executrix of the will of James G. Whitaker, deceased, the sum of two hundred twenty-five dollars and ninety-seven cents, being the amount of a tax on sixteen thousand, seven hundred, thirty-eight dollars and fifty-two cents, erroneously assessed against her as executrix aforesaid, for the year 1873.

No. 705. Resolution to suspend work on the Sewer in Charles Field street.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be directed to suspend all work upon a sewer in Charles Field street, from Brown street to Benefit street, until further orders from the city council.

No. 706. Resolution relating to schools in vacation.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee is hereby authorized to establish seven vacation schools, for the support of which, fourteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 707. Resolution relating to plans for a Bridge and Market.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee appointed to procure plans for a bridge across Providence river, and for a public market, are hereby instructed to report to the city council if any alterations or improvements in the plan heretofore reported by them, are desirable, and also at the same time, to report their plans and estimates for the market building.

No. 708. Resolutions for widening Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to widen and straighten Broad street, from Public street to Greenwich street, of a uniform width of eighty feet by the following courses and distances, viz :

Beginning for the easterly line of said street in the northerly line of Public street at the termination of the easterly line of said Broad street, as recently widened south of Public street, thence northerly in a direct range with said easterly line about two thousand one hundred and fifty-six feet to an angle near

Friendship street; thence in the present easterly line of said Broad street, to an angle in said street near Greenwich street: and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 709. Message from the Mayor, relating to a Law Department, with resignation of Charles H. Parkhurst, City Solicitor.

[Presented May 28, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
City of Providence, May 28, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the resignation of Charles H. Parkhurst, Esq., of the office of city solicitor, which resignation takes effect on the thirtieth inst.

The date fixed by Mr. Parkhurst will complete six years of service in the position, the duties of which he has most acceptably discharged, and in his retirement the city will lose the services of a valuable and efficient officer.

I have for some time been aware of Mr. Parkhurst's intention to relinquish his official position, but had hoped that he would postpone it until the expiration of the present municipal term.

The duty required of the city solicitor has become so great as to leave but little opportunity for the officer to attend to anything but city business, while the salary allowed therefor can hardly be considered as a sufficient inducement for him to abandon all other business.

It has been apparent for some time, that there should be a change in the organization of the law department of the city, and the resignation of the present solicitor, will require the city council to give that attention to the subject which its importance demands.

As at present constituted, there is but one officer, and he is elected by the people. If the salary was made large enough to secure to the city the best legal talent, and such as should fill the office, it would fail to accomplish that object, because of the reluctance of such talent to enter into a contest for the place. Hence the office must be given to some young attorney who takes it to gain position and experience, which having won, he retires to give place to some other aspirant, and the city pays dearly for the education.

The number and importance of many of the cases in which the city is a party, demands the highest legal talent, while there is a vast amount of other business which an ordinary attorney can properly attend to.

I therefore recommend that application be made to the general assembly at its present session, for authority to organize a law department, the officers of which shall be a city solicitor and a city attorney, and both of whom shall be elected by concurrent vote of the city council.

The solicitor would be the consulting officer in all matters of importance, and would supervise the work done by the attorney; while the examination of titles, of garnishee writs, of ordinary business pending before committees of the city council

and the vast number of petty matters continually pressing for attention, could be left with the latter officer.

I commend this subject to your earnest attention, and suggest that the office remain vacant until you can properly consider what is best to be done in the premises.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE. }
City of Providence, May 23, 1874. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, MAYOR :

I hereby resign the office of city solicitor of the city of Providence, and request that my resignation may take effect at the end of the present month.

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. H. PARKHURST.

No. 710. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Meeting street.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Meeting street, from Thayer street to Hope street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 711. Resolution abating \$62 from assessment against Mary A. Lewis for laying out Superior street.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to Mary A. Lewis the sum of sixty-two dollars, being the amount of the assessment against her husband, the late Evans Lewis, deceased, and herself, in the matter of the lay out of Superior street, from Cranston street to Dexter street.

No. 712. Resolution adding \$1,300 to the award to John W. Vernon and wife for the widening of Hope street.

[Approved June 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby authorized and directed to consent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on the widening and straightening of Hope street, by adding to the award of Amy Vernon, wife of John W., the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, and also to consent to the confirmation of said report as thus amended, upon the withdrawal by said Amy Vernon of her demand for a jury trial in said matter.

No. 718. Report of Joint Special Committee relating to amounts paid for legal expenses and to the City Solicitor.

[Presented June 1, 1874.]

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

GENTLEMEN—The special committee appointed under resolution No. 505, current series, beg leave to report,—

That immediately after their organization, letters were addressed to the city auditor, city treasurer, and city solicitor, asking for all the information in their respective departments called for by the resolution, viz:

First, A statement and the date thereof of all sums of money paid out of the city treasury for legal expenses from June 1, 1869, to April 1, 1874.

Second, A statement of all sums of money paid to the city solicitor out of the city treasury, whether for services, expenses, or otherwise, between the said dates.

Third, A statement of all sums of money received by the city solicitor as fees, costs or otherwise, in cases where the city was

a party, and where such fees and costs were paid by parties other than the city.

In reply to these inquiries the accompanying schedules have been received and are respectfully submitted. They are very full and complete, and have required a great deal of time and labor in their preparation.

These several schedules may be summed up as follows :

Legal expenses of the city,	-	-	\$3,255 08
“ “ “ water commissioners,			4,717 50
“ services of sundry lawyers,		-	3,493 00
Services of city solicitor and Wm. Binney on ordi-			
nances,	-	-	1,850 00
Salary of the city solicitor,	-	-	10,250 00
Total legal expenses of the city,		-	\$23,565 58

The amount paid to the city solicitor, out of the above, is as follows :

Services on ordinances,	-	-	\$1,750 00
“ to water commissioners,	-	-	3,100 00
Legal expenses,	-	-	3,108 23
Salary,	-	-	10,250 00
			\$18,208 23

The city solicitor has received, as fees and costs, from parties, other than the city, in cases where the city was a party, as follows :

In suits on license bonds,	-		\$671 35
“ “ for non-payment of taxes,	-	-	490 90
“ “ of various descriptions,	-		228 35

Total fees and costs received from parties other than the city. - - - \$1,390 60

The city solicitor has received and paid into the city treasury as follows :

On account city taxes,	-	-	\$5,734 34
“ “ miscellaneous items,	-	-	5,619 54
			\$11,353 88

The city solicitor has received no compensation from either the cove land or Brook street commissioners.

RECAPITULATION.

Legal expenses,	-	-	\$23,565 58
Paid to City Solicitor, for salary, services and ex-			
penses,	-	-	18,208 23
Receipts of city solicitor, as fees and costs,	-	-	1,390 60
Paid into city treasury by city solicitor,	-	-	11,353 88

Respectfully submitted,

For the committee,

WM. W. PAINE, Chairman.

No. 719. Report of the Commissioners of the Brook street District.

(Presented June 1, 1874.)

OFFICE OF THE BROOK STREET DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS,
No. 27 North Main street.

Providence, June 1, 1874.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with a resolution, passed at your last meeting, the Brook street district commissioners, respectfully submit the following report,

Area of land condemned in the Brook street district, 1,401,401 square feet.

Area of land owned by the city in the Brook street district previous to act of condemnation, - 201,042 sq. ft.

Area of land conveyed to the city under the act of condemnation, - 316,077 sq. ft.

Area of land owned by the city at present, 517,119 sq. ft.

Amount paid for land and buildings bought, \$393,648.32

Area of land remaining unbought, - 884,282 sq. ft.

Appraised value of land and buildings unbought, \$1,014,848.50

In addition to the amount conveyed to the city, property to the amount of \$45,484.65, has been bought, and will be conveyed as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared for signing.

The lowest price paid for land is forty cents per foot; the highest price one dollar per foot. You will notice the average price of land bought, including buildings, is over one dollar per foot. The more costly the building the higher the land will average. For instance, the lot upon which is situated the Home for Aged Women, will average over four dollars per foot, including building. The rents of the property so far as conveyed, is at the rate of nineteen thousand one hundred dollars per annum, or four and eighty five one-hundredths per cent. on cost. A large portion of the lots bought are unimproved, and some lots which were purchased had old houses upon them which have been sold and taken down. The property fronting on the east side of East street, aggregating twenty-seven thousand six hundred dollars, which was formerly rented by us, has been passed over to the trustees of the reform school, in accordance with orders from the city council.

A large portion of the owners of the unbought property have expressed a wish to hold their property, and many of them are willing to pay their proportion of the expense of grading. As we have no power to make any arrangements with them, we respectfully call your attention to the matter. We would also like to call your particular attention to the matter of purchasing the large tract of land in the Brook street district, which lies east of Ives street, and which extends to the Seekonk river. Most of the owners in this section would rather hold their property than to sell at our prices. This land requires but little grading, and if an arrangement could be made whereby these parties could hold their property, the necessity of advancing a large amount of money in the purchase of this section, would be saved the city. As yet we have bought but few estates in this section. We are pressed every day on this question. Can any arrangement be made, the whole being condemned. Please give us instructions in regard to this matter; also, as to

whether we shall take the Providence Gas Co.'s estate, the Third Baptist Society's estate, and that portion of the Home for Aged Women which is situated at the corner of East and Front streets. These three estates are appraised at upwards of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and are included in that portion of the Brook street district which remains unbought.

In regard to grading, there have been no plans adopted to our knowledge, except for Brook street, which has been cut through under the supervision of the highway commissioners. The cost of the balance of the grading depends greatly upon the action of the wharf owners, on India street. A suggestion has been made to the said owners, to extend their property to the outer channel, by receiving the surplus earth from the grading in the Brook street district. In this way the owners of the said wharf property could make a large amount of valuable land and the expense to the city of removing the surplus earth would be very trifling. Should this plan not be adopted, the commissioners recommend that the city purchase a few water lots north of Bower street, on the Seekonk river, which they think, when filled, would add to the value sufficient to pay the expense of grading, or otherwise to cart the surplus earth over India Bridge to fill land belonging to the city in East Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,	} Commissioners.
H. N. ANGELL,	
E. TALLMAN,	

N^o. 720. Resolution referring the above report to a joint Special Committee.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners on the Brook street district, presented to the common council June 1st,

1874, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Cory, Greene, Butterworth and A. J. Barnaby, of the common council, with Aldermen Potter and Clarke to examine and report thereon.

No. 721. Resolution adding Mr. Gorman to the Special Committee on certain Cemeteries.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles E. Gorman be added to the joint special committee appointed pursuant to resolution No. 393, approved January 15, 1874; to whom was referred the petition of George B. Darling and others, for the removal of Grace Church and Locust Grove cemeteries.

No. 722. Resolution relating to a Law Department.

[Approved June 4, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances be directed to apply to the general assembly for the passage of an act authorizing the city council to establish and organize a law department of the city government.

No. 723. Resolution to purchase Telegraph Instruments.

[Approved June 4, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the chief of police, acting under the advice and direction of the standing committee on police, is hereby directed to purchase two telegraphic instruments, to be used upon the line connecting the mayor's office with the office of

the chief of police, at an expense not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for police.

No. 724. Resolution for a reference of the suits of
William B. Haskins.

[Approved June 4, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to agree to a reference of the suits of William B. Haskins, against the city, now pending in the supreme court, in the matter of the proposed extension of Spring street, under a rule of court.

No. 725. Resolution to lay a sewer in Charles
Field street.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Charles Field street, from a point some two hundred and fifty feet east of Benefit street to Benefit street.

No. 726. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Mathewson
street.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

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

No. 727. Resolution to lay a sewer in Broad street.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

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

No. 728. Resolution to lay a sewer in Martin street and Randall Square.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Martin street, from a point seventy-five feet west of Charles street, through Randall square to the Moshassuck river.

No. 729. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

(Approved June 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to St. Mary's Church to raise a certain building located on Barton street, pursuant to their petition.

No 730. Resolution to extend the Fire Alarm Telegraph.

(Passed June 4, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of extending

the fire alarm telegraph into the tenth ward and other parts of the city; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

IN CONVENTION.

JUNE 1, 1874.

The following officers are elected :

Assessor of Taxes, for the term of three years,

James C. Hidden.

Constable,

Charles Henry Brown.

Police Constables without power to serve civil process,

Sidney A. Sears,

Warren N. Devol,

Russell Mowry.

No. 701. Resolution for building a Primary and Intermediate School House on Pond and Summer streets.

(Passed, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.)

(In Common Council, June 15, 1874.)

(In Board of Aldermen, June 18, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to cause a school-house to be erected on the lot owned by the city at the northwest corner of Summer and Pond streets, said school-house to be built of brick, in accordance with the plans submitted to the city council May 18, 1874. Provided, that the cost of said school-house shall not exceed twenty-four thousand dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as may be required for the erection of said school-house, is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

No. 732. Report of the Joint Committee on Claims,
in relation to claim to George H. Corliss.

[Presented June 1, 1874.]

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

A majority of the joint standing committee on claims, to whom, on the twenty-eighth day of April, A. D. 1874, was referred a resolution "raising a committee to enquire and report what is due to and from George H. Corliss, &c.;" also, a resolution "relating to the pumping engine at Hope station," and also a "petition of George H. Corliss, for relief," respectfully report that they have given to the several matters so referred, a full and careful consideration, and are of the opinion that said Corliss is entitled to receive for said engine, the sum of \$55,000, in pursuance of the valuation and award made by a majority of the committee appointed to make the comparative test provided for in and by the contract between said Corliss and the water commissioners, bearing date February 8, 1872; and that said Corliss is also entitled to receive the following sums, to wit: the sum of eleven dollars and seventy and two-thirds cents per day, from October 4, 1873, for labor and supplies in running said engine; it appearing that since said last mentioned date, said engine has been supplying water to the high service district, the city thus receiving the benefit thereof; and the further sum of \$125 for lumber, nails and labor thereon, used in the process of erecting said engine in said station.

And they further report, that the charges of said committee for services and for expenses incurred by them in making the comparative test aforesaid, amount to the sum of six thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents; one half of which, by the terms of said contract, is to be paid by said Corliss.

Wherefore, they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions as substitutes for the resolutions referred as above.

E. C. MOWRY, Chairman.

For self, Wm. W. Paine, H. L. Parsons and A. H. Angell.

I agree to the foregoing report, excepting as to the amount to be paid for the engine at Hope station. In my judgment, the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars is all that Mr. Corliss is entitled to receive according to his contract with the water commissioners.

H. C. BRADFORD.

No. 733. Resolutions to pay George H. Corliss for Pumping Engine at Hope station.

(Passed, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.)

(In Common Council, June 15, 1874.)

(In Board of Aldermen, June 18, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to accept forthwith the pumping engine at Hope station, and to pay George H. Corliss therefor the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, but in making said payment, they are to deduct from said sum the sum of three thousand four hundred eighty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents, being one half of the following items which said Corliss was to pay by the terms of his contract for the building of said engine, to wit:

W. S. Briggs, horse hire for committee,	-	\$45 00
L. H. Humphreys & Co., City Hotel bill,	-	581 55
Proprietors of locks and canals on Merrimack river, for men to calculate flow of water, &c.,	-	\$303 57
Hopkins & Sears' Hotel, board of men,	-	407 50
W. D. C. Smith, clerk of committee,	-	250 00
C. H. Delamater & Co., assistants to committee,	-	237 85
T. W. Hart, horse hire for committee,	-	142 51
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		\$1,967 98
Frederick Graaff,	} Committee,	-
Erastus W. Smith,		-
George H. Reynolds,		-
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		\$6,967 98

RESOLVED, That said water commissioners are hereby further directed to pay to said George H. Corliss the sum of eleven dollars and seventy and two thirds cents per day from October 4, 1873, for labor and supplies in running said engine; also the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for nails, lumber and labor thereon, used in the process of erecting said engine at said Hope station.

RESOLVED, That in settling with said George H. Corliss as aforesaid, said commissioners are hereby instructed to obtain from him a release in full for all claims of whatever name or nature, arising from or relating to said engine or the construction thereof.

No. 737. Resolution to pay the Superintendent and Teachers of the Public Schools.

[Passed, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.]

[In Common Council, June 15, 1874.]

[In Board of Aldermen, June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the superintendent and teachers in the public schools, in accordance with such schedules as shall be certified as correct by the superintendent of public schools and approved by the city auditor, the portion (two-twelfths) of their annual salaries, due in August and September, 1873, and now remaining unpaid. It being understood that said teachers, in asking such sums as may be payable under this resolution, do not waive any claim which they may have and establish for interest upon the same to the date of payment.

No. 739. Resolution transferring \$5,500 to the appropriation for the City Engineer's department.

[Approved June 15, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars be transferred from the reserved fund, to the appropriation for the city engineer's department.

No. 740. Resolution for paving Exchange street.

[Approved June 15, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause Exchange street to be paved with granite blocks, and that the work be done forthwith.

No. 741. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

[Approved June 15, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in May, 1874, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

Henry B. Adams,	-	-	-	\$85	25
William H. Grant,	-	-	-	55	00
William R. Johnson,	-	-	-	85	25
George R. Shaw,	-	-	-	85	25
John C. Williams,	-	-	-	85	25
				\$396	00

No. 742. Resolution adding \$200,000 to the appropriation for Providence Water Works.

[Approved June 15, 1874.]

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

No. 743. Resolution to extend the sewer in Eddy street.

(Approved June 15, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to continue southerly to Hospital street, the sewer ordered by the city council to be constructed in Eddy street, from Lockwood street to Langley street.

No. 744. Resolution relating to the overflow from watering places.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby instructed to provide for the overflow from the public watering troughs, by connecting the same with the sewers, or in such other manner as they may deem expedient, and that the work on the trough at the Hoyle hotel be done forthwith.

No. 749. Report of the Joint Committee on Highways in relation to extending Pearl Street.

