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CITY OF PROVIDENCE

JUNE 1870 TO JUNE 1871.



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No. 17. Resolution relating to the Bond of the City  
Treasurer.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take a bond of the City Treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office ; said bond to be in the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

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No. 18. Resolution to Contract for the City Printing.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bradford, H. A. Cory, J. B. Barnaby and Aldrich, with Alderman Knight, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to contract for the City Printing for the present municipal year.

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No. 19. Resolutions for printing the Mayor's address  
and the City Manual.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bradford, Cory, J. B. Barnaby and N. W. Aldrich, with Alderman Tew, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to wait upon 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 may 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 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.

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No. 20. Resolution for Printing certain Reports.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

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 General.

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, and

The Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

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No. 21. Resolution limiting the number of City Documents.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

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. 22. Resolutions for Celebrating the Fourth of  
July.

[Approved July 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. W. W. Paine, J. B. Barnaby and N. Van Slyck, with Alderman Ballou, be and they are hereby appointed a committee of arrangements for a municipal celebration of the approaching anniversary of American Independence.

RESOLVED, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said celebration, to be paid by the City Treasurer, to the order of said committee, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 23. Resolution selecting Justices of the Police  
Court.

[Approved July 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That from the Justices assigned to keep the peace within the City of Providence, Stephen Essex and Francis A. Daniels, be and they are hereby selected to compose the Police Court during the present municipal year.

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No. 24. Resolution of Inquiry into the expediency  
of extending Lockwood Street.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Standing Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of laying out Lockwood street from Pine street to a point about one hundred and fifty feet northwest of Broad street, and of the uniform width of fifty feet.

## No. 26. Resolution abating Taxes.

[Approved June 6, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to abate the several taxes assessed in the years 1864, '65, '66 and '67, reported by the City Treasurer, as uncollectable, and amounting to fifty-two hundred and thirty-one and 88-100 dollars as per accompanying list.

## No. 27. Resolution relating to Mayor's address on Highways.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That that portion of the Mayor's Address referring to Highways, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Spicer and Hopkins, with Messrs. Boynton, Daboll and Colwell, with power to report by ordinance or otherwise.

## No. 29. Petition to the General Assembly, relating to the Park at Field's Point.

[Presented June 8, 1870.]

*To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations:—*

GENTLEMEN: Whereas there was passed by your Honorable body at its January session in 1869, "An Act to authorize the City of Providence to establish a public park in said city," by virtue of and in accordance with which act commissioners have been appointed and are now engaged in preparing a report thereon, which report, by the conditions of the act, is binding and conclusive as to establishing said park.

We, therefore, residents of and tax payers in said City of Providence, respectfully request your Honorable body to so amend said act, as to require that the report of said commissioners shall receive the approval of a majority of both

branches of the City Council, and also of His Honor, the Mayor, within thirty days after its return to the Supreme Court, or failing to receive said approval of said City Council and said Mayor, then such report shall be null and void.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed,) Truman Beckwith, and 338 others.

Lodged in the City Clerk's office, Providence June 2d, 1870.

Witness :

SAMUEL W. BROWN, *City Clerk.*

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, June 2d, 1870. }

*To the Honorable City Council :*

I have the honor to present herewith a copy of a petition of Truman Beckwith and others to the General Assembly of this state, for an amendment to the act authorizing the City of Providence to establish a Park, which copy was this day filed in this office pursuant to Chapter 2d, section 2, of the Revised Statutes.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

SAMUEL W. BROWN, *City Clerk.*

No. 31. Resolution relating to the Dexter Donation  
Property.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the address of the Mayor, delivered on the sixth instant, as relates to the purchase of the fee of the Dexter Donation property, be and the same is hereby referred to Aldermen Tew and Coggeshall, with Messrs. Colwell, Waterman and Bradford of the Common Council, to ascertain if the said fee can be purchased, and upon what terms.

## No. 32. Resolution relating to Point Street Bridge.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be directed to make application to the General Assembly, at its present session, for the passage of an act regulating the passage of vessels through the draw of the Point street bridge, providing for draw tenders and for the protection of the bridge.

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## No. 33. Resolution for the purchase of land at the east end of Point Street Bridge.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to purchase of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, a parcel of wharf property, situated between South Water street and the harbor line, bounded northerly on Cent street, and southerly on land of Jonathan Pike, and on Farthing street; provided a title thereto satisfactory to the City Solicitor can be obtained, and that the cost thereof shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, including all damages to said company by the widening of Cent street and building Point street Bridge.

RESOLVED, That the foregoing sum be charged to the loan account of the City of Providence.

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## No. 34. Resolution for the paving of Point Street.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to pave Point street from the new bridge to Richmond street, with granite blocks, instead of cobble stone, as per vote of the City Council, March 14, 1870.

No. 35. Resolution for paving the street at the east end of Point Street Bridge.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, be hereby directed to pave the street leading from Point street Bridge to South Water street with granite blocks.

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No. 36. Resolution for curbing a portion of Thayer Street.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be hereby directed to cause the curb-stones to be set and the gutters paved on Thayer street, from the northerly line of the school-house lot (corner of Meeting and Thayer streets,) to street, the same to be commenced forthwith.

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No. 38. Resolution for transfer of Appropriations.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-one thousand eight hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby transferred from Reserve Fund, and the sum of forty-two hundred dollars from the appropriation for contingencies, to the appropriation for the support of public schools.

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No. 39. Resolution relating to Vacation Schools.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to expend the sum of seven hundred dollars in establishing and maintaining not exceeding seven vacation schools, said sum to be paid from the appropriation for public schools.

No. 40. Resolution for purchasing land on Atwell's Avenue for school purposes.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized and requested to purchase the lot of land, for school purposes, corner of Atwell's Avenue and Bourn streets, belonging to the heirs of the late Bradford Allen ; provided, the same can be had at a price not to exceed the sum of one dollar per square foot ; the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for public schools.

No. 42. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Frederick A. Wightman to raise a certain building located at No. 89 South street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to remove buildings.

[Approved June 8, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to

No. 43. Martin Damoty,  
 44. Lyman H. Eddy,  
 45. Henry T. Grant,  
 46. Benjamin F. Pabodie, and  
 47. Luther Waldron, to remove certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

## No. 48. Resolution to pay the Providence Dispensary.

[Approved, June 20, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Overseer of the Poor be authorized to pay to the Providence Dispensary the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars for medical attendance and medicines furnished the out-door poor of this city, on his order, for the municipal year ending the first Monday in June, 1870, and also, a like amount for the year ending the first Monday in June, 1871.

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## No. 49. Resolution relating to the erection of a School House on Atwell's Avenue.

[Approved July 11, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the Mayor's communication of April 25th as relates to the petition of the School Committee to the City Council, relative to the erection of an intermediate and primary school-house on the school-house lot on Atwell's Avenue, be and the same is hereby referred to the Joint Committee on Education, to examine and report thereon.

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## No. 50. Resolution for placing steps at the Shelter on Olive street.

[Approved July 11, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to cause stone steps to be placed at the door of the Orphan's Shelter on Olive street.

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## No. 51. Resolution relating to the Cove Lands.

[Approved July 11, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That his Honor the Mayor, with Aldermen Snow and Coggeshall, and Messrs. Dexter, Colwell and Bradford of the Common Council, be and they are hereby appointed

a committee to take into consideration that portion of the annual message of the Mayor that refers to the Cove Lands, and recommend to the City Council such action as will tend to the proper laying out, prudent management, and judicious disposal of said lands.

No. 52. A Message from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
City of Providence, July 11, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

A resolution approved June 8th last, ordering the purchase of land on South Water street from the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, limits the amount to be paid therefor at twenty-five thousand dollars. I am informed by the City Solicitor, that this sum was the price agreed upon with the railroad company, but that it was to bear interest from the first day of January last, and therefore the deed has not been delivered to the city in accordance with the resolution. As it is necessary that this purchase should be made before the completion of the Point Street Bridge, which, it is expected, will be ready for travel early in the ensuing month, I suggest that a resolution be passed at once making the appropriation for the amount of interest due to the railroad company.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 53. Resolution relating to purchase of land from the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be and they are hereby authorized to pay to the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the first day of January, 1870, to the fifteenth instant, upon the price of the land to be conveyed to

the City under a resolution of the City Council, approved June 8, 1870, the same to be charged to the loan account of the City of Providence.

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No. 67. Resolution relating to a Public Market.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the annual address of the Mayor, delivered on the sixth day of June last, as relates to the subject of a Public Market, be and the same is hereby referred to Messrs. Aldrich, Mauran and A. J. Barnaby, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add (Alderman Ballou added,) to examine and report thereon, with authority to procure such plans and estimates as they may deem expedient.

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No. 68. Resolution relating to the Providence Reform School.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That so much of the address of the Mayor, delivered on the sixth of June last, as relates to the salaries of the officers of the Reform School, be and the same is hereby referred to the Joint Committee on Police to examine and report thereon.

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No. 69. Petition of School Committee and Resolution relating to Teachers of French and Elocution, and to moving desks in the Bridgham School.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, July 11, 1870. }

*To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence :—*

In accordance with resolutions passed by the School Committee on the first instant, I respectfully request that your

Honorable body will authorize the School Committee to pay a salary of not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum for a teacher of French in the public schools, and a salary of not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum for a teacher of Elocution; that you will authorize the Superintendent of Public Buildings to remove the double desks from the first and second rooms of the Bridgham school-house to the hall in said house, and the single desks now in said hall to the first and second rooms, and that you will appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of enlarging the Public street school-house, removing and altering the Square street school-house and erecting a brick, Grammar school-house on the lot on Square street.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the School Committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *President.*

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RESOLVED, That the Petition of the School Committee relative to the employment of teachers of French and Elocution; also relative to removing desks in the Bridgham school-house, and to appropriations for Public street and Square street school-house be referred to the Joint Committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

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No. 70. Resolution for enlarging the School-House on Greenwich Street.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and he is hereby instructed, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, to cause a second story to be added to the "L" of the Greenwich street school-house, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 71. Resolution relating to Trees on School-House lot on State street.

[Passed July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, acting under the direction of the Committee on City Property, be and he is hereby instructed to cut down or trim such trees on the State street school-house lot as they may deem advisable.

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No. 72. Resolution making an appropriation for opening streets.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the awards of the Commissioners for damages for the extension of Fountain and Brook streets; for the widening of Weybosset street; and also for balance due on North Main street: said appropriation to be charged to the loan account of the City of Providence.

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No. 73. Resolution making additional appropriation for Public Lamps.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the lamp department; the same to be charged to the loan account of the City of Providence.

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No. 74. Resolutions for procuring a new system of Telegraphic Fire Alarm.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to contract for an entire new

system of Fire Alarm Telegraph, to consist of at least fifty alarm stations and two bell towers, the same to be automatic in its operation and to be furnished at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the fire department to carry the above resolution into effect.

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No. 75. Resolution to pay Charles G. Hendrick.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay Charles G. Hendrick, the sum of one hundred forty-seven 64-100 dollars (\$147.64,) and charge the same to the appropriation for police.

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No. 76. Resolution to pay ex-policeman William J. Cobb.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay William J. Cobb, as a gratuity, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, for such time after his removal from the police force as the Board of Alderman shall determine; said payments to be made monthly, subject to the approval of said Board. The same to be paid from the appropriation for police.

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No. 77. Resolution to pay ex-policeman, James Miner.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay as a gratuity, to James Miner or his legal representatives, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, for such a

period, not exceeding six months from the first day of June, 1870, as the Board of Aldermen may determine; said payments to be made monthly and paid from the appropriation for police.

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No. 78. Resolution to procure a new portrait of  
Ex-Mayor Samuel W. Bridgham.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Shaw, Armington and Fenner, with Alderman Coggeshall, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause a proper copy to be made of the portrait of the late Hon. Samuel W. Bridgham, first Mayor of this city, for the purpose of replacing the portrait now hanging in the Council Chamber; the expense of said copy and frame to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 79. Resolution to hire rooms for the Highway  
and Fire Departments.

[Passed July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Committee on City Property be and they are hereby directed to hire suitable rooms for the use of the highway department and for the Chief Engineer of the fire department, on or near Market Square so as to be accessible to the City Building.

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No. 80. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Keene Street.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Keene street, from Thayer street to Hope street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 81. Resolution for grading and curbing Keene street.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause Keene street to be brought to the proper grade, the curb-stones set and the gutters paved, from Thayer street to Hope street, forthwith.

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No. 82. Resolution for grading and curbing Thayer street.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause Thayer street to be brought to the established grade, the curbing set and gutters paved, from Bowen to Keene street, forthwith.

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No. 83. Resolution granting permission to Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company to build drains across Promenade street.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., to build three drains from their lands on Promenade street, across Promenade street to the Woonasquacket river, on making the usual application to the Surveyor of Highways.

No. 85. Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

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

- No. 85. William McElory, corner of Atwell's Avenue and Barclay street.  
 " 86. Moulton & Ingraham, corner of Star and North Main streets.  
 " 87. Richard White, Fremont street.

Resolutions granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to

No. 88. T. & W. Breck,  
 89. James Dyer,  
 90. Cornelius Galvin,  
 91. Manton E. Hoard,  
 92. Harris & Brayton,  
 93. Anthony Scanlon, and  
 94. Esek Tallman, to remove certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

No. 95. Resolution for curbing on Plane Street.

[Passed, July 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways,

be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb-stones to be set and gutters paved on Plane street, from the termination of the present curbing to Public street, forthwith.

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No. 98. Resolution authorizing the hiring of \$26,000.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to hire, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars, on account of an appropriation for land bought of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, approved June 8, 1870.

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No. 99. Resolution authorizing the hiring of \$100,000.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, be and he is hereby authorized to hire the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, on account of an appropriation for opening streets, approved July 13th, 1870.

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No. 100. Resolution making Appropriation for Public  
Lamps.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the lamp department, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 101. Resolution relating to Sidewalk on Halsey street.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to cause the walk on Halsey street adjoining the Benefit street grammar school house, to be re-curbed and covered with concrete: said work to be done while the repairs on said building are being carried on: the same to be charged to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

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No. 102. Resolution relating to claim of Mary B. Padelford, for damages in widening Weybosset street.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee appointed April 13th, 1870, to confer with parties interested in the widening of Weybosset street, are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to refer the question of damages in the case of Mrs. Mary B. Padelford, to three disinterested parties for arbitration, under a rule of the Court.

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No. 103. Resolution authorizing Highway work to be done by contract.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby authorized to let out by contract, such work as has been or may be hereafter ordered by the City Council, when, in their opinion, it is for the best interest of the city.

No. 104. Resolution ordering cross-walks on Elm street.

[Approved, July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause cross-walks to be laid across Elm street at the corners of Chestnut street and Richmond street.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

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

- No. 105. John Crane, No. 11 Belknap street.
- 106. John Merewether, No. 269 Eddy street.
- 107. William Easton, No. 27 Bridgham street.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved July 27, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to

- No. 108. John Shehan,
- 109. Samuel Hedley, and
- 110. Owen Reid, to remove certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

No. 111. Message from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, August 8, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

Parties holding the bonds of this city issued prior to February 25th, 1862, have demanded that the coupons attached thereto shall be paid in gold, and they have filed their protests with the City Treasurer in consequence of being compelled to receive payment in currency. I recommend that early attention be given to this matter, and suggest whether, in view of the fact that the city is soon to be in market for a heavy loan, it would not be best to order the payment in gold of the interest, as it shall become due, upon the loan of eighteen hundred and seventy-six and the loan of eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 112. Resolution relating to the payment of the interest on the Bonds of the City in gold.

[Approved August 10, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Message of his Honor the Mayor relative to payment of coupons of certain bonds in gold, presented this day to the Common Council, be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 117. Report of the Joint Committee on Education relative to transferring the desks in the Bridg-ham Street School.

[Presented August 8, 1870.]

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred that portion of the Mayor's message asking, in behalf of the School

Committee, that the single desks in the hall of the Bridgham street school house be transferred to the rooms of the first and second classes in said school, would report that they do not recommend the proposed change.

For the Committee,

ALFRED METCALF, *Chairman.*

Providence, August 8, 1870.

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No. 119. Resolution for hiring the sum of \$100,000 and appropriating the same to the Providence Water Works.

[Approved August 10, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Finance, be, and he is hereby, authorized to hire the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the use of the Water Commissioners, and said sum is hereby appropriated to the Providence Water Works.

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No. 120. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to Interest Account.

[Approved August 10, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for "Interest Account" out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 121. Resolution instructing the Finance Committee to report an Appropriation Bill.

[Approved August 10, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Finance be and they are hereby instructed to report in print, on or before the second Monday in September next, a bill making appropriations for the support of the City Government for the financial year ending September 30, 1871.

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No. 122. Resolution authorizing the School Committee to employ Teachers of French and Elocution.

[Approved August 10, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to employ a teacher of French, at a salary of not exceeding five hundred dollars, and a teacher of Elocution at a salary of not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum; said sums to be paid out of the appropriation for the support of Public Schools.

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No. 123. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved September 5, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to Thomas J. Hamilton to remove a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

## No. 125. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved September 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay for police duty performed in July, 1870, by men appointed but not regularly confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, as follows:—

Willard Smith, Jr.,	12 days, at	\$2 75 per day,	\$33 00
Isaac B. Ballou,	12	“ 2 75 “ “	33 00
William J. Booth,	22	“ 2 75 “ “	60 50
Isaac Weaver,	22	“ 2 75 “ “	60 50

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## No. 126. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved September 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to the following named persons for police duty performed by them, as follows:—

Duty J. Greene,	-	-	-	-	\$68 75
Willard Smith, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	78 49
William J. Booth,	-	-	-	-	68 65
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	-	85 25
William H. Brown,	-	-	-	-	8 25

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## No. 134. Resolution adding \$6,000 to the appropriation for Police.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of six thousand dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for police, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 135. Resolution adding \$1,000 to the appropriation for Support of the Poor.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for the support of the poor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 136. Resolution adding \$5,000 to the appropriation for Asylum walls and buildings.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for asylum walls and buildings, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 137. Resolution adding \$2,500 to the appropriation for improving the Harbor.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and hereby is added to the appropriation for improvement of the harbor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 138. Resolution adding \$1,000 to the appropriation for expenses of the City Engineer.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one thousand dollars additional, be and the same is hereby appropriated for expenses in the department of the City Engineer, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No. 139. Resolutions relating to the Fourth of July  
Oration of Edward C. Ames, Esq.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the City Council be, and they are hereby tendered to Edward C. Ames, Esq., for the able and eloquent oration delivered by him at the late municipal celebration of the anniversary of American Independence.