[Presented June 15, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE :

The joint committee on highways, as directed by resolution No. 522, approved March 26, 1874, to confer with the owners of the land required for the extension of Pearl street, respectfully report, that no terms can be obtained from the owners of the land required for said extension, as the owners of such land will fix no price.

For the committee,

HORATIO ROGERS, Chairman.

No. 750. Communication from Brown University in relation to portrait of Hon. Samuel W. Bridgman.

[Presented June 15, 1874.]

BROWN UNIVERSITY, June 5, 1874.

At a meeting of the advisory and executive committee of Brown University held this day, it was

Voted, That this committee in behalf of the corporation, accept in trust the portrait of the late Hon Samuel W. Bridgman, committed to them by the city council of Providence.

Voted, That the secretary be requested to communicate the above vote to the city council.

Attest: JOHN KINGSBURY,
Secretary of the Advisory and Executive Committee, and
Secretary of the Corporation.

No. 751. Resolution appropriating \$75,000 for
Interest.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for interest, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 752. Resolution appropriating \$60,000 for
Interest on Water Loan.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for interest on the water loan, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 753. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the
Brook street district.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for Brook street district, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 754. Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for School
Houses and Lots.

[Passed June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for school houses and lots, and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 755. Resolution appropriating \$75,000 for
Highways.

[Passed June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for highways, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby directed to hire the same.

No. 756. Resolution transferring \$5,000 to the appro-
priation for Printing.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for printing, to be transferred from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 757. Report of the Joint Special Committee in relation to the Brook street district.

(Presented June 15, 1874.)

The joint special committee appointed under resolution of the council No. 720, and approved June 4, 1874, to whom was referred the report of the commissioners on the Brook street district, presented to the common council June 1, 1874, respectfully present this their first or partial report.

In the opinion of your committee, it was not intended when the city made application to the honorable general assembly for the act of condemnation of the property contained in the Brook street district, that the city should be absolutely compelled to possess itself by purchase of all of such condemned property, but simply to obtain such control over the same, as would enable it to carry into effect certain plans and improvements deemed essential to the best interests of the district itself and of the city at large. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

There are other matters contained in the report of the commissioners which demand and will receive the attention of the committee, and will be reported upon at the earliest possible day.

For the committee,

HENRY A. CORY, Chairman.

No. 758. Resolution relating to Brook street district.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the Brook street district are hereby authorized to arrange with any of the owners of property in said district who may desire either to retain or regain possession of the same, to re convey said property to said

parties after the work of grading said district shall have been completed, upon the payment by said parties to the city of such portion of the expense of grading, draining and relaying said district as may be assessed upon the estates owned by them.

RESOLVED, That such agreements shall be satisfactory to the city solicitor, and shall be executed by the mayor on behalf of the city.

No. 759. Resolutions to lay out Vinton street, from
Vernon street to Broadway.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Vinton street of a uniform width of forty feet, from Vernon street, northerly to Broadway, as follows, viz: making for the westerly line of said lay out, the westerly line of a driftway laid out upon a plat of land belonging to Elisha Dyer, recorded in plat book No. 4, page 53. And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 760. Resolutions to lay out Vinton street, from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Vinton street of a uniform width of forty feet, from Gesler street to Atwell's avenue, by continuing the present lines of Vinton street, as now laid out and platted between Gesler street and Broadway to Atwell's avenue. And, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

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

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

No. 761. Resolution for curbing Division street.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Division street, from Bridgham street to Dexter street.

No. 762. Resolution for curbing Harrison street.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on both sides of Harrison street, from Sprague street to Warren street, and on the west side of said Harrison street, from Warren street to Cranston street.

No. 763. Resolution for laying a sewer in Crary street.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

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

No. 764. Resolution abating costs and interest on the tax against Charles A. Pratt.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit to Charles A. Pratt, upon payment prior to Monday, June 20, 1874, of the tax assessed upon his estate for the year 1873, all costs and interest made or accrued thereon, said costs and interests having resulted from an error in taxing said estate to one Chester A. Pratt.

No. 765. Resolution abating \$74.25 and interest from tax against the Estate of John Reynolds.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit, or if already paid to refund, to the executors of the estate of John Reynolds, the sum of seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of a tax upon stock in the American National Bank in this city, erroneously assessed against them for the year 1873, together with such interest as said executors may have paid thereon.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

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

- No. 766. Thomas Cosgrove, No. 5 Dexter Court.
- “ 767. James Fitzgerald, No. 75 Lippitt street.
- “ 768. Charles G. King, No. 43 Waterman street.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

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

- No. 769. Thomas Cosgrove.
- “ 770. Mowry & Goff.
- “ 771. William R. Smith.

No. 772. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved June 18, 1874.]

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

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

No. 704. Resolution for selling certain real estate.

[Passed in Common Council, June 22, in Board of Aldermen, June 25, 1874, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction the following sixteen estates belonging to the city of Providence, viz:

No. 1. Lot on northeast corner of Charles and Smith street, containing 18,893 square feet.

No. 2. Lot on west side of Charles street, containing 10,114 square feet.

No. 3. Lot junction Charles and Back streets, containing 2,350 square feet.

No. 4. Lot known as the Sessions lot, North Main and Camp streets, containing 369,607 square feet.

No. 5. Lot junction Mill street and Blackstone canal, containing 2,340 feet.

No. 6. Lot on south side Doyle avenue, containing 8,786 square feet.

No. 7. Lot corner Stevens and Charles streets, containing 2,380 square feet.

- No. 8. Lot on south side Benevolent street, containing 4,002 square feet.
- No. 9. Lot on Broad street, known as the Rone estate, containing 2,322 square feet.
- No. 10. Lot on Fountain street, (school estate) containing 23,260 square feet.
- No. 11. Lot junction Hospital and Eddy streets, containing 1,120 square feet.
- No. 12. Lot on Foster street, (fountain lot) containing 1,260 square feet.
- No. 13. Lot on Central street, (fountain lot,) containing 3,543 square feet.
- No. 14. Lot on South side Pond street, (purchased of E. S. Williams and others,) containing 5,589 square feet.
- No. 15. Lot on Burgess street, west side, containing 9,165 square feet.
- No. 16. Lot on Harris avenue, south side, purchased of Prov. D. B. & C. Co.,) containing 14,454 square feet.

And the said committee are further directed, from time to time, to advertise said property in such manner and for such time, not less than twenty days, as they shall deem proper, prior to such sale.

Provided, That all sums of money, the proceeds of such sale or sales, shall be paid into the city treasury, to be used in such manner as the city council may hereafter determine, for the reduction of the city debt: and the city treasurer is hereby authorized, at the request of said committee, and upon the receipt of said proceeds, to convey in behalf of the city, said estates to the person or persons who may purchase the same.

No. 774. Resolution relating to Work House Lands.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are hereby requested not to sell the work house lands until the subject of re-laying Back street shall have been considered and reported upon to the city council by the committee on highways.

No. 775. Resolution to employ assistance in the office of the City Treasurer.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, be authorized to employ such assistance in his office as may be necessary, and the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the balance of the municipal year, ending the first Monday in January, A. D. 1875, in addition to the sum appropriated in an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the municipal term ending the first Monday in January, A. D. 1875, passed May 5, 1873, out of the appropriation for salaries, to defray the cost of the same.

No. 776. Resolution for furnishing and heating the School House on Jackson Avenue.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the joint committee on city property, is hereby authorized to cause the furniture and heating apparatus to be put into the Jackson avenue school house, at a cost not exceeding two thousand eight hundred dollars: to be paid out of the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 777. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive and declare Harris avenue.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Harris avenue, from Broadway to Atwell's avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 778. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to widen Randall street.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to widen Randall street, at its junction with North Main street, by taking from the estate of the devisees of William E. Smith, all the land lying northerly of the southerly line of Doyle avenue, produced to said Randall street.

No. 779. Resolution electing to lay out Traverse street.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1873, to lay out and widen Traverse street, from Pike street to Sheldon street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the fifth day of May, 1874, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court,—

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

No. 780. Resolution to pay S. B. Cushing & Co.
\$175.75.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to S. B. Cushing & Company, the sum of one hundred and sev-

enty-five dollars and seventy-five cents, in full for expenses incurred and work done on Point street bridge, whenever they shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the law officer of the city : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 781. Resolution to pay Joseph Wilde \$6 50.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Joseph Wilde the sum of six dollars and fifty cents, in full for damage to his wagon, resulting from the unsafe condition of Eddy street : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the law officer of the city.

No. 782. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Michael Hart to raise a certain building located at Eagle Park, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons, to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to

their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz :

- No. 783. Catherine Kelley.
 - No. 784. James Vallily.
 - No. 785. John W. Vernon.
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No. 786. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

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

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

No. 787. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved June 25, 1874.]

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

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

No. 788. Communication from the Commissioners to
build a Bridge across Providence River.

(Presented June 22, 1874.)

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

The commissioners to build a bridge across Providence river, having given careful attention to the ordinance under which they were appointed, as well as to the duties with which they are charged therein, beg leave to make report as follows :

The bridge ordered is to span the river from the south line of Weybosset bridge to the south line of Crawford street, and conform generally to the plans submitted to the city council, April 13, 1874, by a joint special committee to procure plans for a bridge and market.

The plans for bridge and foundation for a market, referred to in the ordinance, have been placed in our hands, but we have not yet seen the plans for the market, and are assured that the council have not yet adopted any. We have no disposition to delay this work a moment, but the council will see that we cannot wisely lay permanent foundations for a large building, until an ultimate decision is reached as to the size, form and weight of the building ; and this decision must of necessity connect itself with and control the character of the whole structure.

Under the resolution recently passed by both branches of the council, we had made some progress in the preparation of plans for a wooden bridge, and also for a more permanent structure, before we know that the resolution had not received the approval of the mayor. So much progress has been made in these plans, that we propose to finish them, and hope to present them to you at an early day. In this connection we beg to say, that we cannot proceed to build a wooden bridge, which is to include permanent foundations for a market, even if we knew the size and form of the market, until the permanent foundations therefor are laid. Whatever the foundations used, whether iron screw piles, stone piers, or continuous stone walls

they will be heavy, and must be handled from and perhaps brought by vessels before the channel is otherwise obstructed by piles or bridge. And again, these foundations for the market, in their whole circumference of nearly a thousand feet, would support the wooden bridge. We beg also to say that the plans before us seem defective in two important particulars.

First, the street over the south end of the bridge, extending Crawford street across to Pine street, is marked but sixty feet wide, or much less than one-half the width of Weybosset bridge. We think it should be at least one hundred feet wide, perhaps more than that, so as to connect Crawford street not only with Pine, but also with Custom House street, on which both the post office and custom house are located.

Second, No provision is made, and with a market building of the length there shown, no adequate provision can be made, for lighting the long tunnel beneath the bridge.

We think an elliptic opening of considerable size should be made across the bridge, between the new market and the south line of Weybosset bridge; not only to aid future navigation, but to facilitate repairs on the present wooden bridge, and also upon the main water pipe for the supply of the east side of the river, now supported beneath the bridge, while it remains in its present exposed position. It will be remembered that the flood which carried away the dams on the Woonasquatucket river, a few years since, filled the Cove basin and the channel up to the bridge timbers, with a rapid, surging current. Had this pipe which, enclosed in a box, filled half the space between high water mark and the bridge been there, then one of two things must have happened. Either the pipe would have been carried away by the angry current, or the obstruction which it offered thereto would have caused a flood over the lower part of the city.

This elliptic opening can also be used for a public fountain, and thus become ornamental as well as useful. The space occupied by it with necessary room around it, and the widening of the street across the south end of the bridge, will reduce the space for a public market to a length of four hundred feet, which

to us seems ample for this locality. It also seems wise to us to reduce the width of the market from seventy feet, with projections at each end, increasing it to eighty feet, as shown in these drawings for foundations, to an equal width of sixty feet. Quincy market, in Boston, though as long or longer than that we propose to build, is but fifty feet wide. An addition of ten feet will give us all the room required for convenience or comfort, and at the same time allow a better system of supports than can be otherwise provided.

To secure a level floor for the market as well as to preserve an ample channel for the water, the south end of the bridge should be kept as high as Weybosset bridge. We doubt if this can be accomplished without lifting the grade of Dyer street at Pine street, to about the level of the present grade at Crawford street, say from one to two feet. We recommend that the council examine and decide whether such change of grade is practicable or expedient.

By this preliminary report, the commissioners desire to call the attention of the council to some questions of importance, which must be settled before or in connection with, the final decision upon plans for bridge and market; and we make it now while our plans are in progress, to save unnecessary delay. By the present ordinance, we have a little more authority than we think it wise to use without consulting the council, because, among other reasons, such use, in the construction of the bridge ordered, would necessitate a change of grade in the street named, which may prove inconvenient or expensive.

A. C. BARSTOW,
 STURGIS P. CARPENTER, } Commissioners.
 ABNER H. ANGELL,

Providence, June 22, 1874.

No. 793. Resolution appropriating \$15,000 for
Bridges.

[Approved June 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be hereby added to the appropriation for public bridges, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 794. Resolution to pay Edward T. Caswell.

[Approved July 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Edward T. Caswell the sum of eighteen dollars and five cents, in full for damage to his carriage, resulting from a defect in Washington street: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the law officer of the city.

No. 795. Resolution to lay a sewer in Bourn street.

[Approved July 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Bourn street, from Atwell's avenue to Aborn street.

No 796. Resolution to lay a sewer in Richmond street.

[Approved July 2, 1874.]

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

No. 797. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

(Approved July 2, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Richmond Manufacturing Company to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

(Approved July 2, 1874.)

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

No. 798. Charles H. Bassett.

799. Margaret McKinley.

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

No. 800. Resolution for erecting an Engine House at the corner of Smith and Orms streets.

(Approved July 9, 1874.)

RESOLVED. That the committee on city property be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to erect a building for the purposes of the fire department, on the school estate at the junction of Smith and Orms streets, in accordance with plans and specifications to be furnished by the committee on the fire department, provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, which said sum the city treasurer is authorized to hire under the advice of the committee on finance.

No. 801. Resolution to sell the Buildings on the City Hall Lot.

[Passed in Common Council, July 13, in Board of Aldermen, July 16, 1874, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.]

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on city property are hereby directed to sell at public auction, on the first day of August next, all the buildings belonging to the city, on the lot of land bounded by Dorrance street, Washington street, Eddy street and Fulton street, in this city, except the engine house; with the condition that the same shall be removed from said lot within fifteen days thereafter.

No. 802. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

[Approved July 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in June, 1874, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows, viz :

Henry B. Adams,	-		\$79 75
William H. Grant,	-	-	30 25
William R. Johnson,	-	-	63 25
William H. Kenyon,	-	-	82 50
George R. Shaw,	-	-	82 50
John C. Williams,	-	-	82 50—\$420 75

No. 803. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to confer with parties appealing in the lay out of Hope street and Lloyd street.

[Approved July 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Angell and Earle, with Messrs. Eaton, Brown, and Hayward, of the common council, be appointed a committee to confer with parties who have taken an appeal from the award and assessments of the commissioners on the widening and straightening of Hope street and Lloyd street, and report to the city council on what terms a settlement can be made with each of said parties.

IN CONVENTION.

JULY 13, 1874.

The following officers are elected, viz. :

Constables,

Roger W. Potter,

John O'Brien,

James McEnanly,

Police Constables without power to serve civil process,

William Mulcahey,

John A. Thurston.

Weigher of Cotton,

Samuel Whitney,

Kenrick Walker,

Herbert E. Dodge.

Henry E. Staples,

Edward B. Hamlin.

No. 809. Report of Committee to purchase land
for a High School on Summer street.

(Presented July 13, 1874.)

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

The joint standing committee on city property, who, by resolution No. 627, current series, were authorized to negotiate with the owners of the land on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, being the land fixed upon by resolution No. 626, current series, as a location for a school house, and to obtain the terms upon which said owners will convey said land to the city, and to purchase said land with the buildings and improvements thereon, at a price not exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars, respectfully submit the following report :

The committee have purchased of Stephen B. Briggs, and the devisees of Amey Cornell, their estates, containing, according to the assessors' plats, six thousand nine hundred and forty one square feet, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ; and have purchased of Edward R. Babcock and wife, their estate containing about nine hundred and thirty-nine square feet, for the sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents. The committee have not been able to agree with Mr. Alexander P. Nizer for the price of his estate, containing about one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight square feet. His price for his estate is six thousand dollars, a sum which the committee are unwilling to pay, and which they cannot agree to pay without exceeding the amount fixed in said resolution No. 627.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ARDERN, for the committee.

No. 810. Report of Joint Special Committee to procure plans for a public Market Building.

[Presented July 13, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint special committee appointed to procure plans for a public market building, beg leave to present herewith their plans for said building. These plans have been made under the direction of the committee, and conform in arrangement and construction to what they have considered after careful study, the essential requirements of a market building. The building proposed is 428 feet long and 70 feet wide, and will contain 48 stalls, each 14x26 feet, and eight stalls of other dimensions. The height of the building is one story, with a pavilion 50x80, in the centre, two stories. Iron is the principal material to be used in construction, and the estimated cost of the building is one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The estimated income from the building is \$30,000 to \$35,000 per annum.

Your committee was directed by resolution No. 707 of the current series, to report whether any alterations or improvements in the plan heretofore reported by them are desirable, for a bridge across the river.