RESOLVED, That the committee of arrangements for the fourth of July celebration be, and they are hereby authorized to request of Mr. Ames a copy of the oration delivered by him on that day, and to cause the same to be published in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the use of the City Council.

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No. 140. Resolution filling vacancies in the Joint  
Committees on Highways and on Education.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Sidney Smith be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Joint Standing Committee on Highways and that Mr. J. Erastus Lester be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

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No. 141. Resolution fixing the salary of the Superin-  
tendent of the Providence Reform School.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the salary of the Superintendent of the Providence Reform School be fixed, for the balance of the municipal year, at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, in addition to the board of himself and family.

No. 142. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Oak street.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be hereby requested to receive Oak street, from Parade to Messer street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 143. Resolution transferring the sum of \$9,500 from the appropriation for Highways to the appropriation for Water Works, and for the grading of Greenwich street.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for Highways to the appropriation for Water Works, when the Commissioner of the same shall cause Greenwich street, from the railroad bridge to the Cranston line, to be brought to the established grade, satisfactory to the Surveyor of Highways and the Joint Committee on Highways.

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No. 144. Resolution for setting the curbing on Brook street.

[Passed September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Brook street, from Wickenden street to Power street.

No. 145. Resolution for re-setting the curbing on  
North Main street.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to set the curbstones on North Main street, from Market Square to Smith street, to conform to the new grade, and to put the street in passable condition for the coming winter.

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No. 146. Resolution for re-setting the curbing on  
Weybosset street.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set back on Weybosset street, from the Bank of North America Building to Westminster street, to conform to the new line, and to make the street passable for the coming winter.

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No. 147. Resolution for grading and setting the  
curbing on Messer street.

[Passed September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause Messer street to be brought to the established grade, the curbstones set and the gutters paved, from High street to the south side of Willow street.

No. 148. Resolution for re-setting the curbing on  
Broadway.

[Passed September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to set back the curbstones, five feet, on Broadway, from Dean to Harkness street.

No. 149. Resolution abating the tax of Francis W.  
Reynolds.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to abate the tax assessed in the year 1867 against Francis W. Reynolds, reported by the Treasurer as uncollectable, and amounting to ten hundred and eighty dollars.

No. 150. Resolution abating tax of Amanda M.  
Angell, Executrix.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to abate and remit the sum of thirty dollars and six cents from the amount assessed against Amanda M. Angell, Executrix, in the city tax of 1868 and 1869.

No. 151. Resolution abating tax of William Goerner.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of nineteen dollars and fifty-two cents from the amount assessed against William Goerner, in the city tax of 1869.

## No. 152. Resolution abating tax of Uriah R. Colwell.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of twelve dollars and twenty cents from the amount assessed against Uriah R. Colwell, in the city tax of 1869.

## Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

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

- 153. Jonas Ackroyd, Summer street.
- 154. John Burns, rear of No. 57 Aborn street,
- 155. George B. Francis, No. 33 Lockwood street.
- 156. Edward McElroy, No. 23 Atwell's avenue.
- 157. Richard H. Morgan, No. 179 Power street.
- 158. Serril Mowry, No. 315 Broad street.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved September 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to

- 159. Samuel W. Brown,
- 160. Catharine Cassidy,
- 161. James Maguire,
- 162. David W. Petty and
- 163. James Sherry, to remove certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

No. 164. Resolution for setting the curbing on  
Thurber Avenue.

[Passed October 3, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Thurbers avenue, from Ocean street to the lot of land recently purchased by the city for the use of the highway.

No. 165. Resolution for setting curbing on Vernon  
street.

[Passed October 3, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Vernon street, from Battey to Vinton street, when all the abutting property owners shall furnish the curbing.

No. 166. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved October 10, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay for police duty performed in September, 1870, by men who have been appointed, but not confirmed, as follows :

Duty J. Greene,	-	-	-	\$82 50
Willard Smith, Jr.,	-	-	-	82 50
William J. Booth,	-	-	-	82 50
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	82 50
William H. Brown,	-	-	-	66 00
Charles F. Church,	-	-	-	82 50

No. 174. Message from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, October 10, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

An apparatus for lighting the street lamps by electricity has been on exhibition in this city for some days, and if it can be successfully applied for the purpose intended, would effect a great saving in the annual expenditure for the lamp department.

I recommend the appropriation of a sufficient sum to practically test the workings of the apparatus, and that a committee be appointed to superintend the expenditure.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 175. Resolution relating to lighting the street lamps by electricity.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the subject matter of the Mayor's message, this day presented, relative to lighting the street lamps by electricity, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Fire Department to examine and report thereon.

No. 176. Report of the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, relative to the loss of Steam Fire Engine, No. 6, with a resolution for the purchase of a new engine.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

*To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:*

The standing committee on the Fire Department respectfully report that, on the night of September 20th, 1870, while on duty at the corner of Benevolent and Cooke streets, the boiler

of steamer No. 6, exploded with great force, making a complete wreck of the entire engine.

The assistant engineer, John H. McLane, and Mr. George T. Benson, a citizen, who were injured, have since died. Mr. James H. Barney, and Mr. Nickerson were somewhat injured, but have since recovered, and are now pursuing their usual avocations.

The houses of two citizens in the immediate neighborhood were injured and defaced, and have been repaired by order of the Mayor.

The committee at once instituted inquiries in regard to the cause of the explosion, and called Messrs. Albert R. Briggs, James H. Munroe and W. T. Nicholas, the boiler inspector, who, after an inspection and examination of the remains of the boiler, came to the conclusion that the explosion was caused by a defective sheet of iron in the upper part of the boiler.

The committee are fully satisfied that the greatest care and skill have always been used by the officers of this company, who were considered to be among the best in the department.

Proposals have already been received by the sub-committee having the charge of the matter, and we only wait your order, to put another engine in the place of the one destroyed.

The committee recommend the passage of the following resolution :

For the Committee,

JAMES H. ARMINGTON, *Chairman.*

Providence, October 8th, 1870.

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on the Fire Department be, and they are hereby, authorized to purchase a steam fire engine to replace the one destroyed September 20th, 1870.

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No. 177. Resolution appropriating \$4,250 to purchase a new Steam Fire Engine.

[Passed October 12, 1870.]

[Vetoed by the Mayor, October 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the

purchase of a steam fire engine, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 178. Resolution appropriating \$5,000 for the purchase of hose.

[Passed October 12, 1870.]

[Vetoed by the Mayor October 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for the purchase of new hose, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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No. 179. Resolution for repairs on School House on Arnold street.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby directed, under the advice of the Joint Committee on City Property, to cause the out-buildings and fences at the Arnold street school house to be repaired, at an expense of not over one thousand dollars; to be paid from the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

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No. 180. Resolution for placing single desks in school house on Benefit street.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, be hereby directed, under the advice of the Joint Committee on City Property, to cause single desks to be placed in two rooms of the Benefit Street school house, at an expense not exceeding seven hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for Public Buildings.

No. 181. Resolution appropriating \$650 for printing  
Indices.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of printing the indices of the Ninth Ward conveyances; the same to be done under the direction of the Recorder of Deeds.

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No. 182. Resolution for placing a Pump on Canal  
street, to procure water from Roger Williams  
Spring.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Overseer of Pumps and Wells be hereby directed, under the advice of the Joint Committee on City Property, to cause a pump to be placed on the westerly side of Canal street, and connect the same with the Roger Williams Spring, so called, lying between North Main street and Canal street, that the inhabitants may have the use of water from said spring as heretofore.

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No. 183. Resolution to pay Peter McElroy.

[Approved October 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Peter McElroy, the sum of fifteen dollars in full for damages claimed under his petition, the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

## No. 184. Resolution to pay Spencer P. Read.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Spencer P. Read, the sum of twenty-seven and eighty-seven one-hundredth dollars, in full for his bill of repairs, the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingencies.

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## No. 185. Resolution to pay William Barstow &amp; Co.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Barstow & Co., one hundred twenty-five and fifty one-hundredth dollars, in full for their account against the city for carpeting, mats, &c., for the office of the Highway Department; to be paid out of the appropriation for Public Buildings.

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## No. 186. Resolution granting permission to the Providence and New York Steamship Company to run a Switching Engine on India and South Water streets.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That until otherwise ordered by the City Council, the Providence and New York Steamship Company are hereby granted permission to use a switching engine for moving cars on India street between their wharf at Fox Point, and the India Point Depot of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company. Also, between their wharf at Fox Point, and the coal wharf of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, on South Water street, under such rules and regulations as the City Council may from time to time enact, and until such rules or regulations shall be enacted, subject at all times to the orders of the Chief Engineer or any Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department during the continuance of any fire.

No. 187. Resolution relating to the Bridge over  
the railroad at Orms street.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby, requested to order the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company to build a new and substantial bridge across their track at Orms street, forthwith.