The committee recommend such alteration in the plan as shall make the foundations for the market building conform in dimensions to the plan now reported. The principal change is the greater width of the street at the lower end of the market, which will now allow the traffic of Custom House street to cross the river unobstructed. The rapid increase of business in this neighborhood makes this change desirable. The committee also recommend such change in the "Ordinance providing for the erection of a bridge across Providence river," as shall allow the commissioners to decide upon the character of the permanent foundations for the market. To the commissioners will properly attach the responsibility for the character of their work, and they should have the right to decide upon the materials to be used, subject only to such wise limitations as to

permanence as the city council may impose. It would probably be unwise to confine the commission to an iron foundation which they have, perhaps somewhat hastily, characterized as "experimental" and "unnecessarily expensive." Your committee were convinced that the use of iron piles was proper in this case, but they have no desire to force this opinion upon others. The city was advised in 1871 to use iron columns in this bridge by the late Mr. S. B. Cushing and Col. J. A. Munroe. Mr. Cushing had already used iron columns in the construction of the railroad bridge at India point, and they were soon after used, under his direction, in strengthening the Point street bridge. A recent examination of the columns at India point by a competent engineer, shows no signs of corrosion after seven years immersion.

It is hardly just to call iron screw pile foundations experimental, they having been in use by the best English engineers and the English government more than forty years, and by the best American engineers and the American government nearly thirty years, and in this time there is no recorded case of failure within the knowledge of the committee, or of engineers of whom they have inquired. A recent examination by government officers of screw piles put in nearly thirty years ago, made for the purpose of detecting corrosion, if any had occurred, disclosed the fact that in nearly every case of the numerous examinations made, the piles being scraped clean, the diameter was slightly larger than was required by the original plans, showing at least that no essential loss had taken place.

Your committee submit with their report some extracts from a pamphlet published by Mr. Cushing, and also from the published reports of the English and American societies of civil engineers, upon the use of iron and iron screw piles in salt water. The amount of corrosion in salt or brackish water is estimated by the best authorities at from one-tenth to four-tenths of an inch a century, dependent upon the character of the iron.

These statements are made and papers submitted, not with any idea of influencing the action of the council or commission, but that the council may have some of the information upon

which the former report of the committee was based. The committee ask for the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

Submitted, for the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 811. Report of the Committee of Arrangements
for celebrating the Fourth of July.

[Presented July 13, 1874.]

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

The joint special committee of the city council of the city of Providence, appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the fourth of July, 1874, respectfully report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and present herewith a detailed statement of the bills allowed by the committee, amounting to forty-nine hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty-five cents.

For the committee,

H. R. BARKER, Chairman.

Schedule of bills approved by the fourth of July committee :

American Band,	-	-	-	-	-	\$700 00
Battalion Band,	-	-	-	-	-	250 00
National Band,	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
United Train of Artillery,	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
Providence Marine Corps of Artillery,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Providence Horse Guards,	-	-	-	-	-	175 00
Slocum Light Guards,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Rhode Island Guards,	-	-	-	-	-	437 50
Burnside National Guards,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
“ “ “ Drum Corps,	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Kearney Cadets,	-	-	-	-	-	45 00
Chief Marshal E. C. Pomroy,	-	-	-	-	-	101 00
C. C. Van Zandt,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Amos C. Barstow,	-	-	-	-	-	65 00
B. W. Hood,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
F. F. Tinsley,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
C. Frank Parkhurst,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Battery B. Association,	-	-	-	-	-	25 00

H. W. Rugg,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Edward A. Havens,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Antiques and Horribles,	-	-	-	-	350 00
Narragansett Boat Club,	-	-	-	-	762 90
James K. Allen,	-	-	-	-	450 00
Providence Gas Co,	-	-	-	-	86 25
John M. Knowles,	-	-	-	-	87 00
J. H. Welch,	-	-	-	-	75 00
A. Crawford Greene,	-	-	-	-	96 00
Earl Carpenter and Sons,	-	-	-	-	13 20
Solomon Gage,	-	-	-	-	12 00
Valpey, Angell & Co.,	-	-	-	-	1 50
George H. Copeland & Co.,	-	-	-	-	50 25
E. M. Thurston, Agent,	-	-	-	-	24 75
Clapp & King,	-	-	-	-	109 50
George Greene,	-	-	-	-	30 00
C. F. & J. M. Hull,	-	-	-	-	28 00
E. R. Seward & Co.,	-	-	-	-	25 00
					\$4,994 85

No. 812. Resolutions relating to the Oration delivered July 4th, by Hon. Charles C. Van Zandt.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the city council of the city of Providence, be hereby tendered to his Honor Lieutenant Governor Charles C. Van Zandt, for the eloquent and patriotic oration, delivered by him at the late municipal celebration of the anniversary of American independence.

RESOLVED, That the committee of arrangements for the said celebration be hereby instructed to request a copy of said oration for publication, and to cause the same to be printed in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the use of the city council.

No. 813. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Providence Water Works.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

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

No. 814. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for
Sewerage.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for sewerage; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 815. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the
Brook street District.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for Brook street district, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 816. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for the
Health Department.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the health department, and that the same be transferred from the reserved fund.

No. 817. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for improv-
ing the Harbor.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for dredging and improving the har-

bor; and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 818. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for surveying the Harbor.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of making a survey and plat of the harbor: to be paid out of the reserved fund.

No. 819. Resolution for employing an assistant in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the recorder of deeds, acting under the advice of the mayor, be hereby authorized to employ an assistant in his office for the municipal term ending in January, 1875, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents: to be paid from the appropriation for salaries.

No. 820. Resolution relating to Police Station at Olneyville.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the joint committee on city property, be and he is hereby authorized to make such repairs and alterations

in the police station at Olneyville as may be necessary, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars ; the same to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 821. Resolution electing not to lay out and widen North Main, Mill and Charles streets.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term 1872, to lay out, straighten and widen North Main, Mill and Charles streets, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1874, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court ;—

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

No. 822. Resolution electing to lay out Borden street, from Hospital street to Plane street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1873, to lay out Borden street, from Hospital street to Plane street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the eighth day of June, 1874, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court ;—

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

No. 823. Resolution to lay out Crary street, from Mary street to Plane street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1873, to lay out Crary street, from Mary street to Plane street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," made their first report to said court on the twenty-eighth day of May, 1874: now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

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

No. 824. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Junction street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Junction street, from Bridgham street to Arch street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 825. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Harvard Avenue.

[Approved June 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Harvard avenue, from Broad street to Taylor street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 826. Resolution relating to the widening of North Main street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners upon the widening of North Main street, from Branch avenue northerly, together with a resolution in relation thereto, is hereby referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Paine, Brown and Hayward, with aldermen Raynsford and Manchester, to examine and report thereon.

No. 827. Resolution appointing a special committee to confer with parties appealing in the lay out Langley street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Greene, Barker and Pegram of the common council, with aldermen Sweet and Earle, are hereby appointed a committee to confer with the parties who have claimed a jury trial in the matter of the lay out and extension of Langley street, from Hospital to Plane street, and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with said parties.

No. 828. Resolution for curbing Hammond street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Hammond street, from Gilbert street to Division street.

No. 829. Resolution to pay John Rolley \$25 for flooding his premises.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Rolley the sum of twenty five dollars, in full compensation for damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of his premises on Plane street, whenever he shall present a

receipt therefor, satisfactory to the law officer of the city: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 830. Resolution abating \$211.14 from tax of William R. Babcock.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to refund to Rev. William R. Babcock, administrator of the estate of Samuel Pearce, the sum of two hundred eleven dollars and fourteen cents, being the amount of taxes erroneously assessed against and paid by him as trustee and guardian of said Pearce.

No. 831. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Friendship street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

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

No. 832. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Ship street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

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

No. 833. Resolution relating to Valley street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause the work of widening Valley street, as laid out by commissioners appointed by the town council of North Providence, August 7, 1871, to be completed, and the curbstones set and gutters paved, from Eagle street to the three bridges, so called.

No. 834. Resolution for curbing Chapin avenue and Sycamore street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curbstones to be set and gutters paved on Chapin avenue, from Parade street to Messer street, and on Sycamore street, from Hudson street to Chapin avenue.

No. 835. Resolution to set new curbing on part of Prospect street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That that the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set and gutters re-paved in front of the estate of Seba and M. A. Carpenter, on Prospect street.

No. 836. Resolution relating to Reservoir avenue.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of six hundred dollars, of the fifteen hundred dollars appropriated for widening Reservoir avenue to eighty feet wide, be paid John C. Harris, Jr., the land owners' agent for widening said avenue, to finish the work.

No. 837. Resolution to purchase estate of Charles H. Lewis, on Richardson street.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to purchase of Charles H. Lewis, his estate on the northerly side of Richardson street, for the sum of thirty five hundred dollars, whenever he shall present a deed therefor, satisfactory to the law officer of the city: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 838. Resolution to procure plans for a Grammar School on Doyle avenue.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized and directed to procure and present to the city council, plans and estimates for a grammar school building, to be located on Doyle avenue.

No. 839. Resolution to supply the Brook street District with Water.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be directed to erect a temporary fountain at such place in the Brook street district as shall be fixed upon by the commissioners of the Brook street district, and to supply the same with Pawtuxet water, and that the expense of constructing the fountain be charged to the appropriation for constructing the water works, and the water rates for supplying the same, be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 840. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Wickenden street.

(Approved July 16, 1874.)

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

No. 842. Resolution to pay certain teachers.

[Approved July 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay, upon the certificate and approval of the superintendent of public schools, city auditor and committee on accounts, to the teachers who have taught in the public schools continuously during the past school year, and who have not received the full amount of their annual salary by reason of the date of their appointment, such portions of said salaries as now remain unpaid.

No. 845. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for erecting an Engine House over the water at the easterly end of Exchange Place.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting over the water, between Washington bridge and Exchange place bridge, under the direction of the committee on city property, a building for the use of the fire department, in accordance with plans and specifications to be presented by the committee on the fire department; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 846. Resolution relating to purchase of land of Charles H. Lewis.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor is hereby directed to charge the sum authorized to be paid Charles H. Lewis, under resolution No. 837, for his estate on the north side of Richardson street, to the appropriation for gravel land for highways, and said sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, is hereby transferred from contingencies to that account.

No. 847. Resolution to pay the Commissioners of the Brook street district.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to each of the commissioners of the Brook street district, ap-

pointed by resolution No. 119, approved July 21, 1873, the sum of one thousand dollars in compensation for their services as such commissioners, for the year ending July 26, 1874: the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 848. Resolution to pay \$50 to C. H. Gates, teacher of French.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to C. H. Gates fifty dollars, as additional compensation for services rendered as teacher in French at the high school during the past school year, and charge the same to the appropriation for public schools, whenever said Gates shall present a satisfactory receipt therefor.

No. 849. Resolution to lay a sewer in Hospital street.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

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

No. 850. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Albert T. Sheldon to raise a certain building located at No. 407 Broad street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

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

- No. 851. Fanning & Swan.
- “ 852. John Jones.
- “ 853. William B. Seekell.

No. 854. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved July 30, 1874.]

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

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

No. 855. Resolution relating to Annual Report of the School Committee.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the annual report of the school committee with the accompanying documents, presented July 16, 1874, be received, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed under direction of the joint committee on printing.

No. 856. Quarterly Report of the Commissioners of
Sinking Funds.

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

The board of commissioners of sinking funds make this their
third quarterly report.

The amount of funds in the control of the board, March 31,
1874, was

Of the fund of 1876,	.	.	\$143,501 32
“ “ 1885,	.	.	368,252 41
“ “ 1893,	.	.	133,953 35

Whole amount,	.	.	.	\$645,707 08
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The amount on hand June 30, 1874, was,

Of the fund of 1876,	.	.	\$143,448 25
“ “ 1885,	.	.	367,940 83
“ “ 1893,	.	.	133,953 35

Whole amount,	.	.	.	\$645,342 43
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The apparent decrease in the funds of 1876 and 1885, is
caused by the accrued interest on bonds purchased during the
quarter, and which will be repaid when the coupons on said
bonds are collected.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board of commission-
ers.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.

Providence, July 15, 1874.

No. 858. Resolution directing a catch basin to be
placed in Hope street.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby di-
rected to cause a catch basin to be placed on the east side of

Hope street, opposite Barnes street, and to connect the same with the sewer in Thayer street.

No. 860. Resolution electing not to lay out North Main street, from Branch avenue,

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

Whereas, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the October term, 1872, to lay out North Main street from Branch avenue, northerly, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the eighteenth day of June, 1874, now therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court; —

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

No. 861. Resolution amending award to George E. Heywood and wife, in the widening of Broad street.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to assent to the amendment of the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment on Broad street, near Snow street, by striking out of said report in the award to George E. Heywood and his wife Abigail F. Heywood, and J. B. F. Fuller, the words "two thousand and sixty nine dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "two thousand eight hundred and seventy five dollars," and also by striking out of said report the assessment upon said Heywood and Fuller, of one hundred and forty-four dollars.

RESOLVED, That the above amount of two thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, be payable on the passage of this resolution.

No. 862. Resolution to pay the unconfirmed Police.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in July, 1874, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed as follows, viz. :

Henry B. Adams,	.	.	.	\$85	25
George C. Hawkins,	.	.	.	88	00
William H. Kenyon,	.	.	.	85	25
George R. Shaw,	.	.	.	88	00
John C. Williams,	.	.	.	82	50
				\$429	00

No. 863. Resolution relating to Washington square.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to conclude the renovation and enclosing of Washington square, provided that the whole cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, in addition to the amount already appropriated for work on said square.

No. 864. Resolution relating to fence around the
Cove Promenade.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the wooden fence around the cove promenade to be renewed and repaired, provided the whole cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars.

No. 866. Resolution allowing Larned & Harrington
to remove a building from the City Hall lot.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on city property are hereby directed to allow Messrs. Larned & Harrington to remove the brick building known as the City Hall building, from the city hall lot, so called, bounded by Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, provided it shall be removed previous to September 1st, 1874.

No. 867. Election of City Solicitor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AUGUST 10, 1874.

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

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, AUGUST 10, 1874.

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

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 868. Resolution for transferring property in the hands of the late City Solicitor to his successor.

[Approved August 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on ordinances are hereby instructed to receive from the acting city solicitor, all books, papers and property in his possession belonging to the city, and transfer the same to the city solicitor.

IN CONVENTION.

AUGUST 10, 1874.

The following city officers are elected :

Weigher of Cotton,	James Herbert Foster.
Weighers of Hay,	
Christopher L. Holden,	Francis Cusick,
Eden Perrin,	Jerome B. Anthony.
Weighers of Anthracite Coal,	
Christopher L. Holden,	Frank Cusick,
Eden Perrin,	Jerome B. Anthony.
Surveyors and Corders of Wood,	
Christopher L. Holden,	Franklin A. Steere,
Eden Perrin,	Samuel W. Hartshorn.
	George L. Woo .

No. 874. Report in relation to the Heating apparatus at the Engine station on Harrison street.

[Presented August 10, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee of the city council on city property, to whom, on the 24th day of November, 1873, was referred a communication from the board of engineers in relation to the inca-

capacity of the heating apparatus of the Harrison street engine station, make this their report :

Your committee, notwithstanding the length of time this subject has been in their hands, have not been unmindful of their duty. They gave the matter early attention. They found in the language of the communication referred to, that it was impossible to obtain from the heating apparatus at said station, sufficient warmth to make the occupants comfortable, or to secure a suitable temperature at all times to maintain the fire apparatus therein stationed, in a servicable condition.

Your committee also found that owing to the manner of construction and use of the building, no temporary relief could be rendered, that in the cellar, one-half of the size of the building, to a depth of twenty feet, is used for a reservoir, containing then and now two hundred thousand gallons of water. Nearly one-half of the remainder of the cellar is used for a manure pit, for the stable immediately over it. Your committee could not therefore assist the steam heater by temporarily placing a hot air furnace in the cellar, nor could they put stoves in the first story, for the reason that in the construction of the building, no smoke flues were built in the walls of that story, except the one used for the steam boilers. For the above reasons your committee delayed their report until such time as would be suitable to take immediate action. They now recommend, first that the nest of small cast iron boilers now in the building, be taken out, and some approved boiler or boilers of sufficient power be put in their place. Second, that additional radiators be put in the rooms partially supplied with the same; that coils of steam pipe be placed in the ladder-room where none were furnished, and finally, that the pipe connecting the steam coils and radiators with the boiler be overhauled, and where necessary, enlarged. From estimates in the hands of the committee, it is believed that the foregoing improvements can be made at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars. In conclusion the committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, which, together with this report, is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES ARDERN, for the committee.

No. 875. Report of Joint Special Committee to confer with parties appealing in the matter of Langley street.

[Presented August 10, 1874.]

The joint special committee, to confer with parties who have claimed a jury trial in the extension of Langley street, beg leave to report :

That they can settle with Cyrus B. Manchester, by paying fifty cents per foot, for $2,246 \frac{41}{100}$ feet of land, taken from lots Nos. 236 and 88 on plat No. 22, amounting to \$1,123.21; also that they can settle with Albert H. Manchester, by paying him fifty cents per foot for $2,293 \frac{66}{100}$ feet of land taken from lots Nos. 235 and 202 on plat No. 22, amounting to \$1,146.83, each of the aforementioned parties reserving the right to remove the trees and loam from said land taken by the city for said street, and also the right to a fountain which is now constructed, so that a part of the same comes under the sidewalk, and is securely covered with stone. And your committee further report, that they can settle with Michael McKenna for 2,187 feet of land taken from lot No. 6, plat 22, for \$5,038, in addition to \$6,962 allowed by the commission, \$12,000 in all, to be paid for 2,187 feet of land, he reserving the right to remove all the improvements. Henry C. Mathewson declines to make any terms for which he will settle his claim, on the ground that if he makes the best offer for which he might be induced to settle his claim, and it was not accepted by the council, it might prejudice his suit before the courts; but said if the council saw fit to appoint this or any other committee with power to settle with him, he would make such terms as in his judgment would be for the interest of the city to accept.

From Bridget Bradley and James D. Cook, your committee have as yet been unable to get any proposition.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

ALLEN GREENE, Chairman.

No. 876. Resolution appointing a joint special committee to settle with parties appealing in the matter of Langley street.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Greene, Pegram, and Barker, of the common council, with aldermen Sweet and Earle, are hereby appointed a committee, with full power in their discretion, to settle with the parties claiming a jury trial in the matter of the extension of Langley street, from Hospital street to Plane street.

No. 877. Resolution relating to plans for School Houses.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby authorized to advertise for plans for the high school building on Summer street, and the grammar school building on Doyle avenue, and to pay such premiums for said plans as they shall deem advisable, provided, however, that the sums so paid shall not exceed in all, one thousand dollars for the high school plans, and three hundred dollars for the grammar school plans: said sums to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 878. Resolution relative to ventilating School Houses.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property, is hereby authorized to expend such sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, as he shall deem proper, in the ventilation of such school houses as shall be designated by the school committee: said sum to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 879. Resolution for building an Engine House
on Exchange Place.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby directed to cause to be erected a building over the water at the easterly end of Exchange place, in accordance with resolution No. 845, approved July 30, 1874.

No. 880. Resolution for the erection of Hose Stations
on Central street and Pond street.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be hereby directed to cause buildings of brick to be erected upon the lots owned by the city on Pond and Central streets, for hose stations for the use of the fire department, in accordance with plans and specifications to be presented by the committee on the fire department: and the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect; and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 881. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Dudley street.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Dudley street, from Plane street to Eddy street, and declare the same a public highway, said street having been used as a highway for more than twenty years.

No. 882. Resolution abating certain taxes.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be and is hereby directed to abate the several taxes in the years of 1871 and 1872, reported by the treasurer as uncollectable, amounting to sixty-two hundred and thirty-one dollars and forty-one cents.

No. 883. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Wickenden and other streets.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Wickenden street, from near South Main street to Cent, through Cent to South Main street, through South Main to Farthing, and through Farthing to South Water, and through South Water and Pike streets to the river.

No. 884. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Thomas Bradford to raise a certain building located at No. 69 Acorn street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 885. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved August 13, 1874.]

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

No. 886. Report in relation to Pearl, Dudley and Bleachery streets, and their Sewerage.

[Presented August 10, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL :

The joint committee on sewers, to whom was referred the message of his honor the mayor vetoing a resolution providing for the extension of the sewer in Pearl street, beg leave to report, that they have given the subject consideration, and would say that in their opinion, the views set forth in the message are correct, namely that all main sewers, as far as can be so done, should be constructed in streets. The committee entertained this opinion when they caused to be introduced to the council resolutions for the extension of Pearl street to Plane street, and the expediency of improving Dudley street from Eddy to Plane. The opening and improving of these streets would have provided a way for the extension of the sewer in Pearl street to Eddy street, from which point it was proposed to cross private property to the harbor line.

The matter of opening and improving the above named streets was referred to the committee on highways, and after a careful investigation by them, it was reported inexpedient to take any further steps in the matter, and the council adopted the recommendation of the committee. The committee on sewers, under these circumstances, recommended the resolutions now under consideration, believing the petitioners, the R. I. Bleach and Dye Works, had good and sufficient reasons for complaining of the damage done to their property by the deposit of the drainage of the Pearl street sewer into their pond, thereby rendering the water in said pond, unfit for their use.

The committee present in connection with this report, sundry resolutions providing for the opening and extension of Pearl street, for the reception of Dudley street, from Plane to Eddy street, and for the extension of Bleachery street, from its present termination to the harbor line. The committee recommend the indefinite postponement of the further consideration of the

message of his honor the mayor, and the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

L. S. HARRIS, Chairman.

No. 887. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Steuben street.

[Passed August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to receive Steuben street as a public highway, from Amherst street to Atwell's avenue.

No. 888. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Maiden Lane.

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to declare Maiden lane to be a public highway, from Potter's avenue to Mashapaug pond, the same having been quietly, peaceably and actually used as such for more than twenty years.

No. 889. Resolution relating to the Engine House and Ward Room on Harrison street.

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are directed to cause the steam heating apparatus in the Harrison street steamer station and ward room, to be put in proper condition,

providing the cost does not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars: the same to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 890. Resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the School House on Point and Plane streets,

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school house ; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 891. Resolution appropriating \$6,500 for the Fire Department.

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the fire department ; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 892. Resolution to remove the reservoirs from the Engine Houses on Harrison street and Doyle avenue.

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice of the joint committee on the fire depart-

ment, is hereby directed to cause the removal of the reservoirs now in the engine stations on Harrison street and Doyle avenue.

No. 893. Resolution appropriating \$15,000 for the
Police Department.

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the police department, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 894. Resolution for improving Roger Williams
Park.

[Approved August 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on parks be and they are hereby directed to continue the work of improving Roger Williams Park, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, in addition to the sums already applied to that purpose.

No. 895. Resolution relating to the School House at
Mount Pleasant.

[Approved September 1 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the direction of the committee on city property, is hereby directed to place new furnaces in the school house at Mount Pleasant; also to provide suitable out-buildings for the the same school: the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

 No. 896. Joint Standing Committees.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, August 31, 1874.

Mr. B. A. Whitcomb having been appointed a member of the joint committee on highways, in place of Mr. Rogers resigned ; —

Mr. William Spencer having been elected by ballot a member of the joint committee on accounts, in place of Mr. Whitcomb resigned ; —

Mr. William Spencer having been appointed a member of the joint committee on the harbor, in place of Mr. Whitcomb resigned ; —

Mr. Sellew having been appointed a member of the special committee on the division of the city into wards, in place of Mr. Rogers resigned ; —

It is RESOLVED, That the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, September 1, 1874.

Read.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

 No. 898. Resolution appropriating \$2,500 for Support of the Poor.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the support of the poor, and said sum is hereby transferred from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 899. Resolution for placing iron columns in the school houses on Thayer and Federal streets.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, is hereby directed to place suitable iron columns, for the support of the floors, in the school rooms of the Thayer and Federal street grammar schools; the cost of the same, which shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 900. Resolution relative to Traverse street.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Smith, Paine and Parsons of the common council, with aldermen Sweet and Earle, are hereby appointed a committee to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with the parties who have claimed jury trials in the matter of the widening of Traverse street.

No. 901. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Westfield street.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Westfield street, from Greenwich street to Fuller street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 902. Resolution to lay a sewer in Angell street.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

No. 903. Resolution to lay a sewer in Charles and West River streets.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

No. 904. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pettis street.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

No. 905. Resolution to lay a sewer in Walling and Nichols streets.

(Approved September 1, 1874.)

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

No. 906. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pine street.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

No. 907. Resolution to lay a sewer in Transit street.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

No. 908. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Rhoda K. Wilbur to raise a certain building located at No. 66 Langley street, pursuant to her petition.

No. 909. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

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

No. 910. Edward C. Hale.

911. Roscoe Hall.

912. Mary Kiernan.

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

No. 913. Resolutions granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Spicers & Peckham, to move a certain wooden building pursuant to their petition, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

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

No. 914. Resolution relating to account against Amanda W. and Duty S. Mowry.

(Approved September 3, 1874.)

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is directed to receive from Amanda W. and Duty S. Mowry the sum of two hundred and eighty-seven dollars and ninety three cents, in full payment for curbing furnished to their estate on Broad street, in December, 1873, and to abate all penalties which they may have incurred by non-payment of the same.

No. 916. Resolution relating to French and Music
in the schools.

[Approved September 7, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee are hereby authorized to expend from the appropriation for public schools, during the present municipal year, in addition to sums heretofore voted, a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixty dollars for assistance in teaching French in the high school, and a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars for teaching music in the public schools.

No. 917. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved September 7, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to allow the pay roll of the police officers who have been appointed but not approved, for duty performed by them in August, 1874, and amounting to one thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

No. 918. Resolution relating to Cray and Borden
streets.

[Approved September 7, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs Greene, Barker and Pegram, of the common council, with aldermen Sweet and Earle, are hereby appointed a committee with power to settle with the trustees of the estate of Thomas Rodgers, deceased, and confer with such other parties as have claimed jury trials upon any claims they may have against the city arising out of the opening of Cray and Borden streets.

No. 919. Resolutions to purchase land and erect an Engine House on Julian street.

[Passed September 7, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby authorized to purchase for the use of the fire department, two lots of land lying on the east side of Julian street, near Ward street, tenth ward, containing, about seven thousand and five hundred feet, at a sum not exceeding one thousand eight hundred dollars, the title to the same being certified as perfect by the city solicitor.

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand, eight hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the above purpose, and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be hereby directed to cause a building of brick to be erected on said lot, in accordance with plans and specifications to be presented by the committee on the fire department, for the use of the fire department, and the sum of eight thousand two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 920. Resolution for curbing Gano street.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Gano street, from Waterman street to Pitman street.

No. 927. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Asia street.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Asia street, from America street to Vinton street, and declare the same a public highway, said street having been used as a highway for more than twenty years.

No. 928. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive D street.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive D street, from Lester street to Booth street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 929. Resolution relating to Plats for the Office of the City Engineer.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Cory, Aldrich and Brown, with alderman Raynsford, are hereby appointed a committee with instructions to collect such plats belonging to the city as by ordinance are required to be kept in the office of the city engineer, and place the same in the custody of that officer.

No. 930. Resolution to lay a sewer in Bradford street.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Bradford street, from a point about one hundred and sixty feet south of Atwell's avenue to Atwell's avenue.

No. 931. Resolution to lay a sewer in Orange and Dyer streets.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

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

No. 932. Resolution to lay a sewer in Lockwood street.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

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

No. 933. Resolution to pay Francis J. Phillips.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Francis J. Phillips, the sum of fifty three dollars and fifty cents,

as full compensation for damage sustained by him at the corner of Randall and Charles street, by reason of obstructions in the public sewer, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 934. Resolution to pay Walter A. Walling.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Walter A. Walling the sum of thirty-five dollars, in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of obstructions in the sewer at the corner of Charles and Martin streets, whenever he shall present a receipt therefore satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

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

- No. 935. J. H. Baxter, No. 48 Groton street.
- “ 936. William Hall, No. 11 Fremont street.
- “ 937. Bernard O'Donnell, No. 180 South street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 10, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to

their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners, viz :

- No. 933. Fayette Hardenberg.
“ 939. William J. Snyder & Co.
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No. 940. Resolution discontinuing further proceedings in the matter of Lippitt street.

[Approved September 21, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That all further proceedings relative to the laying out of Lippitt street, from Camp street to Hewes street, by the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1874, be hereby discontinued.

No. 941. Resolution to pay to Amanda W. and Duty S. Mowry the amount of penalties collected of them.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Amanda W. and Duty S. Mowry, the sum of seventeen dollars and twenty-nine cents, and charge the same to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing, that being the amount collected of said Amanda W. and Duty S. Mowry as penalties for non-payment of a bill of curbing within the prescribed time.

No. 942. Report of Joint Special Committee to confer with parties claiming Jury Trials in the matter of Traverse street.

[Presented September 21, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee to whom was referred a resolution to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with the parties who have claimed jury trials in the matter of the widening of Traverse street would respectfully report: that all of the parties that had filed a notice of their intention to take a jury trial were invited to appear before the committee, and that all of the parties were represented excepting one who was assessed for fifty dollars.

Of the four parties who were awarded damages in the opening of the street, three have given notice of their intention to take a jury trial, as follows, viz:

Benjamin Smith, Jr., awarded,	.	\$600
John Toye,	"	1,500
Ahira Hall and others,	"	4,500
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		\$6,600

The parties offer to settle their claims for the following sums viz:

Benjamin Smith, Jr.,	.	\$1,350
John Toye,	.	4,500
Ahira Hall and others,	.	7,000
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		\$12,850

The amount claimed by the parties being so much in excess of the amount awarded by the commissioners, your committee would recommend that no further action be taken in regard to the matter.

Of the parties who were assessed for benefits, the amounts were for very small sums, and your committee could not see that that they had any reason for complaint.

For the committee,

E. A. SMITH, Chairman.

No. 943. Resolution appropriating \$100 for Salaries.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for salaries, said sum to be transferred from the reserved fund.

No. 944. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for Sewerage.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

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

No. 945. Resolution appropriating \$1,362.55 for the Police Department.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirteen hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty-five cents, is hereby added to the appropriation for the police department, said sum to be transferred from the reserve fund.

No. 946. Resolution to represent the City in the "Convention of Chief Officers of Fire Departments."

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the chief engineer and one member of the committee on the fire department are hereby authorized to attend

and represent the city of Providence in the "Convention of chief officers of fire departments of the United States," to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on the fifth proximo, and that their traveling expenses, not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, be paid out of the appropriation for the fire department.

No. 947. Resolution to hire accommodations for Steam Fire Engine No. 3.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on the fire department are hereby authorized to hire temporary accommodations for steam fire engine company No. 3, on Broad street, at a rental not exceeding fifty dollars per month, and the committee on city property are hereby directed to expend in fitting up said accommodations a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

No. 948. Resolution to continue sewer in Benefit street.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be hereby directed to continue northerly to the summit in Benefit street, the sewer ordered by the city council to be constructed in said street between Charles Field and Power streets.

No. 949. Resolution to lay a Sewer in Benevolent and Benefit streets.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be con-

structed in Benevolent and Benefit streets, from Brown street to College street.

No. 950. Resolution to lay a sewer in Fenner street.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

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

No. 951. Resolution to pay William A. Potter \$175.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to William A. Potter, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, in full compensation for injuries to horse, caused by a defect in bridge at the foot of Park street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No 952. Resolution to pay Maturin R. Capron, \$300 for flooding his premises.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Maturin R. Capron the sum of three hundred dollars, in full for all damage sustained by him by reason of obstructions in Martin street, causing the overflow of his premises, whenever he shall give a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 953. Resolution to pay John Rolley \$100, for flooding his premises.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Rolley the sum of one hundred dollars, in full compensation for damage sustained by him by reason of the overflow of his premises on Plane street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor; to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 954. Resolution to purchase gravel land from Thomas P. Cole and wife.

[Approved September 24, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to purchase of Thomas P. Cole and wife, at a price not to exceed nine thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, a certain parcel of land with all the buildings and other improvements thereon situate, on the northerly side of Richardson street, fronting one hundred feet on said street, extending northerly therefrom and holding the same width, one hundred and twenty-five feet; bounding easterly on land of John H. Livingston and containing twelve thousand five hundred square feet; whenever they shall present a deed thereof satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for gravel lands.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, is hereby added to the appropriation for gravel lands; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 955. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 to build a bridge across Providence river.

[Approved September 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a bridge across Providence river, from Weybosset bridge to Crawford street ; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 957. Resolution to purchase Horses for the Police Department.

[Approved September 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the chief of police, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on police, be and hereby is directed to purchase two horses for the use of the police department, and the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose, from the appropriation for police.

No. 958. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for Providence Water Works.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

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

No. 959. Resolution to set the curbing on Wood street.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

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

No. 960. Resolution to Index the Records of the Common Council.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the clerk of the common council be and he is hereby directed, to cause an index to be made to each volume of the records of the common council which is now without such an index.

No. 961. Resolution to lay a sewer in Friendship street.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

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

No. 962. Resolution to lay a sewer in West River street.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be con-

structed in West River street, from a point about sixty-five feet north-easterly from Walling street, to Walling street.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

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

- No. 963. Edward P. Knowles, No. 24 South Court street.
964. Peter C. Taylor, No. 30 Mulberry street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

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

- No. 965. Benjamin Davis.
966. Henry L. Norris.
967. William H. Stevens.
968. Peter C. Taylor.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to

their several petitions, provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz :

No. 969. J. Bowers Hazard.

970. Ambrose N. Whitford.

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

No. 971. Resolution to pay Hattie C. Baker.

[Passed in Common Council, September 21, 1874.]

[In Board of Aldermen, October 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Hattie C. Baker, formerly Hattie C. Wightman, one hundred dollars, in payment of her services as a teacher in the Federal street grammar school, during the months of July and August, 1873, and charge the same to the appropriation for public schools, whenever she shall sign a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor.

No. 972. Resolution to pay Helen A. Buffington.

[Passed in Common Council, September 7, 1874.]

[In Board of Aldermen, October 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Helen A. Buffington, formerly Helen A. Carrique, the amount of her salary as a teacher in one of the public schools as appears by the schedules of July and August, 1873, which were approved by all the proper officers except his honor the mayor.

No. 973. . Resolution to pay Sarah A. Simmons.

[Passed in Common Council, September 7, 1874.]

[In Board of Aldermen, October 1, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Sarah A. Simmons, the amount of her salary as a teacher in one of the public schools, as appears by the schedule of teachers' salaries for July and August, 1873, which were approved by all the proper officers except his honor the mayor.

No. 974. Resolutions relating to a City Hall.

[Passed October 5, 1874, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. See page 338.]

RESOLVED, That three tax payers of the city of Providence, to be hereafter elected by concurrent vote, be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a commission, and as such are authorized and empowered, to build a city hall, upon the city hall lot, so called, bounded by Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, in accordance with the plans and elevations recommended by the joint special committee on city hall plans, and presented with their report.

RESOLVED, That the said commissioners shall make a quarterly report to the city council of their doings, which report shall contain a detailed statement of all receipts, disbursements, and contracts, by them received, disbursed or made, during said quarter.

No. 975. Resolution relating to City Hall Plans.

[Passed October 5, 1874, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. See page 338.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to build a city hall, be and they are hereby requested to report to the city council from time to time, such modifications in the details of the city hall plans as they may deem required by the interests of the city.

Message from the Mayor vetoing Resolutions
Nos. 974 and 975 relating to a City Hall.

(Presented October 5, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
OCTOBER 5th, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

The resolutions numbered 974 and 975, which passed the common council on the 28th ultimo, and were concurred in by the board of alderman on the first instant, I return without my approval.