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No. 188. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Dudley street.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby, requested to receive Dudley street, from Friendship street to Prairie avenue, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 189. Resolution relating to the Highway  
Department.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's address referring to Highways, be, and they are hereby, requested to report at the next meeting of the Council what action, if any, they have taken in regard to the matter.

## Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

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

190. Thomas W. Camm, rear of Haswell street.

191. Moses B. I. Goddard, corner of Benefit and Wickenden streets.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved October 12, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons to remove certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, viz. :

No. 192. Benjamin B. Adams.

No. 193. Joseph and William Goff.

No. 194. Allen Greene.

No. 195. Groton Manufacturing Co.

No. 196. Michael McKenna.

No. 197. N. Stearns and Son.

No. 198. Alfred Stone.

No. 199. James Tiffany.

No. 200. Martin V. B. Wilcox.

No. 201. Message of the Mayor relating to the use of the school buildings for Evening Schools.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, October 12, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council :*

I am informed that the Joint Committee on City Property have voted to permit the public school house on Eddy street to be used for an evening school. It is now about twelve years since one of these schools was held in a public school building, with the exception of the one on Meeting street, such use having been uniformly refused by the School Committee and the City Council. This action by the Committee on City Property, has been taken in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the committee on evening schools, but against the advice of the Superintendent of Public Schools, and without the approval of the School Committee or their executive committee, or the Joint Committee on Education of the City Council.

I deem this matter of sufficient importance to demand action by you, not only because of the injury that the day school held in the Eddy street building will sustain, but because it involves the principle of whether the Committee on City Property have the authority to permit the use of the public buildings for purposes not sanctioned by the City Council.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 202. Resolution relating to the use of School Buildings.

[Approved October 13, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor dated October 12, 1870, and relating to the use of the public school houses for evening schools, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Joint Committee on Education to examine and report thereon.

No. 203. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to re-lay Greenwich street.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to relay and straighten Greenwich street, of a uniform width of fifty feet from the railroad bridge to Fenner Avenue.

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No. 204. Resolution authorizing the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to erect a building.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be hereby granted to the Boston and Providence Railroad Company to erect a wooden addition on the north side of their engine house; measuring about twenty by thirty feet on the ground and twelve feet high: said building to remain during the pleasure of the City Council only.

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No. 205. Resolution relating to the Fence of the School House on Federal street.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee of the City Council for the "erection of a school house for the fourth and seventh wards," be and they are hereby authorized to place the fence on said estate, at the junction of Federal and Dean streets, upon such line as they may deem proper; provided, that it shall not throw into the highway a greater quantity of land than five hundred and seventy-five square feet.

No. 206. Resolution for curbing and paving  
Fountain street.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the street paved with granite blocks, on Fountain street, from Mathewson street to Cove street.

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No. 207. Resolution for paving certain streets with  
Stowe wooden pavement.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pave such portions of Custom House street, Post Office Court and Weybosset street as adjoin the property of the United States, with the Stowe foundation pavement, so called; the same to be charged to Highways.

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No. 208. Resolution granting permission to raise  
building.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William H. Charnley, to raise a certain building located at No. 26 Read street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 209. Resolution granting permission to move building.

[Approved October 31, 1870.]

RESOLVED. That permission be granted to Albert F. Allen, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings.

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No. 210. Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for Providence Water Works.

[Approved November 7, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, and that the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to hire said sum for said appropriation.

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No. 211. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved November 7, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay for police duty performed in October 1870, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, to be paid out of the appropriation for Police, as follows :

William J. Booth,	-	-	-	-	-	\$85	25
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	-	-	85	25

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No. 213 Resolution to pay bills due by Lamp Department.

[Approved November 7, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen,

for the lighting of the public lamps up to this time, now unpaid when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the amount so paid to the Reserve Fund.

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No. 215. Report of the Joint Committee on Railroads relative to rails in North Main street.

[Presented November 7, 1870.]

The Committee on Railroads to whom was referred the petition of Francis H. Perry and others, praying that the track of the Union Railroad Company be removed from its present location to the centre of North Main street, report that they have ordered said track to be removed according to the prayer of the petition, the same to be done under the supervision of the Surveyor of Highways.

FRANK MAURAN,  
*for Committee.*

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No. 216. Papers relating to the claim against F. W. & K. D. Cheney for Doyle Avenue with a resolution of the City Council.

[Approved November 7, 1870.]

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }  
Providence, November 7, 1870. }

*To the Honorable City Council:*

GENTLEMEN :—The City Treasurer hereby reports that on the 23d of May last he presented to Messrs. F. W. & K. D. Cheney, of Hartford, an account of the expenses of the laying out and construction of Doyle Avenue, as certified by the Surveyor of Highways, and also, a copy of the report of the Committee on Claims, approved by the City Council, May 12, 1870, and thereto requested payment of them for fifteen thou-

sand, nine hundred and forty-three and forty-five one-hundredth dollars, (\$15,943 45), the amount of one-half the cost of said outlay, under an agreement made on the 27th of August, 1866, by the said Cheney's with the city of Providence, and for the fulfillment of the same, a bond was given and is on file in said Treasurer's office.

He further reports, not having received a reply to the foregoing, on the 18th of October last, he presented another communication to the Messrs. Cheney, requesting an immediate settlement of the claim, and received in reply, the accompanying letter from them and subsequently the accompanying letter from Charles Hart, Esq., counsel for the said Cheney's.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN TRIPP,

*City Treasurer.*

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HARTFORD, October 21, 1870.

BENJAMIN TRIPP, ESQ., PROVIDENCE:

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 18th inst., is at hand, I expect to be in Providence early next week, probably on Wednesday, to arrange about a settlement of our account for Doyle Avenue, which has been unavoidably delayed longer than we had intended it should be.

Yours truly,

F. W. CHENEY.

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PROVIDENCE, October 27, 1870.

MR. BENJAMIN TRIPP,

*City Treasurer, Providence:*

DEAR SIR:—I am instructed by Messrs. F. W. & K. D. Cheney to say that the claim of the city against them forwarded by you, May 23d, 1870, and referred to again in your letter to them of October 18, 1870, is not acknowledged by them. They claim to be wholly absolved in law, from any liability under the contract of August 27, 1866, by reason of the city's default, and if not wholly absolved, they claim to have a valid claim or set off both in law and equity, fully equal to any amount fairly due under the contract. They also desire me to

say, that they would be glad to avoid litigation at some sacrifice, and should be glad to meet in a spirit of compromise, any parties who may be authorized so to do on the part of the city.

Yours truly,

CHARLES HART,

*Attorney for Cheney's.*

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RESOLVED, That the communication of the City Treasurer, with the accompanying documents relating to the claim of the city against Messrs. F. W. & K. D. Cheney for the opening of Doyle Avenue be, and the same are hereby referred to Aldermen Ballou and Gardner, with Messrs. Colwell, Van Slyck and Waterman of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 217. Resolution for the purchase of new Hose.

[Passed November 7, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on the Fire Department be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase seven thousand (7000) feet of hose at a cost not exceeding eleven thousand two hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 218. Resolution for the curbing of Cent street.

[Passed November 7, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby, directed to cause curb stones to be set and the street paved on Cent street, from South Water street to South Main street.

No. 219. Resolution to discontinue proceedings in the widening of Cent street.

[Approved November 14, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby discontinue all proceedings relative to the widening of Cent street, under the application made to the Supreme Court.

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No. 223. Resolution to pay George A. Kenyon for damages sustained in the widening of Weybosset street.

[Approved November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay George A. Kenyon the sum of seventy-five dollars, upon receiving from him a receipt in full for all claims upon the city growing out of the widening of Weybosset street; the same to be charged to the appropriation for opening streets.

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No. 224. Resolutions to procure Badges for the Fire Department.

[Approved November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, acting under the advice and consent of the standing committee on the Fire Department, be, and they are hereby directed to procure one hundred and fifty regulation badges for the use of the Fire Department.

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of the Fire Department, to carry the above resolution into effect.

No. 225. Report of Joint Special Committee relative to the reorganizing of the Highway Department.

[Presented November 14, 1870.]

*To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:—*

The joint special committee to whom, by resolution of the City Council, approved June 8th last, was referred so much of the sixth annual message of the Mayor as relates to highways, and who were, by resolution approved October 12th last, directed to report what action, if any, they have taken thereon, make this report—

That they have held three meetings upon the subject referred to them, and have given such consideration to it as its great importance demands. Under the instructions of your committee, the City Solicitor is preparing such ordinances as are deemed necessary to properly establish the highway and engineer departments. As it is evident to the committee that some legislation will be needed by the General Assembly before completing the revision of these departments, your committee will be ready to report fully upon the matters referred to them early in the ensuing month.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

Providence, November 14, 1870.

No. 226. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Eagle street.

[Approved November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Eagle street, from Atwell's avenue to the river.

No. 227. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Superior street.

[Approved November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Superior street, from Cranston street to Diamond street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 228. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Square street.

[Approved November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Square street, from Eddy street to Plane street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 229. Resolution for the curbing of Barton street.

[Passed November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Barton street, from High street to Broadway.

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No. 230. Resolution for the curbing of Halsey street.