These resolutions authorize and empower a commission of three persons, to be hereafter selected by concurrent vote of the two branches of the city council, to build a city hall upon the estate bounded by Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Fulton streets, in accordance with plans and elevations recommended by the joint special committee on city hall plans.

These commissioners are to report their doings to the city council, and also any modifications of the plans which they may deem expedient.

Three things strike me as very singular in connection with these resolutions.

First : That a building of the importance and heavy cost of the one proposed, should be ordered to be built before the interior arrangements have been perfected, and upon plans which are sadly defective in this respect.

Second : That this heavy expenditure should be fixed upon, without any provision whatever for the payment thereof, and,

Third : That with the large number and variety of expensive public improvements now in process; many of which have been ordered during the unusual term of office of the present city council, this large work should be undertaken within six weeks of the time fixed for the election of a new city government.

The interior plans require a more careful consideration than they have as yet received, and if the present city council will

not give that attention to the details of this work which is demanded, then it must devolve on our successors to remedy, as far as practicable, this negligence, at greatly increased cost.

I do not in this connection, refer to the uses proposed for the various rooms, as marked upon the plans submitted; but I refer to the size and arrangement of these rooms, and to details which could be and should be altered and thereby improved.

The foundation walls cannot properly be commenced until the interior plans are fully determined upon.

In the debate which occurred in the common council upon the report of the committee, the chairman is reported as declaring as policy of the committee, "that the intelligence and knowledge in affairs of this kind, (i. e., the erection of public structures) of a member of the common council could not be availed of, because of his known opposition to the erection of a city hall." Such indeed seemed to be the policy of the committee, but it is a matter of surprise that it should have been publicly avowed, although an examination of the plans will give ample evidence of the fact.

If a majority of the city council have determined to order a city hall to be built, they should not be guilty of the folly of refusing to obtain from any source whatever, a criticism of the plans adopted by their committee, before the final vote is taken.

There is sufficient time, previous to the expiration of the term of office of the present city council, to perfect these plans, and then an intelligent vote can be given thereon.

The building proposed to be erected will require at least two years to complete it, and is intended to last for generations. The work of preparing specifications, and all the preliminary steps preceding so great an undertaking, will of necessity, consume so much time, that little, if anything, can be done in the actual laying of the foundations before winter sets in.

As a large majority of both branches of the city council have recorded their votes in favor of the project, would it not be well to delay the final vote until after the municipal election which occurs less than six weeks hence?

In the meantime the plans can be perfected, working drawings can be ordered, and the specifications put in proper form to receive the proposals of builders.

If the tax payers of this city, by whom alone the members of the two branches of the city council are elected, and who are to bear the burden of this measure, shall by a re-election endorse the action of the majority, then there can be no longer any excuse for delaying the proposed work, as a chief executive who is chosen by a larger constituency, would hardly deem it to be his duty to oppose the expressed will of the tax payers.

The resolution requiring the commissioners to report modifications of the plans is an acknowledgment by the city council of their imperfection, and is delegating to three men, a responsibility which primarily devolves upon the members of the city council.

What is gained by this transfer of power? The commissioners cannot make a contract or drive a pile until the interior plans are perfected. Clearly then, no time is saved by the course proposed, but instead a delay will ensue while communications are passing from one body to the other. Is it really intended that no modifications in the plans shall be made, but that the commissioners shall go forward with the work, perfect or imperfect?

If this be the fact, although it may be concealed now, condemnation will eventually follow all engaged in it.

A serious defect has been made in the estimated cost of the proposed structure, and that is, the neglect to add anything for contingencies.

No person familiar with the erection of large and costly buildings, will, for one moment, believe that the proposed city hall can be built within the estimates furnished by the committee, however carefully they have been prepared.

At least ten per cent should be added to this estimate for contingencies, and to this must be added for furniture, at least fifty thousand dollars more, making as the probable cost of the completed building, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

A most important item omitted by the committee, is architect's

fees, superintendent's services, and salaries of commissioners which will certainly consume a liberal portion of the sum named above for contingencies.

The true policy for the interests of the city in this matter is, to erect on the lot referred to in the resolutions, a plain, substantial brick building, with becoming ornaments of stone, costing complete not more than the cost of the Butler Exchange, which was some three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Such a structure, arranged with reference to the wants of the various departments, without the lofty stories and architectural display of the plan reported, would answer for half a century, and the outlay could indeed be commended, on the ground of convenience and economy.

A building, on the location in question, will be surrounded on three sides by other buildings, and the great fires in Chicago and Boston have shown, that granite is one of the poorest building materials that can be used to resist fire.

Is there such an urgent necessity for a city hall, that in our present financial condition, we are warranted in proceeding with the expensive and magnificent work, proposed by the committee? This question, each member of the city council should carefully consider before he records a vote in haste, which he may hereafter repent of at leisure.

For the next three or four years, the floating debt of this city, which must be carried by temporary loans, will range from two millions to three millions of dollars. The expenditures for which these loans are to be made, are of such a character that they cannot properly be converted into a funded debt.

Experience has proved that in a close money market, the city if a large borrower, must pay for its money the current rates, and that money lenders regard its notes, when in the brokers' hands, as but little better, if any, than first class business paper.

Is there a member of the city council who believes that this large sum, which must be carried as a floating debt, can be obtained at an average rate of interest of even eight per cent.?

Is it wise then to add three-quarters of a million dollars to

the prospective debt of the city, until permission has first been obtained from the General Assembly, to fund so much as may be needed for the city hall?

Is it not our duty to make arrangements to issue bonds for the amount needed before the contracts are given out, rather than attempt to sell the bonds when the money is required to pay contractors, and then be compelled to submit to any price which lenders may offer?

As it is intended to make a great show on borrowed money, it should be first ascertained how the money proposed to be expended, is to be obtained before the display is commenced.

The city is rapidly changing and is in a transition state, in consequence of which, the city council has been compelled to to extend, widen and straighten streets; to erect school houses and engine houses; to build water works and sewers; to construct bridges and to carry on other great works, all of which were rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the city, and for which the creating of a floating debt was justifiable, although it might be very burdensome to carry, and even though an unusual rate of interest was paid for the money.

The public welfare demanded that these works should be carried on, and every portion of the city has been benefited thereby. If they had not been ordered, the growth of the city would have been checked and its prosperity materially diminished, but no such necessity can be claimed for a city hall. If it should not be built for the next twenty years, no person, except the city officials, would be seriously inconvenienced, nor would there be any depreciation in the value of property within the city limits. The history of the city for the last twenty years is proof of this.

The building of a city hall has been urged on the plea of economy and convenience, for the reason that the city offices are now located in different buildings, for which the city is paying an annual rent.

The rents paid by the city for all purposes are less than ten thousand dollars per annum, while the interest on the cost of the proposed building, with the annual payment into the sink

ing fund, will not be less than sixty thousand dollars per annum. Certainly there is no economy in placing in the annual tax levy the sum of sixty thousand dollars for rent of city offices, instead of ten thousand dollars as at present, and if the expenditure for the proposed building should reach, as many of our intelligent tax payers believe it will, the sum of one million dollars, then the amount which must be included in the tax levy, will be nearly one hundred thousand dollars annually.

As to the matter of the public convenience, the offices of the city treasurer and recorder of deeds are in the city building, five steps above the street, while in the new building they will be thirty steps above the street.

The city clerk and municipal court are in the city building, twenty-four steps above the street, while the offices in the new building, will be fifty-nine steps above the street.

The highway commissioners and city engineer have their offices in the second story of Dexter block, twenty-three steps above the sidewalk, and the same offices are to be located in the third story of the city hall, eighty-four steps above the sidewalk.

The water department occupy for their offices the second story of Breck's building, twenty-seven steps above the sidewalk, and they are provided for in the second story of the new city hall, fifty-nine steps above the sidewalk.

The public are more interested in the location of the above offices than in many of the others, and the new building when completed will not, as regards the rooms occupied by these departments. be considered a *convenience*.

An elevator is to be placed in the building, but it will no more furnish accommodation for the hundreds of people who visit the offices referred to, than one passenger car will answer for the business of either of the railroads out of this city.

A re-arrangement of the interior plans adopted by the committee will furnish rooms for additional offices on the lower floors, which is greatly to be desired; for in a building of such magnificent proportions, that an ascent of seven steps is required to reach the basement floor, the occupants of the third and fourth stories cannot be very near the earth.

The committee in their report, allude to the fact, that a "fair proportion of the building has been left unusued at present to accommodate the future growth of the city." As this "fair proportion of the building," is all of it more than eighty steps from the ground, the present city officials may congratulate themselves, that the growth of the city will not probably, compel them to accupy such elevated rooms.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 976. Resolution to lay out Lippitt street from Camp street to North Main street.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the city council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Lippitt street forty-five feet wide, from Camp street to North Main street, by the following described lines, viz. :

Beginning for the northerly line in the westerly line of Camp street, at the southeasterly corner of the land of Charles H. Snow and wife; thence westerly about one thousand and sixty-three and seventy-eight one-hundreths feet in the line of said Lippitt street to a stone bound; thence in a direct line, passing through the corner board at the southeast corner of the most southerly dwelling house on the estate of Sarah Dexter's heirs, three hundred and forty one and eighty-two one hundreths feet to the easterly line of North Main street: the southerly line to be parallel with said northerly line and forty-five feet therefrom, and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose,

RESOLVED, That the city solicitor be hereby directed to make application to the supreme court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence," and the city council hereby direct, that in said application, the city solicitor shall make application that said commissioners shall appportion and assess three-fourths 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 hereby directed to give notice of such application as soon as he shall be informed thereof by the city solicitor, according to the direction and in the manner required by said act.

No. 977. Message from the Mayor relating to the City Solicitor.

[Presented October 1, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 1, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I am informed by the city solicitor that there are certain cases pending in court in which the city is a party and in which he has been counsel for the opposite party. Of course it cannot be expected that the solicitor shall now take charge of these cases, and I therefore recommend that authority be given to employ counsel in his place.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 978. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee with power to settle with John Toye in the matter of Traverse street.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the matter of the claim of John Toye against the city for damages caused by the lay out of Traverse street, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of Aldermen Sweet, and Messrs Paine, Pettis and Rickard of the common council, with power to settle the same.

No. 979. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to allow the pay roll of the police officers who have been appointed but not confirmed, for duty performed by them in September 1874, and amounting to five hundred seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents.

No. 980. Resolution to lay a sewer in South Main and Pike streets.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in South Main and Pike streets, from Farthing street to South Water street.

No. 981. Resolution to suspend work on the sewer in Farthing and South Water streets.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to suspend all further work in the construction of a sewer in Farthing and South Water streets, as provided for in resolution No. 883.

No. 983. Message from the Mayor in relation to dredging the harbor near Weybosset bridge.

[Presented October 5, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 5, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The portion of the harbor between Weybosset bridge and Crawford street, should be dredged to a proper depth before

any piles are driven for the new bridge, and the deposit under Weybosset bridge, caused by the old sewer on College street, should be removed in connection with the above work of dredging. I recommend that authority be given to the committee on the harbor to proceed with the work at once.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 984. Resolutions for dredging the harbor between Weybosset bridge and Crawford street.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on the harbor be hereby directed to cause that portion of the harbor between Weybosset bridge and Crawford street to be dredged to a proper depth, before any piles are driven for the new bridge; and also, to cause the deposit under Weybosset bridge caused by the old sewer in College street, to be removed forthwith.

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the bridge across Providence river.

No. 988. Quarterly report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

[Presented October 5, 1874.]

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

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

The amount of funds in the control of the board, June 30, 1874, was,

Of the fund of 1876.....	\$143,448	25
do. do. 1885..	367,940	83
do. do. 1893.....	133,953	35
Whole amount.....	\$645,342	43

The amount on hand September 30, 1874, was,	
Of the fund of 1876.....	\$147,679 23
do. do. 1885.....	378,563 57
do. do. 1893.....	137,541 71
Whole amount.....	<u>\$663,784 51</u>
The increase of the several funds was,	
In the fund of 1876.....	\$4,230 98
do. do. 1885..	10,622,74
do. do. 1893.....	<u>3,588 36</u>
Whole increase.....	\$13,442 08
Respectfully submitted by order of the board of commission- ers.	
THOMAS A. DOYLE, Chairman.	
PROVIDENCE, Oct. 5, 1874.	

No. 989. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances, relating to Assistant City Solicitor.

[Presented October 5, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The joint committee on ordinances respectfully report that they have received the enclosed communication from the city solicitor, announcing the appointment of Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., to the office of assistant city solicitor, and have approved said appointment.

For the committee. WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 29, 1874. }

To W. W. DOUGLAS, Chairman Committee on Ordinances:

Dear Sir,—I have appointed Stephen A. Cooke, Jr., assistant city solicitor, and respectfully ask the approval of the joint committee of the city council on ordinances

I am yours, etc.,

N. VAN SLYCK, City Solicitor.

No. 990. Resolution relating to Salary Ordinance.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on finance are hereby instructed to report an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence, for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1875.

No. 991. Resolution to employ an Assistant Teacher in the High School.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the school committee is hereby authorized to expend not exceeding two hundred dollars during the present municipal year, for an assistant teacher in the English department in the high school; the same to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 992. Resolution to pay Rebecca Chase.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Rebecca Chase one hundred and fifty dollars, the same being a balance due her as per agreement of the school committee, for services as a teacher of the junior class of girls, first division, in the high school, for the year ending July 3, 1874; the same to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 993. Resolution to pay James Healey.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Healey the sum of forty dollars, in full compensation for damage to and loss of fence about his estate, at the corner of Knight and Gesler streets; whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 994. Resolution to lay a sewer in Arnold street.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

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

No. 995. Resolution to lay a sewer in Atwell's avenue and Aborn street.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Atwell's avenue and Aborn street, from Bourn street to Fountain street.

No. 996. Resolution to lay a sewer in Pine street.

[Approved October 5, 1874.]

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

IN CONVENTION.

OCTOBER 5, 1874.

The following city officers are elected :

Constable,	James H. Barry.
Police Constables without power to serve civil process.	
John Butler,	F. Oscar Heym,
John Swan.	
Weigher of Hay,	James McKenna.

No. 998. Resolution to employ Counsel.

[Approved October 8, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to employ counsel to appear in behalf of the city in the cases now pending in the courts, wherein the present city solicitor was retained by the opposing parties, prior to his election.

No. 1001. Resolution to set the curbing on Pine Street.

[Approved October 8, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curb stones to be set and gutters re-paved on Pine street, between Chestnut and Beacon streets, where, in their judgment, new curb stones are required.

No. 1002. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Passed October 8, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Edmund Chorlton to raise a certain building located at Noa. 108, 110, and 112 Pine street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 1004. Resolution electing Commissioners to build
a City Hall.

[Passed in Board of Aldermen, October 8, 1874.]

[Passed in Common Council, October 8, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. James Y. Smith, George H. Corliss and William G. R. Mowry are hereby elected commissioners to build a city hall.

No. 1005. Joint Standing Committee on Lamps.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, OCTOBER 8, 1874.

Alderman Raynsford having been appointed a member of the joint standing committee on lamps, it is Resolved, that said appointment be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, OCTOBER 8, 1874.

Messrs. Paine, Pettis and Greene having been appointed members of the joint standing committee on lamps, it is Resolved, that said appointments be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

No. 1006. Message from the Mayor relating to the
Weigher at the Haymarket.

[Presented October 8, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 8, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The "weigher for the platform scale at the haymarket" has not paid into the city treasury the proportion of fees belonging to the city, as required by law. This delinquency has existed during the entire fiscal year, which ended on the thirtieth ultimo.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1007. Resolution relating to the Weigher at the Haymarket.

[Approved October 12, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the matter contained in the message of his honor the mayor, dated October 8, 1874, in relation to the weigher for the platform scale at the haymarket, be referred to the joint committee on finance, to examine and report thereon.

No. 1008. Resolution appointing a joint special committee to report upon what terms settlement can be made with parties appealing, in the matter of College street.

[Approved October 12, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That aldermen Fisher and Clarke, with Messrs. Paine, Mowry, and Bradford, of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee to ascertain and report upon what terms a settlement can be made with the following parties who have claimed jury trials in the matter of the widening of College street, viz.: Marshall Woods and Anna B. F. Woods, his wife; Ann M. B. Hawkins, wife of Rush C. Hawkins, of New York; Grenville R. Brown, Carrie M. C. Brown, and Anna M. Brown, guardian of Nicholas Brown, as appear by their appeals now on file in the supreme court, numbered as follows: 8693, 8694, 8695, 8696, 8935.

No. 1009. Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for Roger Williams Park.

[Approved October 12, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the joint standing committee on parks, for the purpose of removing

stumps, trimming trees, and sowing grass seed in the Roger Williams park, the same to be paid from the appropriation for parks.

No. 1010. Resolution relating to assistance in the office of the City Clerk.

[Approved October 12, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby authorized to be expended for assistance in the office of the city clerk for the remainder of the present municipal term, the same to be expended under direction of the joint committee on finance, and paid from the appropriation for salaries.

No. 1011. Resolution to defer the construction of the sewer in Benefit and Benevolent streets.

[Approved October 12 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby directed to defer the construction of the sewer in Benefit and Benevolent streets, from College street, to Brown street, until the spring of 1875.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved October 12, 1874.]

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

No. 1012. Thomas Corcoran, No. 15 Robinson street.

1013. Bernard O'Donnell, 120 Plane street.

1014. Michael T. McHugh, 118 Point street.

No. 1015. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 12, 1874.]

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

No. 1016. Resolution to pay Charles H. Parkhurst for services as acting City Solicitor.

[Approved October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Charles H. Parkhurst the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars in full compensation for his professional services as acting city solicitor, to date, upon the said Charles H. Parkhurst executing a release and discharge of, and from, all claims and demands he may have against the city of Providence and all departments and offices thereof, for professional services.