[Passed November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Halsey street, from Pratt street to Prospect street.

No. 231. Resolution for a Cross-walk on Congdon street.

[Approved November 16, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the joint committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause a cross-walk to be laid across Congdon street, at the foot of Cushing street, north side.

No 232. Resolution for the curbing and paving of Cove street.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the street paved with granite blocks on Cove street, from Mathewson street to the corner of the Providence and Stonington Railroad Company's engine house.

No. 233. Resolution relating to Prospect Square.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on City Property be hereby instructed to report a plan and estimates for the improving and enclosing of Prospect Square.

No. 234. Message from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, Nov. 28, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

On Saturday last a formal demand was made by a banking firm in Boston upon our City Treasurer for the payment of all

the coupons due in July, 1857, belonging to the bonds of the city issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company. These coupons were all paid by the then City Treasurer at the time they became due and were surrendered to him by the lawful owners thereof.

At a subsequent date they were stolen from the treasurer's office and have been innocently purchased by the present owners, who profess to be willing to aid the city in finding the thief.

I recommend that the Joint Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt be authorized to take such measures as they may deem necessary to protect the city against this attempted fraud.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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No. 235. Resolution relating to missing Coupons.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt be and they are hereby authorized to take such measures as they may deem expedient, to protect the city against loss from the demand made upon the City Treasurer, to pay the coupons stolen from the city; the expense incurred by said committee to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

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No. 236. Message from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, Nov. 28, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

The appropriation for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Transfers has been exhausted. I recommend that an additional appropriation of three hundred dollars be made for the purpose indicated.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 237. Resolution relating to clerk hire for the  
Register of Transfers.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the message of the Mayor relating to an appropriation for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Transfers be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.

No. 238. Resolution to purchase furniture for the  
City Engineer.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, be appropriated for suitable furniture for the office of the City Engineer, to be expended under the direction of the Joint Committee on City Property, and be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 239. Resolution to extend Thayer street.

[Passed November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out Thayer street from Keene street northerly to Olney street and the East Turnpike (so called,) and not less than fifty feet wide; and, whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of

Providence," and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said Solicitor to said court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefited thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

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

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No. 240. Resolution relating to the widening of  
Broad street.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment upon the widening of Broad street be and the same is hereby referred to Aldermen Tew and Snow, with Messrs. Tucker, W. Spencer and A. J. Barnaby, to inquire into and report, whether the parties whose lands or buildings are taken for such widening, will abide by said report and accept awards made to them, and whether the parties assessed in the sum of one hundred dollars and upwards, will submit to such assessment.

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No. 241. Resolution for the curbing of Parade street.

[Passed November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on the west side of Parade street, from High to Cranston street.

## No. 242. Resolution for cross-walks on Central street.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause cross-walks to be laid across Pearl street and B street at the north line of Central street; also, across Major street at the south line of Central street.

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## No. 243. Resolution granting permission to raise building.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Turner Williams to raise a certain building located at No. 220 Broadway, pursuant to his petition.

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## Resolution granting permission to move building.

[Approved November 28, 1870.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, viz. :—

- No. 244. Jeremiah W. Anthony.
- 245. Joseph Belcher.
- 246. Patrick Gannon.
- 247. Henry Midwood.
- 248. Peabody & Wilbur.

No. 249. Resolution for constructing a sewer in  
North Main street.

[Approved December 5, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen are hereby requested to lay out and make a drain and common sewer in North Main street, in conformity with the act of the General Assembly passed March 24th, 1869, being chapter 807 of the Public Laws.

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No. 250. Report of Joint Special Committee upon  
the widening of Broad street, near Snow street.

[Presented December 5, 1870.]

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

The Joint Special Committee appointed November 28, to examine and report if the parties interested in the widening of Broad street, would abide by the report of the commissioners, respectfully report:

That the committee have held a public hearing, and all the property to which awards are made was represented, and that while few of the parties interested are favorable to the improvement, none of them will abide by the award of the commissioners.

The parties assessed were also largely represented, and a majority of them will not abide the assessment.

For the Committee,

GEORGE P. TEW, *Chairman.*

No. 251. Resolution electing not to widen Broad street.

[Approved December 5, 1870.]

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the March Term, 1870, to widen Broad street, under and pursuant to the 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, November 21, 1870. Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council *do not elect* to make said improvements.

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No. 252. Resolution directing the Surveyor of Highways to report what streets he proposes to establish grades for.

[Approved December 5, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, be hereby directed to report to the City Council what streets he proposes to fix the grade upon, before proceeding to establish said grades.

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No. 253. Resolutions for the purchase of land of William Corliss, for the North Burying Ground.

[Approved December 5, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the North Burial Ground be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase the estate of William Corliss, adjoining the North Burial Ground,

containing about nineteen acres of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, *provided*, that the amount to be paid therefor shall not exceed the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, payable in the notes of the city at ten years after the date of the delivery of the deeds, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and provided further, that a title thereto, satisfactory to the City Solicitor can be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to issue the notes of the city in accordance with the foregoing resolution, whenever said committee shall deliver to him a deed of said estate in proper form.

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No. 254. Resolution to inquire what additional land can be obtained for the North Burying Ground.

[Approved December 5, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the North Burying Ground, be hereby instructed to inquire what additional land can be obtained for enlarging the North Burying Ground.

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No. 255 Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved December 5, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay for police duty performed in November, 1870, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, to be paid from the appropriation for police, as follows, viz ;

William J. Booth,	-	-	-	\$82 50
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	82 50

No. 258. Semi-Annual Report of the Overseer of  
the Poor.

[Presented December 12, 1870.]

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully submits his semi-annual report as follows :

In the six months ending November 30th, 1870, one thousand and one orders were given to two hundred and sixty-one families, as follows :

To sundry persons, for supplies, nine hundred and fifteen, amounting to - - - \$1,367 75  
For cash—eighty-six orders, amounting to - 2,851 83

Total amount, - - - \$4,219 58  
Amount paid by the City Treasurer, - 4,256 38

Of the orders for supplies three hundred and seventeen were by direction of his Honor the Mayor, and two hundred and twelve by myself. Of the cash orders, sixty were by direction of the Board

of Aldermen, and amounted to - - 2,527 77  
Twenty-six by myself, amounting to - - 324 06

The cash expenditures were for the following purposes :

For the board of the Insane, - - - \$855 77  
For salary of the Overseer, - - - 850 00  
Providence Dispensary, - - - 550 90  
Allowance to sundry poor by the Board of Aldermen, 246 00  
Removal of paupers, - - - 245 06  
Burial expenses, - - - 105 00

Total amount, - - - \$2,851 83

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WIGHTMAN,

*Overseer of the Poor.*

No. 260. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the Providence Water Works.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

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 that the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Committee on Finance, be authorized to hire the same.

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No. 261. Resolution authorizing employment of assistance in the office of the Register of Transfers.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Register of Transfers, acting under the advice of the Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to employ such assistance in his office as may be necessary during the present financial year, at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation for salaries.

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No. 262. Resolution for heating the City Building.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be, and he is hereby empowered to expend a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of properly heating the City Building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 265. Resolution authorizing the sale of unserviceable material of the Fire Department.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on the Fire Department, be hereby authorized to sell all unserviceable material now in their possession, and pay the proceeds of such sales into the city treasury.

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No. 266. Resolution relative to Fountain on Aborn street.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars be hereby appropriated for the purpose of dredging and properly covering the fountain at the north end of Aborn street, belonging to the Richmond Manufacturing Company; said sum to be expended by the Board of Engineers of the fire department under the advice and direction of the joint committee on the fire department, and to be charged to the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 267. Resolution granting permission to the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company to use a Dummy Engine.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be hereby given to the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company to use their dummy engine in the day time, for the purpose of hauling the New

York freight cars to and from their station and the Steamship Company's wharf at Fox Point, and for switching purposes at their coal wharves, and that no other use of such engine be made, except between the hours of ten p. m., and eight a. m., as now authorized. Provided, such dummy engine shall not be run at a greater rate of speed than four miles per hour, and shall not exhaust steam in the public streets, and that each and every train shall be preceded by a flagman to give warning of its approach; and such other precautions for the safety of the public shall be made as His Honor the Mayor may from time to time direct.

No. 268. Report relating to a Public Market.

[Presented December 5, 1870.]

TO THE HON. THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The Joint Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Annual Address of the Mayor relating to a Public Market, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions :—

The resolutions provide for taking the preliminary steps for the erection of a Public Market over the waters of the harbor, south of Weybosset Bridge. We do not deem it necessary to discuss at this time, the manifest advantages to all classes of our citizens of a properly constructed and conducted Public Market. Leaving for subsequent investigation the very important questions as to the kind, size, construction and cost of a market best suited to the wants of the city, we have considered first the question of location.

The locality we recommend, impressed the committee with its natural advantages, which we believe are unequalled by any locality in this, or any city within our knowledge.

It is the only situation obtainable at reasonable cost, affording ample space for market purposes, at a point which is central and easily accessible for all parts of the city.

We can here easily obtain the cleanliness and ventilation so essential in a market building.

It can be obtained at comparatively small cost, as it is for the interest of adjacent property owners, as well as the city, that the improvement should be made.

The wharves are fast becoming useless for mercantile purposes, and useful only as the asylum for a line of old hulks, which, to say the least, are not ornamental to the central portion of our city. The income from some of these wharves barely pays the cost of collection.

By the widening of Dyer and South Water streets, we shall afford a much needed relief to this busy and crowded portion of the city. Aware that the cost of the estates taken would, to some extent, determine the action of the City Council in accepting or rejecting this location, your committee have spent considerable time in an effort to ascertain the sum for which the city could buy the various wharf estates. We are unanimously of the opinion, that the estates needed can be obtained by the city more readily, and in a manner more satisfactory to all parties concerned, by the plan now proposed.

The committee believe that by the time the Commissioners of estimate and assessment shall make their report, we shall be ready to present our plans and final report, and the City Council will then have in their possession all the facts in the case, and be able to act advisedly and without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

NELSON W. ALDRICH, *Chairman.*

No. 269. Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for power to bridge over the harbor south of Weybosset Bridge for the purpose of building a Market.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee on a Public Market, be hereby directed to apply to the General Assembly,

at its January Session, for the passage of an act authorizing the City of Providence to build a bridge over the public waters of the harbor, south of Weybosset bridge, for the purpose of erecting and establishing a Public Market thereon.

No. 270. Resolutions for the widening of Dyer and South Water streets.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this City Council, it is desirable and necessary to widen Dyer street on the easterly side, by including therein all the land lying between said street and the harbor from Weybosset bridge to a line drawn in continuation of the southerly line of Pine street, to the easterly side of Dyer street, thence to a line ranging across the river with the southeasterly corner of South Water and Crawford streets.

Also: to widen South Water street, on the westerly side by including therein all the land lying between said street and the harbor, between Weybosset bridge and Crawford street: and whereas, certain real estate will be required for that purpose, that the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed to make application to the Supreme Court of this state for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, under and according to the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, enlarging, straightening and otherwise altering streets in the city of Providence:" and the City Council hereby direct that application shall be made by said City Solicitor to said court, in the application for said appointment as aforesaid, that said commissioners shall apportion and assess one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

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

No. 271. Resolution for the curbing of Greenwich street.

[Passed December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set, and the gutters paved on Greenwich street, from Moore street to Irwin street, and around the school house lot on Potter's avenue and Irwin street.

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No. 272. Resolution for the curbing of Square street.

[Passed December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Square street, from Eddy street to Plane street.

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No. 275. Resolution abating tax of Adam Molter.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of twenty-seven dollars from the amount assessed against Adam Molter, in the city tax of 1870.

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No. 276. Resolution abating tax of Olive G. Pettis.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of eighty six dollars and forty cents, from the amount assessed against Olive G. Pettis, in the city tax of 1870.

No. 277. Resolution abating tax of Edward  
T. Ross.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of seventy-two dollars and ninety cents, from the amount assessed against Edward T. Ross, in the city tax of 1870.

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No. 278. Resolution to pay interest on City Bonds  
in gold.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay in gold coin the coupons payable on and after January 1st, 1871, on the bonds of the City of Providence, due in 1876 and 1885 and to charge the cost of premium on gold for the same to the interest account.

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No. 279. Resolution to pay accounts for Public Lamps.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps up to January 1, 1871, now unpaid, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the amount so paid to the reserve fund.

No. 280. Resolution to demand gold interest from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to demand of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, that the interest coupons attached to the bonds issued by said company to the City of Providence, in exchange for bonds of said city, be hereafter paid in gold coin.

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No. 281. Resolution for removing certain trees.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to remove two elm trees from the sidewalk in front of the city lot, next to the Knight street police station, on Knight street.

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No. 282. Resolution relating to sidewalk on Federal and Dean streets, adjoining the school house lot.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways under the direction of the Standing Committee of Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cut off the sidewalk on the point at the corner of Federal and Dean streets, set the curb stones, and pave the gutters, on a line corresponding with the curve of the fence around the school house lot, so as to leave said sidewalk of an equal width of ten feet.

## No. 283. Resolution ordering crosswalks in Broadway.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on highways be and they are hereby instructed to cause six walks to be laid across Broadway as follows: One from the easterly side of Barton street; one from the easterly side of Harkness street; one from the easterly side of Almy street; one from the easterly side of Andrew street; one from the easterly side of Vinton street, and one from the easterly side of Sutton street: and that said committee be further instructed to give the proper notice to the Union Railroad Company to lay such of the above named walks, as said company are bound by ordinance to construct.

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## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to

284. Thomas Duffy and

285. Celia Wallace, to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions, and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings; provided that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioners.

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## No. 287. Report of Special Committee to build a School House for the Fourth and Seventh Wards.

(Approved December 19, 1870.)

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

The Joint Special Building Committee, for the Federal street School House, would respectfully represent, that they have nearly completed the duties assigned them, and find that the

several sums appropriated by the council are not quite sufficient to carry out the instructions "to build and furnish according to plans and specifications."

The original estimates of the architect, for the construction and completion of the building ready for use and occupation for school purposes, as reported by the Standing Committee on Education, was between ninety and one hundred thousand dollars; and the Building Committee have from time to time asked for and received from the Council by appropriations, ninety-three thousand dollars, of which amount they have expended the following:—

Moulton & Ingraham, on contract, - - -	\$66,000 00
H. S. Read, on contract for cellar, - - -	2,000 00
A. & W. Sprague, for granite, - - -	2,850 00
Furnaces, and setting same, - - -	2,354 00
E. M. Thurston, & Co., for furniture, - - -	1,200 00
Architect, - - - - -	750 00
Wharfage on bricks, - - - - -	37 00
Tarred paper for roof, - - - - -	21 00
Gas piping, extra, - - - - -	12 00
Snow breaker, - - - - -	100 00
Vane, - - - - -	100 00
Drain pipe and laying same, - - -	230 00
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Total amount paid out, - - -	\$75,654 00

There remains to be paid the following, a part of which is on contracts, and part estimated, say

On construction of building, - - -	\$12,400 00
Furniture, - - - - -	4,600 00
Fences, - - - - -	3,000 00
Bell and hanging same, - - - - -	450 00
Clocks for school rooms, - - - - -	250 00
Black boards, - - - - -	282 00
Chandeliers for hall, - - - - -	350 00
Piano, - - - - -	700 00
Architect, - - - - -	250 00

Putting in desks and settees, washing, cleaning and preparing rooms for use, - - -	\$400 00
Grading lot, - - - -	500 00
Estimated balance unpaid, - - -	\$23,182 00
Amount paid out, - - - -	75,654 00
Probable cost of furnished building, - - -	\$98,836 00
Less appropriations, - - - -	93,000 00
Balance, - - - -	\$5,836 00

Thus showing a balance of nearly six thousand dollars not provided for in previous appropriations.

As your committee hope to complete their labors before the next monthly meeting of the Council when they desire to present a final report; they would respectfully request your honorable body to make an appropriation for the above deficiency, and ask for the passage of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee,

A. L. CALDER, *Chairman.*

No. 288. Resolution making appropriation for the  
School House on Federal street.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the "Grammar School House for the Fourth and Seventh wards" to be transferred from the appropriation for the Reserve Fund, provided, that no portion of said appropriation be expended in the purchase of a piano or chandeliers.

No. 290. Resolution relating to Musical Instruments  
for the Public Schools.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the whole matter of furnishing musical instruments for the public schools be and the same is hereby referred to the Joint Committee on Education, to report thereon.

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No. 291. Resolution to pay Hallett & Mansir.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Hallett & Mansir fifty-three dollars and seventy cents in full for their bills of painting &c., on houses damaged by the explosion of Steam Fire Engine No. 6, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

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No. 292. Resolution to pay Peabody & Wilbur.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay Peabody & Wilbur eleven dollars and ninety-five cents in full for their bill of carpenter's work, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department.

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No. 293. Resolution in relation to re-organizing the  
Highway Department.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's address, referring to Highways be and they are hereby requested to report to the City Council an ordinance re-organizing the Highway department as suggested by the Mayor in his annual address delivered in June last.

No. 294. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out a street from Central Bridge.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to lay out a public highway not exceeding eighty feet in width, commencing at the easterly face of the westerly abutment of the old Central bridge, so called, and thence running westerly to East River street.

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No. 295. Resolution for the curbing of a part of Waterman street.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Standing Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Waterman street, from the present curbing, about three hundred feet westerly of Butler avenue, to the marsh about four hundred feet easterly of said avenue, the work to be done forthwith.

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No. 296. Resolution for the curbing of Bourbon street.

[Passed December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved Bourbon street, from Greenwich street to Broad street.

No. 297. Resolution to pay Providence Concrete Co., for work at the Point street bridge.

[Approved December 15, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to the Providence Concrete Co., eleven dollars, being the amount due them for concreting the walk at the Point street bridge, and that said amount be charged to the appropriation, for sidewalks and curbing.

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No. 298. Resolution to pay Olive G. Pettis.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to Olive G. Pettis, the sum of seven hundred and seventy-four dollars, in full for her account as rendered, to be charged to the appropriation for Highways.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved December 19, 1870.]

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

- 299. Ann Butts, Otis street.
- 300. William H. Young, Potter's avenue.

No. 302. Resolution for building a Sewer in Atwell's  
Avenue.