No. 1017. Message from the Mayor with a communication from the Railroad Commissioner relating to railroad crossings at Ashburton and Greenland streets.

[Presented October 19, 1874]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 19, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I submit herewith a communication from Henry Staples, Esq., railroad commissioner for the state of Rhode Island, in

relation to the grade crossings, at Greenland and Ashburton streets, together with a plat of the same, which I have caused to be made by the city engineer.

I would recommend such a re-lay of the streets in that vicinity as will remove all danger of accidents by railroad trains.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND. }
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. }
Providence, Oct. 17, 1874. }

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor, Providence, R. I. :

Dear Sir: I desire through you to call the attention of the honorable city council to the grade crossings at Greenland street and at Ashburton street. Grade crossings are the most dangerous things we have to contend with, and this locality is the most dangerous in our state. There are eighty regular trains per day going over these crossings, and scarcely a day passes unless there are more or less extra trains. The number will probably be increased before it will be decreased.

These crossings at these two streets named, are very near each other, and it does not seem to me that both of them are necessary. I therefore ask if arrangements cannot promptly be made, to close the crossing at Greenland street, merging that street on the west side of the track into Ashburton street, believing that if such a course can be pursued, lives will be saved thereby. As it is as much to the interest of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company and also of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company as it can be to the general public to have as many grade crossings closed as possible, I doubt not, but that the honorable city council will find each of them ready to assist in accomplishing this plan.

I remain sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY STAPLES, Railroad Commissioner.

No. 1018. Resolution referring the foregoing to the joint committee on Highways.

[Approved October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the message of his honor the mayor with the communication of Henry Staples, Esq., railroad commissioner, in relation to the railroad crossings at Ashburton and Greenland streets, be referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

No. 1019. Message from the Mayor relating to the claim of Benjamin Smith in the matter of Traverse street.

(Presented October 19, 1874.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 19, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received from Charles H. Parkhurst, attorney for Benjamin Smith, a communication in relation to his claim for damages caused by the extension of Traverse street, stating on what terms a settlement of the same can be made, which I herewith submit to you.

I would suggest that a committee be appointed with authority to settle said claim.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 19, 1874.

HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor :

Dear Sir :—I am authorized by Benjamin Smith, from whose estate one thousand seventy-six and six tenths square feet are taken by the extension of Traverse street, to say that a settlement of his claim can be made by the payment by the city of thirteen hundred dollars.

Yours respectfully,

C. H. PARKHURST, Attorney for B. Smith.

No. 1020. Resolution to set the curbing on Olney street.

[Approved October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbstones to be set and the gutters re-paved and the sidewalk to be made of a uniform width of nine feet on the south side of Olney street, between North Main street and Prospect street.

No. 1023. Resolution to settle with Marshall Woods, and others, for damages caused by laying out College street and South Water street.

[Approved October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by resolution No. 1,008 and approved October 12, 1874, be, and it is, hereby authorized to make a settlement with Marshall Woods and other parties by him represented, for damages made to and assessments upon him and them, arising out of the widening of South Water street; provided the same can be done at a sum not exceeding four thousand and fifty-one dollars; and is further authorized to make settlement with said Woods and others by him represented, for damages arising out of the laying out of College street; provided the same can be done for a sum not exceeding one hundred twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars and ninety cents.

No. 1024. Resolution to drain and put water into houses in the Brook street district.

[Approved October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the Brook street district commissioners are hereby authorized to cause the cellars at houses Nos. 231, 235, 241, and rear of 241 and 245 Wickenden street, to be drained in a proper manner; to put Pawtuxet water into the houses Nos. 241 and rear of 241 Wickenden street, and to erect a post hydrant at No. 38 Ives street.

No. 1025. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the City Hall.

[Passed October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is, hereby appropriated towards building a new city hall,

on the city hall lot, so called; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 1026. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Florence and Malden streets,

[Approved October 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Florence street, of a uniform width of fifty feet, from Kossuth street to Malden street, and to lay out and widen Malden street of a uniform width of forty feet, from Florence street to Manton avenue.

No. 1027. Resolution to pay James Mc Guire \$100, for flooding his premises.

[Approved October 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James McGuire, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of the sewer in Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1028. Resolution to pay John Hanley \$50, for flooding his premises.

[Approved October 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Hanley, the sum of fifty dollars, in full compensation for all damages sustained by him by reason of the overflow of

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his premises from the sewer in Lippitt street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1029. Resolution relating to a School House on Square street.

[Passed October 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on education are hereby directed to take into consideration and report upon the expediency of the erection of a grammar school building, upon the lot owned by the city on Square street.

No. 1030. Resolution relating to the proposed Annexation of a portion of the Town of Johnston.

[Approved October 29, 1874.]

WHEREAS, a petition is now pending before the general assembly, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Johnston to the city of Providence, and whereas, before action be had thereon by the general assembly, it is desirable that said town and the city of Providence shall fully consider the matter, it is therefore

RESOLVED, That three commissioners who shall be tax payers and citizens of the city, shall be appointed for the purpose.—

First,—Of preparing a map of the territory proposed to be annexed to the city.

Second,—Of making a correct estimate of the value of the real estate contained thereon, and of the amount of the taxable property of the inhabitants thereof.

Third,—Of the amount of public property belonging to said town or any school district in said portion, and all public property belonging to the town in the portion not set off.

Fourth,—Of the amount of indebtedness of the town justly belonging to the portion of said town or any school district to be annexed, and how much of said debt should be assumed by the city.

Fifth,—Of examining and reporting upon all matters bearing upon said proposed annexation, which, in the judgment of the commissioners, may seem of importance.

No. 1031. Resolution to sell the Engine House on the City Hall Lot on Dorrance street.

[Passed October 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property are hereby directed to forthwith sell at public auction the building used as an engine house, on the city hall lot, so called, after giving five days notice of such sale: said building to be removed from said lot within five days of the day of sale.

No. 1032. Resolution to procure accommodations for Hose Company, No. 1.

[Passed October 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings acting under the advice and direction of the joint standing committee on city property, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith procure and fit up temporary accommodations for the apparatus and company of Hose No. 1, at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars: the same to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 1033. Resolution to pay James Whitaker.

[Approved October 29 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to James Whitaker the sum of forty-seven dollars and fifty-three cents, in full for all claims growing out of the widening

and straightening of Valley street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor, satisfactory to the city solicitor : to be charged to the appropriation for opening streets.

No. 1034. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved October 29, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Arthur C. Peavey, to raise a certain building located at No. 32 Ford street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 29, 1874.]

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

- No. 1035. Ezra Bisbee.
- 1036. Randall Buchanan.
- 1037. A. B. Rice & Co.

No. 1038. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved October 29, 1874.]

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

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

No. 1042. Resolution for curbing Congdon street at Prospect square.

[Approved November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause new curbing to be set and the gutter paved forthwith, on Congdon street, opposite Prospect square, leaving suitable openings for the entrance and exit to and from said square.

No. 1044. Message of the Mayor in relation to Benedict and Mashapaug ponds.

[Presented October 29, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, October 29, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have received notice from persons owning portions of Benedict pond and Mashapaug pond, that they shall hold the city liable for all damages which may result to their property or business by reason of the introduction of impure water into either of the said ponds.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1045. Resolution to lay a sewer in Snow street.

[Approved November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of water commissioners, are hereby directed to cause a main drain or common sewer to be constructed in Snow street, from near Washington street to Westminster street.

No. 1046. Resolution to purchase gravel land.

[Approved November 2, 1874]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase from Benjamin White, a tract of land owned by him on Ridge and Gesler streets, containing about 36,000 square feet, provided that a title satisfactory to the city solicitor be obtained, and that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of \$15,000: to be paid from the appropriation for gravel land.

No. 1047. Resolution transferring \$15,000 to the appropriation for gravel land.

[Approved November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for gravel land.

No. 1048. Resolution relating to a school house on Admiral street.

[Passed November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on education be and they are hereby directed to take into consideration and report upon the expediency of purchasing a lot of land on the south side of Admiral street, near Grape street, and erecting thereon a school house for primary and intermediate schools.

No. 1050. Report of the Joint Committee on Education on the completion of the school house on Jackson avenue.

[Presented November 2, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The joint committee on education, who were directed by resolution No. 64, of the current series, to erect a primary and intermediate school-house on Jackson avenue, beg leave to report the completion and occupancy of said building.

The total cost of the building, including architect's fees, has been \$17,410.64. The amount appropriated was \$20,000.00, leaving \$2,589.36 unexpended.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, Chairman.

No. 1051. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances on transfer of property of the City Solicitor.

[Presented November 2, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The joint committee on ordinances who were required by resolution of the city council No. 868 to transfer certain property from the late city solicitor to the present city solicitor, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them and in fulfilment thereof have received from Charles H. Parkhurst formerly city solicitor

Two book cases,

One office desk,

One set Massachusetts Reports, 109 volumes,

General Statutes of Rhode Island, 1 copy,

and have delivered the same to N. Van Slyck, city solicitor.

They further report, that so far as they can learn, and believe,

all property of the city in the shape of blanks and stationary, etc., had been delivered by said former solicitor to the present city solicitor before the passage of said resolution.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

No. 1052. Report of the Joint Committee on Ordinances, on the report of the City Solicitor.

[Presented November 2, 1874.]

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL.

The joint standing committee on ordinances, to whom was referred on the twenty-eighth day of October 1874, the report of the city solicitor relating to suits and legal proceedings in which the city has an interest, respectfully report that they find said report correctly made, in compliance with the ordinance, and recommend that the same be communicated to the board of aldermen.

For the committee,

WILLIAM W DOUGLAS, Chairman.

No. 1053. Resolution to receive and print the Report of the City Solicitor.

[Approved November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the city solicitor in relation to the law cases now pending, in which the city is a party, be received, and printed for the use of the city council.

No. 1054. Resolution transferring \$2,000 to the appropriation for the North Burying Ground.

[Approved November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the North Burial Ground improvement fund.

No. 1055. Resolution to pay Randall B. Wilcox \$50 for flooding his premises.

[Passed November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Randall B. Wilcox, the sum of fifty dollars, in full for his claim for damage to his estate on Hicks street resulting from overflow of water, caused by obstructions in Atwell's avenue, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1056. Resolution to pay John Murphy \$50 for flooding his premises.

[Passed November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Murphy the sum of fifty dollars, in full settlement of his claim for damages for the overflow of his premises in Lippitt street by reason of the incapacity of or obstructions in the sewer in said street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1057. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved November 2, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John Gorton to raise a certain building, located at No. 19 Paine street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 1059. Joint Standing Committee on Lamps.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, November 2, 1874.

Alderman Raynsford having been appointed a member of the joint committee on lamps, on the part of the board of aldermen, it is RESOLVED, That said appointment be communicated to the common council.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, November 2, 1874.

Messrs. Paine, Pettis and Greene, having been appointed members of the joint committee on lamps on the part of the common council, it is RESOLVED, That said appointments be communicated to the board of aldermen.

J. M. ADDEMAN, Clerk.

IN CONVENTION.

NOVEMBER 2 1874.

The following officers are elected, viz :

Constables,

Lucius F. Rankin,

Cornelius A. White,

Lucien M. Stayner,

Wanton A. Weaver.

Police constables without power to serve civil process.

Robert M. Irving,

Samuel Hudson,

Thomas W. Arnold,

John G. McKay,

John C. Harris.

Commissioners on the annexation of a portion of the town of Johnston.

Herbert E. Dodge, Henry A. Cory, Abner H. Angell.

No. 1060. Resolution to grade Cypress street.

[Approved November 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause Cypress street to be brought to grade, from Camp street to North Main street, the work to be done at the convenience of the commissioners, during the coming winter.

No. 1063. Resolution to pay Sarah A. Simmons.

[Passed November 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Sarah A. Simmons, out of the appropriation for public schools, thirty six dollars and twenty-five cents, said sum being the balance due her for services as teacher in the public schools for July and August, 1873.

No. 1064. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Cross street.

[Approved November 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Cross street, from West River street to McKenna street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1065. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Sherburne street.

[Approved November 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Sherburne street, from Eddy street to Plane street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1066. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Whelden street.

[Approved November 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Whelden street, from the old city line to West River street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1067. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved November 5, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to allow the pay roll of the police officers who have been appointed but not confirmed, for duty performed by them in October, 1874, amounting to eight hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

IN CONVENTION.

NOVEMBER 5, 1874.

The following officers are elected :

Warden of Ninth Ward,	Eastern District,	Cyrus M. Thornton.
“	“	Western District, Lyman Arnold.
Clerk of Ninth Ward,	Eastern District,	Samuel Young,
“	“	Western District, William S. Daboll.

No. 1068. Resolution to pay accounts of Knowles, Anthony & Danielson and Providence Press Co.

[Approved November 16, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Messrs. Knowles, Anthony & Danielson, the sum of seventy-

two dollars and fifty cents, and the Providence Press Company the sum of seventy-two dollars and eighteen cents, being the amounts of their several bills for advertising ordered by the joint special committee of arrangements for celebrating the fourth of July; said sums to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1069. Resolution to lay a sewer in Hope street.

[Approved November 16. 1874.]

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

No. 1073. Message from the Mayor relative to publishing the revised City Ordinances.

[Presented November 16, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 16, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

I have this day approved the revised ordinances, and unless otherwise directed by the city council, it will be the duty of the city clerk to cause the revision to be published three times in the papers employed to do the city printing; the first publication to be within the ensuing ten days.

As the revised ordinances do not go into effect until the first Monday in January next, there is no necessity for their immediate publication in the newspapers, and on account of the great amount of printed matter which they will make, I doubt the necessity of publishing them more than once in that form.

I recommend that the city clerk be instructed to act, under the advice and direction of the commissioners on the revision, in the matter of publishing the same in the newspapers.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1075. Resolution for distributing the revised City Ordinances.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to revise the city laws and ordinances by resolution of the city council approved January 12, 1870, are hereby directed to furnish one copy of the revised laws and ordinances to each member of the city council, and that said commissioners are further authorized to distribute copies of said laws and ordinances to such other persons and municipal corporations as they shall think proper.

No. 1076. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for opening streets.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

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

No. 1077. Resolution to pay certain teachers.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer pay such teachers as shall teach in the public schools in the tenth ward from September last until January next, and who have, prior to September last, taught in the schools located in said ward more than two years, at and after the same rate as if they had taught in our public schools during said time.

No. 1078. Resolution to purchase land for school house on Julian and Capron streets.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property are authorized to purchase from the trustee of the Atlantic Delaine Co. a lot of land situated on Julian and Capron streets, in the tenth ward, containing about eleven thousand square feet, provided, that the same can be bought for a sum not exceeding forty-two hundred and fifty dollars, and a title to the same satisfactory to the city solicitor can be obtained.

RESOLVED, That forty-two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purpose, is hereby appropriated to carry the above resolution into effect; to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 1079. Resolution to heat and furnish the school house on Messer street.

[Passed November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on city property, is hereby authorized to cause heating apparatus and furniture to be placed in the Messer street school house, and to cause suitable out buildings to be constructed for the use of said school house; and the sum of six thousand dollars is hereby transferred for such purpose, from the appropriation for school houses and lots to the appropriation for Messer street school house.

No. 1080. Resolution referring certain resolutions to a Joint Special Committee.

[Passed November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the resolutions entitled "Resolutions to fund the floating indebtedness of the city of Providence," and "Resolution providing for sundry amendments to the charter of

CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

the city of Providence," this day presented to the common council, be hereby referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Eaton, Spencer and Mathewson of the common council, with aldermen Daboll and Fisher to examine and report thereon.

No. 1081. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to confer with parties interested in the laying out of Butler avenue.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Paine, Nichols and Carpenter of the common council, with aldermen, Spicer and Earle, be and they are hereby appointed a joint committee, to confer with those parties who have given notice of their intention to appeal from the commissioners' report in the matter of the laying out, widening and straightening Butler avenue, and to report upon what terms the parties are willing to settle. and to present such other information relating thereto as shall be for the interests of the city council.

No. 1082. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to confer with parties who appeal in the matters of laying out College street and South Water street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Pegram, Cory and J. B. Barnaby of the common council, and aldermen, Raynsford and Manchester, be and they are hereby, appointed a committee to confer with such persons as have appealed from the report of the commissioners in the matter of the laying out and extension of College street, from South Main street to the harbor, and widening South Water street, and report upon what terms settlements can be made with said parties or any of them.

No 1083. Resolution appointing a Joint Special Committee to confer with parties who appeal in the matter of the laying out of Potter street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Cory, Barker and Hunt of the common council, with aldermen Clarke and Angell, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to confer with Messrs. Wm. Barstow and James R. Hodges, and such other person or persons as may have appealed from the award of the commissioners in the matter of the widening of Potter street, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms, if any, a settlement can be made of their respective claims, and report the result of such conference at the next meeting of the common council.

No. 1084. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Eagle street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Eagle street, from Valley street to the Woonasquatucket river, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1085. Resolution for Grading Maiden Lane.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Maiden lane, from Potter's avenue to the Providence and Stonington railroad, to be brought to the established grade, forthwith.

No. 1086. Resolution for Curbing Bucklin street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Bucklin street, from Hawthorne street to Potter's avenue.

No. 1087. Resolution for Curbing Keene street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

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

No. 1088. Resolution for Curbing Meeting street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby, directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Meeting street, from Thayer street to Hope street.

No. 1089. Resolution for Curbing Vernon street.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed, to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on the north side of Vernon street, from Battey street to Vinton street.

No. 1090. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Nancy Field to raise a certain building, located at No. 48 Summer street, pursuant to her petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved November 19, 1874.]

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

- No. 1091. Michael Golrick.
1092. Charles McCoid.

No. 1093. Message from the Mayor relating to materials for sewers.

[Presented November 19, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, NOV. 19, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The interests of the city require that the board of water commissioners should be authorized to contract at the present time, for sewer materials, to the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars.

The failure of the city council to give such authority heretofore, rendered the construction of the sewers subsequently ordered, far more expensive than they would otherwise have been,

as the commissioners were compelled to purchase materials in small quantities as required, and it is this fact which impels me to urge a change of policy in this respect,

The sewer committee recommend the passage of a resolution giving this authority, but its postponement to January next by one branch of the city council, is equivalent to a non-concurrence, as all matters upon which there is a disagreement expire with the municipal term.

If the matter is postponed until the new government is organized, the necessary delays of legislation and the proper advertising for proposals will consume so much time that the winter season will be nearly over before the contracts can be executed, and the city will be a heavy loser by the unnecessary delay.

The present time is considered to be especially favorable for the purchase of all building materials, and parties, who are requiring such articles, are making their contracts as rapidly as practicable, and the commissioners charged with the construction of the new city hall have given public notice of their intention to close a contract at once, for all the granite work of the building, although a portion of it may not be wanted within two years.

The amount of one hundred thousand dollars, recommended by the committee, was to be applied, as I learn from the proper department, in the following manner: about thirty thousand dollars for bricks; about thirty thousand dollars for Scotch pipe; about eighteen thousand dollars for granite; about twelve thousand dollars for iron work, and about ten thousand dollars for cement.

The bricks will be purchased in this city, the pipe in this city, Boston or New York, the granite in this state, and the iron work and cement in this city.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1094. Resolution to place a fountain in Thompson street.

[Approved November 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners be directed to erect a temporary fountain at such place in Thompson street as shall be fixed upon by the commissioners on the Brook street district, and to supply the same with Pawtuxet water, and that the expenses of constructing the fountain, and the water rates for supplying the same, be paid from the appropriation for the Brook street district.

No. 1095. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to declare Printery street.

[Approved November 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive and declare Printery street as a public highway, from Randall street to Thurber's lane, the same having been quietly, peaceably and actually used and considered as such for upwards of twenty years.

No. 1096. Resolution relating to Williams street Nursery and Williams street.

[Approved November 25, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars is hereby appropriated to assist the Williams street Nursery in putting said Williams street in a passable condition, and to provide for the disposal of the water upon said street; said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1099. Annual Report of the Commissioners
of the North Burying Ground.

[Presented January 8, 1874.]

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

The commissioners of the North Burial Ground, make this their annual report, of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Received for sales of 112 burial lots,	-	\$6,822 70
“ “ rent of buildings and tomb,	-	1,530 36
“ “ interments, - - -	-	800 46
“ “ improvements, on lots, - -	-	471 59
“ “ sales sundries, - - -	-	164 25
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Balance due from improvement account to sinking fund, - - - - -		9,789 36
		844 19
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		\$10,633 55

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for labor, clearing and grading avenues and paths, - - - - -	-	\$2,957 48
“ labor for interments, - - -	-	1,141 24
“ “ “ improvement on lots. - - -	-	806 53
“ for horse feed and shoeing horses, - - -	-	276 08
“ “ salaries per ordinance, - - -	-	1,800 00
“ “ police on Sundays, - - -	-	53 00
“ “ one horse, tools, bricks and cement, - - -	-	412 27
“ “ surveying out lots, - - -	-	102 90
“ “ repairs on buildings, Corliss estate, - - -	-	636 71
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		\$8,186 21
One quarter gross receipts for sale of lots, rents, interments, &c., viz. \$9,789 36 - - -	-	2,447 34
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		\$10,633 55
Inventory of property on hand at the North Burial Ground, - - - - -	-	\$723 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. EARLE, for commissioners.

No. 1100. Resolution discontinuing proceedings in the erection of an engine house on Julian street.

[Approved November 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint standing committee on city property be and they are hereby authorized and directed to discontinue proceedings under joint resolution No. 919, concerning the purchase of a lot and the erecting of an engine house on Julian street.

No. 1102. Resolution relating to a fountain in the Brook street district.

[Approved November 30, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the expense of constructing a temporary fountain in the Brook street district, under resolution No. 839, current series, be charged to the appropriation for the Brook street district, instead of to the appropriation for the construction of water works.

No. 1103. Message of the Mayor relating to Maps of the city.

[Presented November 30, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, November 30, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. John C. Thompson has in preparation a map of the city, of small size, more complete than any yet issued, and which will be printed at an early date.

I recommend that the mayor be authorized to purchase a sufficient number of copies thereof to supply the various departments of the city government.

THOMAS. A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1104. Message of the Mayor relating to a
German School.

[Presented November 30, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, NOV. 30, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The German population of this city desire to maintain a school on Saturday of each week, which will be under the care of a German instructor, and will be free to all children who may attend.

The committee having charge of the matter, request that the city will grant to them the free use of two rooms in the Fountain street school building, and cause the same to be cleaned and warmed. As this will require but a small expenditure, I recommend that their request be granted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1105. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the
City Hall.

[Passed December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated towards building a new city hall, on the city hall lot, so called; and the city treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 1106. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for bridge
across Providence River.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building a bridge across Prov-

dence river, south of Weybosset bridge; and the city treasurer, acting under the direction of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 1107. Resolution authorizing the purchase of
of sewer materials.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the water commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase materials to be used in the construction of sewers, to an amount not exceeding the sum of seventy thousand dollars; provided that they first advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing said materials, and provided also, that they are hereby authorized to reject any or all bids.

No. 1108. Resolution to purchase land on Putnam
and Amherst streets, for the fire department.

[Approved December, 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee of the city council on city property, be and the same are hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the use of the fire department, a certain lot of land containing about thirty seven hundred and fifty feet, situated on the southwest corner of Putnam and Amherst streets, tenth ward, at an expense not exceeding the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, provided a deed satisfactory to the city solicitor be first obtained: and that the city treasurer acting under the advice and consent of the committee on finance, be hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 1109, Resolution to pay George W. Cady \$125.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay George W. Cady the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dol-

ars, in full for ground plans and elevations for buildings in Roger Williams park, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1110. Resolution to pay Ezra Hutchins \$100.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Ezra Hutchins the sum of one hundred dollars, in full settlement for all damage sustained by him by reason of the excavation and removal of gravel upon and from his estate on Richardson street, by the highway department, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1112. Resolution electing not to lay out Butler avenue.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the supreme court at the March term, 1874, to lay out Butler avenue, from Providence river to North street, under and pursuant to an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening or otherwise altering streets in the City of Providence," made their first report to said court on the eight day of October, 1874; now, therefore, within sixty days after the making of said report to said court;—

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

No. 1113. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Branch Avenue.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to lay out Branch avenue, from North Main street, to Douglas avenue, of a width not to exceed fifty feet.

No. 1114. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Charles street.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Charles street of an uniform width of fifty feet, from Randall square to the North Providence line

No. 1115. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Douglas avenue.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Douglas avenue, from Orms street to a point near Eaton street, of a width of not less than fifty feet, and from a point near Eaton street, to the North Providence line of a uniform width of forty four feet.

No. 1116. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Smith street.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out Smith street, of an uniform width

of forty-nine and fifty one-hundredths feet, from Chalkstone avenue to the North Providence line.

No. 1117. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Pleasant street.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they hereby are requested to receive Pleasant street, from Camp street to Ivy street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1118. Resolution for curbing Harvard avenue.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

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

No. 1119. Resolution for curbing Cory street.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

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

No. 1120. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

RESOLVED,, That permission be granted to Mark Glines to raise a certain building, located at No. 681 Eddy street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved December 3, 1874.]

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

- No. 1121. Mark Glines,
1122. Edwin Richardson.
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No. 1124. Resolution to put water in the Brook Street District.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the Brook street district commissioners are hereby authorized to cause Pawtuxet water to be put into the houses at No. 17 Bower street and No. 68 Front street, in the Brook street district.

No. 1125. Resolution to pay Joseph S. Winsor for gates on the Point street bridge.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay Joseph S. Winsor the sum of one thousand dollars, being the amount of his account for constructing gates at the Point street bridge, by direction of the board of aldermen: to be paid from the appropriation for bridges.

No. 1126. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to allow the pay roll of the police officers who have been appointed but not confirmed, for duty performed by them in

November, 1874, amounting to seven hundred thirty three dollars and fifty cents.

No. 1127. Resolutions to build an Engine House at the corner of Putnam and Amherst streets.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the joint committee on the fire department are hereby directed to cause a building of brick to be erected on the lot of land at the corner of Putnam and Amherst streets, to include a bell tower, bell and fire alarm, according to plans adopted by the board of engineers of the fire department.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry the foregoing resolution into effect, and that the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby directed to hire said sum.

No. 1128. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Amherst street.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen are hereby requested to receive Amherst street, from Manton avenue to Putnam street, and declare the same a public highway by reason of twenty years use.

No. 1129. Message from the Mayor relating to the amount due the town of North Providence in the annexation of the Tenth Ward.

[Presented December 10, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }
December 10, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I have received a copy of the report made to the secretary of state, by the commissioners appointed by the general

assembly, at the last January session, to determine how much of the public debt of the town of North Providence should be paid by said town, how much by the town of Pawtucket, and how much by the city of Providence.

The commissioners report that the valuation of the town of North Providence, as made in 1873, was \$20,145,815, and that this sum was apportioned by the act of the general assembly as follows :

The town of North Providence retained,		\$857,302
The town of Pawtucket received	-	- 9,179,503
The City of Providence received	-	- 10,109,010
		<u>\$20,145,815</u>

The public property of North Providence, on the first day of May last, at which time the act of annexation took effect, was valued at \$135,008 43, and this was disposed of as follows :

Retained by the town of North Providence,	-	\$43,688 14
Received by the town of Pawtucket,	-	- 71,303 68
Received by the city of Providence,	-	- 20,016 61
		<u>\$135,008 43</u>

The portion to which each was actually entitled, the commissioners found to be as follows :

The town of North Providence.	-	- \$5,745 26
The town of Pawtucket,	-	- 61,517 01
The city of Providence	-	- 67,746 16
		<u>\$135,008 43</u>

From these statements it appears that while North Providence and Pawtucket each received more than their share of the public property, this city received less than its share by the sum of \$47,729 55.

The commissioners also report, that the indebtedness of the town, on the said first day of May, amounted to \$230,956 75, which sum was due to divers persons at various times, and the commissioners, therefore, unless where it was otherwise agreed to, added interest at seven per cent. to said sums from the dates they respectively became due to the fifteenth day of December

inst., which amounted to \$7,895 33, and makes the entire sum due on that date to be \$238,852 08, and they apportion this latter sum as follows :

To North Providence	-	-	\$10,164 31
To Pawtucket,	.	-	108,833 69
To Providence,	-	-	119,854 08
			<u>\$238,852 08</u>

The amount of the public debt to be paid by each, is affected by the public property received by each, as will be seen by the following statement of the commissioners :

Portion of the public debt assigned to the town of			
North Providence, as above	-	-	\$10,164 31
Received by said town more than its share of the			
public property,	-	-	37,942 88
			<u>\$48,107 19</u>
Amount of public debt to be paid by said town			
Portion assigned to Pawtucket,	-		\$108,833 69
Received by said town more than its share of the			
public property	-	-	9,786 67
			<u>118,620 36</u>
Amount of public debt to be paid by said town,			
Portion assigned to Providence,	-	-	119,854 08
Received by said city less than its share of public			
property,	-	-	47,729 55
			<u>\$72,124 53</u>
Amount of the public debt to be paid by said city,			

The commissioners award and determine, that the property formerly belonging to North Providence, which on said first day of May passed to said town, and to the town of Pawtucket, and the city of Providence, shall remain the property of said towns and city respectively, and "the town of North Providence shall make such conveyances thereof, for perfecting the titles of the town of Pawtucket and the city of Providence to the parts respectively received by said town and city, as counsel learned in the law may advise to be necessary."

The commissioners further award, that "said city of Providence shall, on or before the fifteenth day of December, instant, pay of the said debts and interest the sum of \$72,124 53, and shall pay said sum in money to the treasurer of said town of North Providence, or may, at their option, take up and discharge any of the debts of said town specified by the commissioners in their report.

The commissioners in closing their report, say that there are some matters not yet determined and apportioned, such as unpaid taxes and claims against the town of North Providence, which when made certain, should be apportioned in the same manner as they have apportioned the ascertained property and debt of said town; and they express their willingness at any time, at the request of either party, to hear and determine "any matter that may arise in apportioning said property and indebtedness, and any question arising out of the same."

I transmit herewith a copy of the report of the commissioners which seems to have been carefully prepared, and the results arrived at most equitably.

I recommend that the treasurer be authorized to pay the sum apportioned to this city on the day it is due, and submit a resolution for that purpose.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

To the Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island :

The Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, by Chapter 365, of the acts passed at the January session, A. D. 1874, for the purpose of apportioning the debt of the town of North Providence, and determining how much thereof shall be paid by said town of North Providence, how much by the town of Pawtucket, and how much by the city of Providence, and for other purposes, after having been duly engaged, notified the several towns and said city, and heard them respecting the value of the public property of said town of North Providence, which was under said act received by said towns and city, and respecting the indebtedness of said town as it existed on the first day of May, A. D. 1874, and they do award and determine as follows, to wit :

The valuation of the town of North Providence, as made in the year 1873, was \$20,145,815, and was apportioned between said towns and the city of Providence, in the division made by said act, as follows :

The town of North Providence retained.....	\$857,302
The town of Pawtucket received.....	9,179,500
The city of Providence received.....	10,109,013

\$20,145,815

We have also found the public property named in schedule A, annexed to this report, belonging to the town of North Providence at the time when the said act went into effect, to wit: on the first day of May, A. D. 1874, to have been received by the town of Pawtucket, and city of Providence and by the town of North Providence as particularly set out in said schedule A, and we find said property of the value therein stated, the amounts whereof are as follows:

Retained by the town of North Providence.....	\$43,688 14
Received by the town of Pawtucket.....	71,303 68
Received by the city of Providence.....	20,016 61

Amounting to.....	\$135,008 43
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This amount we apportion as belonging to said city and towns, as follows:

To the town of North Providence	\$5,745 26
To the town of Pawtucket.....	61,517 01
To the city of Providence	67,746 16

	\$135,008 45
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Thus, it appears, that the town of North Providence received.	\$43,688 14
It was entitled to.....	5,745 29

Received more than its share.....	\$37,942 88
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It appears that the town of Pawtucket received.....	\$71,303 68
It was intitled to.....	61,517 07

Received more than its share.....	\$9,786 67
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And it appears that the city of Providence was entitled to.....	\$67,746 16
It received.....	20,016 61

And it received less than its share.....	\$47,729 55
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We also find that the town of North Providence, on said first day of May, was indebted to divers persons as set out particularly in a schedule marked B, and annexed hereto, in the sum of \$230,956.75, which sums were due at various times, as appears by said schedule, and we have added thereto interest at the rate of 7 per cent. unless where it was otherwise agreed to, to the 15th day of December, A. D., 1874, amounting to \$7,895.33 and amounting in the whole to the sum of \$238,852.08. This latter sum we have appropriated, without considering the amount received by them of the public property, as follows:

To North Providence.....	\$10,164 31
To Pawtucket.....	108,833 69
To Providence.....	119,854 08

	\$238,852 08
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These amounts, as affected by the public property received by said parties, is as follows:

Portion of the public debt assigned to the town of North Providence, as above.....	\$10,164 31
Received by said town, more than its share of the public property.	37,942 83

Amount of public debt to be paid by said town.....	\$48,107 19
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Portion assigned to Pawtucket.....	\$108,833 69
Received by said town more than its share of the public property...	9,786 67

Amount of public debt to be paid by said town.....	\$118,620 36
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Portion assigned to Providence.....119,854 08
 Received by said city less than its share of the public property..... 47,729 55
 Amount of the public debt to be paid by said city..... \$72,124 53

And we do accordingly award and determine that the property named in schedule A. hereto annexed, belonging on the first day of May last to the town of North Providence, and which have passed to said town and the town of Pawtucket and the city of Providence, as appears by said schedule, shall remain the property of said towns and city respectively, and the town of North Providence shall make such conveyances thereof for perfecting the titles of the town of Pawtucket and the city of Providence to the parts respectively received by said town and city as counsel learned in the law may advise to be necessary.

And we do also award that said town of Pawtucket shall on or before the fifteenth day of December instant, pay of the debts named in said schedule for principal and interest to said date, the sum of \$118,620.36.

And said city of Providence shall, on or before said day, pay of the said debts and interest, the sum of \$72,124.53.

And the said town of North Providence, shall pay and discharge the remainder of said debts named in said schedule, amounting with interest thereon upon the said day to \$48,107.19.

And the said city of Providence and town of Pawtucket shall pay the said sums on or before the fifteenth day of December, 1874, in money to the treasurer of said town of North Providence or they may, at their option, on or before said day, pay, take up and discharge any of the debts named in the schedule B, to the amounts severally assigned to said city and town to pay, and on exhibition and proof to the treasurer of the town of North Providence that they have taken up and discharged debts to the amount named above on payment to him of the amount assigned to said city and town of Pawtucket to pay, said city and town shall be discharged from all claims for, or on account of said debts named in said schedule, and on account of the public property received by said city and town respectively.

And whereas, there are claims for taxes and for other matters now existing from which money or other property not hereby apportioned may hereafter come to the possession and use of said town of North Providence, or to said town of Pawtucket, or the city of Providence, which claims were public property belonging to said town on said first day of May, A. D. 1874, and should be apportioned to said towns and city, but which cannot now be divided, inasmuch as the amount and value thereof cannot now be ascertained; and whereas, there are unsettled claims against said town for liabilities not now capable of being certainly ascertained, but which, when made certain, should be apportioned and paid by said city and towns in an equitable manner, we report that said property when collected, and said debts when ascertained, should be apportioned between said city and towns respectively in the same way that we have apportioned the property and debts of said town of North Providence as herein stated; and also that we will, at the request of either of said parties, hear and determine any matter that may arise in apportioning said property and indebtedness and any question arising out of the same.