[Approved January 3, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause a sewer to be constructed in Atwell's avenue, from the estate of W. C. Snow to the Woonasquatucket river, a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet.

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No. 303. Message from the Mayor.

[Presented January 2, 1871.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, January 2, 1871.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

The coupons due on the first instant upon the bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company have not been paid. A formal demand was made, this morning, by the City Treasurer in my presence, upon the trustees under the mortgage on that portion of the road located in Rhode Island, for payment in gold of these coupons. The chairman of the trustees informed the treasurer, that the treasurer of the railroad company had not furnished the trustees with the funds to enable them to pay the coupons.

I recommend that you take such action in the premises as will secure the rights of the city under the mortgage above referred to.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 304. Resolution relating to interest due from the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Approved January 3, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, dated January 2, 1871, relative to the non-payment of the interest due the City of Providence by the Hartford, Providence and Fiskill Railroad Company, on said date, be referred to the Joint Committee on the reduction of the City Debt, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 306. Resolutions relative to contracting for materials for the use of the Highway Department.

[Approved January 3, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to contract, during the present month, for such curb-stones, cross-walk stones and granite paving blocks as may be necessary for the use of the highway department during the year 1871.

RESOLVED, That public notice be given, by advertisement in the newspapers employed to do the city printing, for at least ten days, of the quantity and description of material required under the foregoing resolution, and of the time and place, when and where said committee will meet to open sealed proposals for furnishing the above materials.

RESOLVED, That said committee be and they are hereby directed to require suitable bonds from the parties whose proposals may be accepted under the foregoing resolutions.

## No. 307. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved January 3, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay for police duty performed in December, 1870, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:

William J. Booth,	- - - - -	\$85 25
Isaac Weaver,	- - - - -	85 25

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## No. 308. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 for Asylum Walls and Buildings.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be hereby appropriated, in addition to former appropriations, for the Asylum Walls and Buildings; the same to be transferred from the reserve fund.

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## No. 312. Resolution granting permission to raise a building.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to William Jones to raise a certain building located at No. 29 Fremont street, pursuant to his petition.

No. 313. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Alexander Manchester to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings: provided, that all damages done to telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner.

No. 314. Report of the Joint Special Committee relating to the reorganizing of the Highway Department.

(Presented January 9, 1871.)

*To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:*

The special committee appointed by resolution approved June 8, 1870, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's last annual message as relates to highways, and who were directed by resolution approved December 19, 1870, to report an ordinance reorganizing the highway department, make this report:

The committee have given careful attention to the subject committed to them, and while they find that the management of our highway department requires a thorough reorganization; that, as now conducted, it is entirely inadequate to meet the wants of the city; yet they have been unable to embody in an ordinance such changes as will fully accomplish all that is needed, or even what is expected by the City Council.

Under the system as at present existing, the Surveyor of Highways is the executive officer of the department, and performs the duty of surveyor of highways as defined by state laws; he is also street commissioner to fix the grades of streets and to establish the width of sidewalks and the material of

which they shall be built. In a town, these varied duties may be committed with safety and economy to one person, but in a city with its hundreds of miles of streets to be graded, paved, cleaned and repaired; with new streets to be opened and others to be widened, straightened or extended; with sewers to be built, cleaned and repaired; teams and laborers to be overlooked; contract work to be inspected; materials to be purchased, examined and accounted for; work to be done for individuals and bills properly rendered therefor, and all these requiring an expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, it is utterly impossible that the same system will answer, while it is matter of surprise that it has continued so long. It is exceedingly creditable to the successive surveyors that they have been able to give satisfaction to our citizens in the discharge of their onerous and difficult duties.

Your committee, although as yet unable to report an ordinance in accordance with the request of the City Council, have decided to recommend certain changes in the system which will materially improve its workings, and which they confidently believe will commend themselves to the approval of the City Council. They recommend that application be made to the General Assembly at its present session for authority to elect the Surveyor of Highways, City Engineer, and a Superintendent of Streets, annually, in the month of January. The evil of electing a Surveyor of Highways in June has long been apparent to members of the City Council, but under the charter it had to be done. In the summer season the highway work is under full headway in all its various branches. The election of members of the city government takes place in May, and if, as frequently happens, a portion of the new government are desirous of changing the surveyor, much of that officer's time will of necessity be given to securing the place, if he wishes to continue therein, and the work of his department must suffer in consequence. If a new surveyor is elected, he enters upon his duties with jobs under way, some but just commenced and others nearly completed. Under such circumstances, the change is always an expensive one, and det-

rimental to the interests of the city. If, as proposed, the officer is elected in January, it is done at a season of the year when the number of teams and laborers is greatly reduced, when streets or sewers are not being built and paving is not being done. If desirable, a change can then be made in the officer without serious loss to the treasury. The new incumbent will have plenty of time and opportunity to become familiar with his place before the season for work opens, and he will be able to give his undivided attention to it during his official term. Another reason which may be urged in favor of the proposed change, is the fact that the members of the City Government will have months of experience with the officer in possession, and can properly pass upon his qualifications for the place, without those prejudices which are often formed in the heat of a political contest, and which should not enter into the election of such an officer.

It may be said that the reasons given by your committee will apply with equal force to other officers elected by the City Council, which undoubtedly is true, but the Highway Department is now under consideration, and it is peculiarly distinctive. The City Engineer being a part of this department, and necessarily connected with the surveyor, for the reasons already given, should be elected in the winter season. The power to elect a Superintendent of Streets, and to define his duties, your committee deem it important to obtain, leaving it to the City Council to exercise their discretion in establishing the office.

Your committee feel that in the reorganization of the Highway Department, such an officer will be necessary, to whom the surveyor will be subordinate, and who, as executive officer of the highway committee, will, as his office implies, superintend the workings of the various branches of the highway service and direct its heavy expenditure.

Your committee further recommend that the establishment of street grades, and the ordering of sidewalks be vested in the Board of Aldermen, and that if additional legislation be needed for the purpose, application be made to the General Assembly at its present session.

At the time these powers were conferred upon the Surveyor of Highways the Common Council passed an ordinance conferring them upon the Aldermen, but they refused to accept the duty, and it was placed upon the surveyor. Since that time an act has been passed vesting in the Board of Aldermen the power to change and alter grades, and it has been frequently exercised by them.

Under the system as now existing, the surveyor may fix a grade, and as soon as he has declared it to be established, the board may immediately alter it. This is clearly wrong, and your committee deem it best that the whole power be exercised by the board.

The City Solicitor has, at the request of your committee, prepared two ordinances for the reorganization of the highway department. The second ordinance contained many provisions which grew out of the discussion upon the first one, but this also, has been found to be too incomplete to be reported to you, and a third one will be prepared by the solicitor, which your committee hope to present to the City Council. At this time they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Chairman.*

Providence, January 9, 1871.

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No. 315. Resolution for applying for amendments to the City Charter relative to a Superintendent of Streets, the Surveyor of Highways and the City Engineer; also, to empower the Board of Aldermen to establish street grades and sidewalks.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the special committee appointed by resolution approved June 8, 1870, to consider the subject of a reorganization of the highway department, be and they are hereby

authorized and instructed to apply to the General Assembly, at its present session, for such an amendment to the city charter as will authorize the City Council to elect a Superintendent of Streets and to define his duties, and also to elect said officer, together with the Surveyor of Highways and City Engineer, annually, in the month of January.

RESOLVED, That said committee be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and ascertain if any additional legislation is needed to authorize the City Council to confer upon the Board of Aldermen the power to establish the grades of streets and to order the building of sidewalks; and if such legislation be found necessary, said committee are hereby instructed to apply to the General Assembly, at its present session, for such amendment of the city charter as will confer upon the Board of Aldermen the duties aforesaid.

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No. 316. Resolution relating to the claim of  
J. McMillen.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. F. M. Smith, Shaw, Paine, and Joslin, with Alderman Snow be and they are hereby constituted a joint special committee to enquire into the claim of J. McMillen for remuneration for certain damages; and that the committee have power to summon witnesses to give testimony in the above named claim, and to administer oaths to said witnesses.

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No. 317. Resolutions for connecting the offices of  
the Mayor and Chief of Police by telegraph.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Police are hereby authorized to cause the office of the Chief of Police to be con-

nected with the office of the Mayor, by a suitable telegraphic apparatus.

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred dollars be hereby appropriated for the above purpose, the same to be paid from the appropriation for police.

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No. 318. Resolution abating tax of John H. Lautenberger.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of forty dollars and fifty cents from the amount assessed against John H. Lautenberger in the City tax of 1870.

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No. 319. Resolution abating tax of Laura M. Newcomb, guardian.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of sixteen dollars and twenty cents from the amount assessed against Laura M. Newcomb, guardian, in the City tax of 1870.

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No. 320. Resolution abating tax of St. John's Lodge.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of sixty dollars and seventy-five cents from the amount assessed against St. John's Lodge in the City tax of 1870.

No. 321. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Union street.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Union street, from Worcester street to Fountain street, and declare the same a public highway; the same having been traveled for more than twenty years.

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No. 322. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Worcester street.

[Approved January 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Worcester street, from Union street to Cove street, and declare the same a public highway; the same having been traveled for more than twenty years.