OBADIAH BROWN, EDWARD W. OLNEY, WM. T. ADAMS, C. B. FARNSWORTH, L. BRAYTON,	}	Commissioners.
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SCHEDULE A.

ASSETS TAKEN BY PAWTUCKET.

Real estate—	
Town landing, 22,800 feet at 20 cents	\$4,560 00
Lot for Town Hall and Record building on High street, 6,197½ feet at \$1.25	7,746 87
Building on same and furniture	30,000 00
Pike land, 55 acres at \$350	19,250 00
Fourteen lots on Lincoln Park, 70,000 feet at 6 cents	4,200 00
Lot opposite Mineral Spring Cemetery 25,498 feet at 20 cents	5,099 60
Personal Estate—	
Property at police stations	333 50
Highway Department	113 71
	<u>\$71,303 88</u>

TAKEN BY THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Real Estate	
The Town Farm	\$9,000 00
Personal Property—	
May 1, 1874. The outfit of the Town Farm	1,949 45
Balance of cash in Treasury	3,612 14
Since May 1, } For registry taxes	18 00
but due before: } H. L. Howard, for police and circus	8 00
} H. Allen, for curbing	184 15
For taxes	24,618 70
“ “	2,694 90
Burial ground fund and interest	2,763 00
From State Auditor	188 81
	<u>\$34,087 70</u>

From this we deduct as payments made by said town and chargeable thereto :

Amount paid J. Barnes	\$250 00
do do E. Dyer	1,000 00
Taxes refunded having been erroneously collected :	
P. Donnelly	10 25
H. Huse	7 49
Mr. Hoxie	26 97
M. Conly	41 30
F. Rooney	13 00
	<u>1,349 01</u>
Received by said town, total	\$32,738 69

TAKEN BY PROVIDENCE.

Real Estate—	
Fourteen lots of land near Town Hall lot in voting district No. 2, 74,942 feet at 10 cents	\$7,494 20
Town Hall lot, above named, 11,122 feet at 20 cents	2,224 40
Hall on same	2,500 00
Gravel right on Fruit Hill	200 00
Town Hall and lot at Olneyville	4,000 00
Personal Property—	
At police stations	245 25
Highway department	1,026 45

Curbing set in district No. 2, uncollected.....	2,226 31
Watering trough, not set.....	100 00
	\$20,016 61

SCHEDULE B.

DEBTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE EXISTING MAY 1, 1874, WITH INTEREST TO DECEMBER 15, 1874.

		<i>Interest thereon</i>
27 bonds for \$1,000 each, with interest thereon from } July 1, 1874, at 6 per cent.....	\$27,000 00	\$742 50
Interest due July 1, on same.....	810 00	25 98
10 notes for \$10,000 each, due January 17, 1874.....	100,000 00	3,558 34
1 note, due June 22, 1874.....	10,000 00	344 17
“ “ “ 24, “	60,000 00	2,041 67
“ “ “ 25, “	5,000 00	169 19
“ “ July 4, 1874.....	10,000 00	320 84
“ “ Sept. 11, 1874.....	3,300 00	61 59
“ “ Sept. 12, 1874.....	6,500 00	120 07
1 note to Asa Pike, with Interest from Dec, 18, 1873, at 6 per cent.....	8,346 75	250 41
Interest on same, 6 months. at 6 per cent.....		251 80
Interest on this interest, at 7 per cent. and interest on same note to Dec. 15		8 80
	\$230,956 75	\$7,895 3

No. 1130. Resolution to pay the Town of North Providence \$72,124.53.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the treasurer of the town of North Providence, on the fifteenth day of December, instant, seventy-two thousand one hundred and twenty-four 53 100 dollars, (\$72,124.53,) said sum being the amount apportioned and determined by the commissioners appointed under chapter 365 of the public laws, as the amount to be paid by this city to said town on the day aforesaid: and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint standing committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire said sum.

No. 1131. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for
Providence Water Works.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

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

No. 1132 Resolution to purchase land for a School
House on Admiral street.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property, acting under the advice of the city solicitor, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a lot of land of George H. Corliss, Esq., described as follows: one hundred feet front and rear, and one hundred feet from front to rear, containing ten thousand square feet, on the north-east corner of his tract of land, on the southerly side of Admiral street, about one hundred feet west of Grape street; provided the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding five hundred dollars, (\$500.)

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of said lot: the same to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots.

No. 1133. Resolution to set the curbing on Eagle
street.

[Approved December 14, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be, and they are hereby, directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Eagle street, from Valley street to the Woonasquatucket river.

No. 1142. Resolution to purchase Maps of the City
of Providence.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to purchase of John C. Thompson, such number of copies, not exceeding seven hundred, of the map of the city issued by him as may be necessary to supply the various departments of the city government, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1143. Resolution relating to Roger Williams
Monument.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the design marked Triangle No. 1, be and the same is hereby adopted for the proposed Roger Williams monument, and that the joint standing committee on parks be directed to procure working drawings for the stone work for the same.

No. 1144. Resolution relating to the Protective
Department of the Board of Underwriters.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of engineers of the fire department, acting under the advice of the joint committee on the fire department, be and they are hereby authorized to provide in one of the engine houses, rooms for the wagon and materials of the protective department of the board of underwriters, to furnish a horse and driver therefor, and to provide for the keeping of said horse: the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department, provided, that the men com-

prising said protective department shall be appointed by and subject to be discharged by the board of engineers, and shall at all fires or alarms of fire be under the control and direction of said board of engineers, and also provided that the services of the men comprising said company, except the driver of the carriage, shall be paid for by the board of underwriters.

No. 1145. Resolution for curbing Asia street.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Asia street, from America street to Vinton street.

No. 1146. Resolution for curbing Lloyd street.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

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

No. 1147, Resolution for curbing Newton street.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Newton street, from Atwell's avenue to Federal street.

No. 1148. Resolution for curbing Spring street.

[Approved December 17, 1874.]

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

No. 1149. Sixth Quarterly Report of the Commissioners to build a School House on Point and Plane street.

[Presented August 6, 1874.]

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

The commissioners appointed to build the school house on the corner of Point and Plane streets, beg leave to make this their sixth quarterly report.

The work on the building has been carried forward during the quarter just ended, as fast as circumstances and a due regard to thorough work would permit, and the commissioners feel warranted in saying that the building will be ready on or before the beginning of the second quarter of the present school year.

Whole amount appropriated for the school building,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$90,000 00
For heating apparatus,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000 00
							<u>\$101,000 00</u>

Whole amount expended to date for the school building,	-	-	-	\$88,518 20			
For the heating apparatus,	-	-	-	5,500 00	94,018 20		
					<u>6,981 80</u>		

Amount on hand at the beginning of the quarter for the school building,	-	-	-	-	20,116 23		
For heating apparatus	-	-	-	-	8,500 00		
					<u>\$28,616 23</u>		

Amount expended during the quarter for the school building,	-	-	-	\$18,634 43			
For the heating apparatus,	-	-	-	3000 00	21,634 43		
					<u>6,981 80</u>		

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,	}	Commissioners.
JOS. F. GILMORE,		
SPENCER P. READ,		

No. 1150. Resolution to purchase land on Orms, Candace and Goddard streets for school purposes.

[Approved December 21, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property, acting under the advice of the city solicitor, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a tract of land bounded by Orms, Candace and Goddard streets, tenth ward; as follows, one hundred forty five feet on Orms street, about one hundred seventy-eight feet on Candace street and one hundred forty-five feet on Goddard street, containing about twenty five thousand eight hundred and ten square feet of land, provided the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding twenty three thousand one hundred and forty dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-three thousand one hundred and forty dollars or so much thereof as shall be necessary to carry the above into effect, is hereby appropriated, and the city treasurer acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 1151. Message from the Mayor relating to the suit of Nelson Hopkins and wife.

[Presented December 17, 1874.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, December 17, 1874. }

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Nelson Hopkins and wife brought a suit against the city in the court of common pleas, in which they claim damages for unskillful construction of Eddy street and which suit is still pending. I am informed by the city solicitor, that the counsel for Mr. Hopkins and wife has proposed that the matter shall be submitted to a reference under a rule of court, and this course

meets the approval of the solicitor. I therefore submit a resolution, in the usual form, in relation to the matter, which I recommend be adopted by the city council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Mayor.

No. 1152. Resolution for a reference of the suit of Nelson Hopkins and wife.

[Approved December 21, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to agree to a reference of the suit of Nelson Hopkins and wife against the city, now pending in the court of common pleas, in the matter of damages by the construction of Eddy street, under a rule of court.

No. 1153. Acceptance by the Union Railroad Co.

[Presented December 17, 1874.]

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

The Union Railroad Company hereby accept the permission and privileges granted and continued by chapter 46, of an ordinance passed by your honorable body entitled "An ordinance comprising the ordinances of the City of Providence," to take effect on the first Monday of January 1875; and hereby agrees to comply with and adopt all the provisions, conditions and restrictions upon which the same are granted or continued.

UNION RAILROAD COMPANY,

by AMASA SPRAGUE, Pres.,

Duly authorized to sign this acceptance.

Providence, December 16, 1874.

No. 1154. Resolution to build a School House on
Doyle Avenue.

[Passed December 21, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That alderman Clarke, with Messrs. Nichols and Greene of the common council, are hereby appointed a committee whose duty it shall be to erect a brick grammar school building in accordance with plans of E. L. Angell, Esq., architect, submitted to the board of aldermen on the seventeenth day of December, upon the lot owned by the city on Doyle avenue and Bacon street: provided that the cost of the same furnished complete and ready for occupancy, shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as may be required for such purpose, is hereby appropriated from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

RESOLVED, That said committee are hereby authorized to report to the city council any alterations or modifications which they may deem desirable.

No. 1155. Final report of the Commissioners to build
a School House on Point and Plane streets.

[Presented December 21, 1874.]

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL:

The commissioners upon building the school building at the corner of Point and Plane streets make this their final report, as follows:

That they have caused to be built the building they were instructed to build in general conformance to the plans adopted by the city council, making no deviation therefrom in any material particular.

When this work was commenced the price of building material and labor was very much in advance of what it is now, so that it follows that the same work could to-day be duplicated for a much smaller sum of money than the cost of this building.

The total amount of bills that have been audited and allowed

by three commissions for carrying out and finishing this work, including commissioners salaries, architect fees, heating, grading lot, furniture and a small sum used towards paying for land is \$134,193 36, which may be itemized as follows:

Cost of building,	-	-	-	-	\$108,063	80
Commissioners' salaries,	-	-	-	-	5,500	00
Architect fees,	-	-	-	-	1,655	00
Heating,	-	-	-	-	11,359	30
Furniture,	-	-	-	-	6,441	01
Grading lot,	-	-	-	-	715	89
Paid for land,	-	-	-	-	458	36
					\$134,193	36
Total amount appropriated,	-				\$133,000	00
“ “ expended,	-				134,193	36
					1,193	36

If you deduct the sums paid for grading and for land \$1,174 25, the difference would be reduced to \$19 11.

It will be seen from the above that the sum of \$1,193 36 should be appropriated to close up the claims against the city. The commissioners ask for an appropriation of \$1,500 in case there may be some small claims at present unknown to the commissioners.

The undersigned also ask that the auditor be directed to credit the appropriation for building the school house with the money paid for land, to wit: \$458 36 and charge the same to the appropriation for the purchase of land for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. B. MANCHESTER,	} Commissioners.
JOS. F. GILMORE,	
SPENCER P. READ,	

No. 1156. Resolution appropriating \$1,500 for the School House on Point and Plane streets.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby added to the appropriation for the Point and Plane street school house, the same to be taken from the reserved fund.

No. 1157. Resolution adding \$17,764 54 to the appropriation for the State Tax.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty-four 54-100 dollars be hereby added to the appropriation for the state tax: and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 1158. Resolution adding \$120,000 to the appropriation for Interest on the Water Loan.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars be hereby added to the appropriation for interest on the water loan: and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same.

No. 1159. Resolution transferring \$400 to the North Burying Ground Improvement fund.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund to the North Burial Ground improvement fund.

No. 1160. Resolution relating to assistance in the Mayor's Office.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the mayor is hereby authorized to expend for additional assistance in his office from April 28, 1874 to January 4, 1875, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars: to be charged to the appropriation for salaries.

No. 1161. Resolution relating to Drawing, in the Schools.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

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

No. 1162. Resolution permitting use of rooms in the School House on Fountain street.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on city property be and they are hereby authorized to allow two rooms in the Fountain street school house to be used for school purposes on Saturday of each week, provided that such permission may be revoked at the pleasure of the city council, and provided further, that such use shall not interfere with the evening school now located in said building, and shall involve no expense to the city.

No. 1163. Resolution to pay John Kelley.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John Kelley the sum of fifty dollars, in full remuneration for injuries received by his boy by reason of the falling of a curb stone on Plane street, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1164. Resolution abating \$29 00 from tax of Nathan B. Goff.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Nathan B. Goff the sum of twenty-nine dollars, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 1165. Resolution abating \$26 10 from tax of Pierce & Salisbury.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Daniel A. Pierce and Charles H. Salisbury the sum of twenty-six dollars and ten cents, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against them for the year 1874.

No. 1166. Resolution abating \$87 00 from tax of James Walsh.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to James Walsh, (Knowles street)

the sum of eighty-seven dollars being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 1167. Resolution abating \$43 50 from tax of William H. Washburn.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to William H. Washburn the sum of forty-three dollars and fifty cents, the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 1168. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Greenland street.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Greenland street, from Charles street to Ashburton street, and declare the same a public highway, said street having been used as such for more than twenty years.

No. 1169. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Hidden street.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Hidden street, from Prospect street to Congdon street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1170. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Jewett street.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Jewett street, from Park street to Holden street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1171. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Potter's avenue.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Potter's avenue, from Eddy street to Ocean street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 1172. Resolution for grading Gallup street.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause Gallup street, from Ocean street to Plane street, to be brought to the established grade.

No. 1173. Resolution for curbing Steuben street.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Steuben street, from Manton avenue to Atwell's avenue.

No. 1174 Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Robert R. Stafford to raise certain buildings located at Nos. 52 and 56 Washington street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

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

- No. 1175. Peter Donnelly,
1176. Joseph R. Pike.

No. 1177. Resolutions granting permission to move building.

[Approved December 23, 1874.]

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

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

No. 1178. Resolution relating to Interest on money hired for Water Works and Sewers.

[Approved December 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city auditor be and is hereby directed to charge to the respective accounts of water works and sewers, all sums paid for interest on temporary loans made for these accounts up to the thirtieth of September, 1873, and thereafter to charge all such expenditure made for the foregoing purposes to the respective accounts at the time of expenditure.

No. 1179. Resolution relating to claims for abatement of Taxes in the Tenth Ward.

[Approved December 28, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the board of assessors be and they are hereby empowered and directed to inquire into and examine all claims for abatement of taxes assessed upon real estate located in the tenth ward and upon persons residing in said ward, that may be presented to them on or before the first day of February, A. D. 1875; and to report to this council all abatements of taxes assessed upon such real estate and persons, that ought in equity, to be made by the city by reason of mistakes made in said assessments or otherwise.

No. 1180. Resolution for curbing Esten street.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Esten street, from Smith street to Orms street.

No. 1181. Resolution relating to plans for the City Hall.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the superintendent of public buildings be and hereby is directed to allow Mr. Edward Wainbridge, author of the third premiated design for a city hall, the temporary use of said design and accompanying plans, for exhibition at the National Academy of Design, in accordance with his request.

No. 1182. Resolution to construct a wall on Nash Lane and Nichols street.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to construct a retaining wall for Nash Lane and Nichols street, adjoining the Franklin Foundry and Machine Company's estate.

No. 1183. Resolution for curbing Bishop street and Willard street.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners be and they are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Bishop street, from Plane street to Willard street, and in Willard street, from Bishop street to Eddy street.

No. 1184. Resolution for curbing Ring street,

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the highway commissioners are hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Ring street, from Knight street to Tobey street.

No. 1185. Resolution to pay Patrick Murray \$125.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Patrick Murray the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, in full compensation for injuries received by his son John Murray, by reason of obstruction on the sidewalk on Putnam street, on the evening of November 6, 1874, whenever he shall present a receipt therefore satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1186. Resolution to pay John H. Livingston \$200.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to John H. Livingston the sum of two hundred dollars, in full compensation for damage to his estate on Richardson street, resulting from the excavation and carrying away of gravel from said street by the employees of the city, whenever he shall present a receipt therefor satisfactory to the city solicitor: to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

No. 1187. Resolution to pay Caroline F. Hunt
\$95.84.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Caroline F. Hunt, formerly Caroline F. Andrews, the sum of ninety-five dollars and eighty-four cents, being the amount allowed her per schedule of teacher's salaries under resolution No. 737, passed June 15 and 18, 1874,

No. 1188. Resolution abating \$43.50 from tax of
Thomas Gannon.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Thomas Gannon the sum of forty-three dollars and fifty cents the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 1189. Resolution abating \$435. from tax of
James Hanley.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to James Hanley the sum of four hundred and thirty-five dollars, being the amount of a tax erroneously assessed against him for the year 1874.

No. 1190. Resolution abating \$145. from tax of
Thomas H. Rhodes and wife.

[Approved December 31, 1874.]

RESOLVED, That the city treasurer is hereby directed to remit or if already paid to refund to Thomas H. Rhodes and wife the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars, being the amount of a tax on personal property erroneously assessed against them for the year 1874.