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No. 324. Report of Special Committee to settle with the Watcheer Corporation.

[Presented January 11, 1871.]

*To the Hon. City Council of the City of Providence :—*

The special committee appointed by the City Council, to settle all claims and controversies arising from the widening and straightening of North Main street, to whom was specially referred the claim of the Watcheer Corporation, with authority to arrange and adjust the same, would respectfully report,

That on examining the city records they find that said Corporation with other parties, on the fifteenth day of October 1852,

conveyed to the City of Providence, a parcel of land for the purpose of a highway, with this condition, "That no authority or officers of said City of Providence shall ever order or direct the sidewalk in front of said estate, to be made of less width or on any other grade than it now is, or in any way to interfere with the present arrangement of steps and cellarways of buildings upon the easterly line of said land, without the consent of the owners of said estates, their heirs or assigns."

In completing the work on North Main street, it now becomes necessary to cut off a portion of the sidewalk in front of the Watcher building, and after several conferences between your committee and a committee of the Watcher Corporation, appointed to arrange this matter with the city, an agreement was entered into, that the city should continue the line of the sidewalk, on the easterly side of North Main street across a portion of the sidewalk in front of the Watcher building, taking off thereby about eighty-seven square feet of said sidewalk, on the payment by the city to said Watcher Corporation of fourteen hundred dollars, said corporation at the same time, relinquishing all claim against the city for damages therefor.

It may be proper to state in this report, that the Watcher Corporation were assessed for the North Main street improvement, twenty-seven hundred and thirty dollars, which their committee believe to be a much larger sum than would have been placed upon their property, had the commissioners of estimate and assessment been aware of the fact above referred to, of the conveyance by this corporation to the city of about one thousand four hundred square feet of land on Market square, without remuneration.

For the purpose of carrying out this agreement, your committee would now recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

AMOS W. SNOW.

No. 325. Resolution relating to the sidewalk in front of the Whatcheer Building.

[Approved February 13, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be and he is hereby directed to cut off that portion of the sidewalk in front of the Whatcheer building that is required to carry out the line of the sidewalk on the easterly side on North Main street until it runs into Market square.

No. 326. Resolution relating to Park at Field's Point.

[Passed February 13, 1871.]

WHEREAS, The General Assembly did, on the twenty-fourth day of March 1869, pass an act entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Providence to establish a Public Park in said City," and,

WHEREAS, a large number of the tax payers of said city, representing about thirty millions of dollars, (as per the assessors' valuation of the taxable property of said city,) have petitioned the General Assembly to so amend the Act, that the report of the Commissioners, provided under the Act, shall be subject to the acceptance or rejection of the City Council, as they may deem expedient, and,

WHEREAS, Said petition is now before a Committee of the General Assembly pending action thereon, therefore it is

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be directed to urge upon the General Assembly such amendment of the Act as shall make it conform to the conditions asked for in said petition.

## No. 327. Resolution relating to Federal Street School.

(Passed February 13, 1871.)

RESOLVED, That the school established in the new school-house at the corner of Federal and Dean streets be hereafter known and designated as the "Federal Street School."

## No. 328. Message from the Mayor.

[Presented February 6, 1871.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

City of Providence, February 6, 1871.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

I transmit herewith the memorial of George W. Long & Co., of Boston, Mass., the holders of the coupons due in July, 1857, upon the bonds of the city issued to the Harford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, in which they request payment of the said coupons by the city.

In regard to this memorial, which is, I presume, preliminary to commencing a suit against the city, I deem it proper to inform you that J. S. Holmes, Esq., the counsel for Messrs. Long & Co., in an interview with me, in the presence of the City Solicitor and other parties, pledged his honor to return the coupons, which were in his possession at that time, to the authorities of the city whenever they should demand them. Subsequently, at another interview, he renewed that pledge, thereby preventing me from taking legal measures to regain these coupons, which are the lawful property of the city of Providence.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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*To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence :—*

Respectfully represent George W. Long and John C. Watson that they are engaged in the business of bankers and brokers, at Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under the name of G. W. Long and Company; that in the course of their said business they have come into the possession of and are the holders of certain interest warrants or coupons of the City of Providence, for thirty dollars each, payable on the first day of July, 1857, to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company or bearer, numbered from one to five hundred inclusive, being for the half yearly interest on certain certificates of said city; that your petitioners have presented said warrants or coupons at the office of the treasurer of said city and payment thereof has been refused and the same have not been paid; wherefore your petitioners allege that they have a claim against the said city for the amount of said coupons and interest thereon, and they respectfully petition your honorable body, that an order be passed directing the said treasurer to pay the amount of your petitioner's said claim to them.

GEO. W. LONG,  
JOHN C. WATSON.

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No. 329. Resolution referring the Message of the Mayor relating to the claim of George W. Long & Co.

[Approved February 16, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Message of His Honor the Mayor dated February 6, 1871, enclosing the memorial of George W Long & Co., relative to the coupons of July 1857, upon the bonds of the City of Providence issued to the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, wherein Messrs. Long demand payment of said coupons, be referred to the joint committee on the reduction of the city debt to examine and report thereon.

No. 330. Message from the Mayor relating to the location of Central Bridge.

[Presented February 6, 1871.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, February 6, 1871.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

At the request of George F. Wilson, Esq., I transmit herewith the opinions of Messrs. Noble T. Greene, J. N. Cunningham and others upon the question of locating a bridge across the Seekonk river at or near the site of the red bridge, so called, and suggest their reference to some committee for examination.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

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No. 331. Resolution for the purchase of land to extend Arnold street.

[Approved February 13, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay the sum of eight hundred dollars from the appropriation for opening streets, for a lot of land necessary for the purpose of extending Arnold street easterly to Governor street, when a deed of said lot satisfactory to the City Solicitor, shall be presented to the City Treasurer.

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No. 332. Resolution for re-furnishing and improving the chamber of the Board of Aldermen.

[Approved February 13, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred dollars be hereby appropriated for the purpose of re-furnishing and improving the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, to be paid from the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 340. Resolution to sell the old School House on  
Potter's Avenue.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the old school house on Potter's Avenue be sold by auction, under the direction of the Committee on City Property, the proceeds to be paid into the city treasury, and applied towards the reduction of the city debt.

No. 342. Report of the Committee on Education upon  
changing the desks in the Bridgham School.

[Presented February 13, 1871.]

*To the Hon. City Council :—*

The Joint Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the request of the School Committee, for a change of single for double desks in the first and second rooms of the Bridgham street school-house, would report, that they do not recommend the change, as it would cause a loss of fourteen seats, which, if not needed for scholars in the Fifth District, may be filled to advantage from the overcrowded Sixth District.

For the committee,

ALFRED METCALF, *Chairman.*

No. 343. Report of the Committee on Education  
upon the request of the School Committee, for an  
appropriation to pay the expenses of dedicating the  
School House, on Federal Street.

[Presented February 13, 1871.]

*To the Hon. City Council :—*

The Joint Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the request of the School Committee for an appropriation of fifty dollars, to defray the expenses of dedicating the Federal street school house, would report, that this expenditure has already been made by the School Committee, and the bills there-

for should be presented to the proper department and paid, if correct, and your committee can only account for the irregular course pursued by the School Committee in this instance, by the supposition, that, to aid their appeal to the General Assembly, they wish thus to give the impression that they are not authorized to expend even the most trifling sums, when in reality, with some few exceptions, they "have the exclusive control of all moneys appropriated for the support of the schools."

For the committee,

ALFRED METCALF, *Chairman.*

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No. 344. Report of the Committee on Education, relative to warming and ventilating the School House on Greenwich Street.

[Presented February 13, 1871.]

*To the Hon. City Council:*

The Joint Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the request of the School Committee, for "an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of properly warming and ventilating the school house on Greenwich street," would report, that they find this building better ventilated than most which are heated by stoves, and as the rejection of stoves for heating purposes in all our school houses would be attended with considerable expense, they recommend that the subject of ventilation in all our school houses, be referred to the Committee on City Property, to examine and report thereon.

For the committee,

ALFRED METCALF, *Chairman.*

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No. 345. Resolution relative to Ventilation in the School Houses.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the subject of ventilation in all the school houses of the city, be referred to the Joint Committee on City Property, to examine and report thereon.

No. 346. Resolution for an experiment in teaching  
Writing.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to expend the sum of two hundred dollars for an experiment in teaching writing; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public schools.

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No. 347. Resolution accepting the gift of William  
Earle, trustee of the estate of George Earle, to the  
North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of William Earle trustee of the estate of George Earle, 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 George Earle, in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council.

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No. 348. Resolution relative to the grading of  
Thurber Avenue.

[Passed February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Highways be hereby authorized to settle with parties on Thurber Avenue, for damages sustained by grading said avenue, the amount to be paid out of the appropriation for highways, provided the amount shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

## No. 349. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay, for police duty performed in January, 1871, by men who have been appointed, but not confirmed, the same to be charged to the appropriation for police, as follows:—

Alfred D. Keach,	-	-	-	\$82.50
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	85.25
William J. Booth,	-	-	-	88.25
Robert Flynn,	-	-	-	85.25

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## No. 350. Resolution abating tax of Caleb M. Andrews.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of ninety-four dollars and fifty cents, from the amount assessed against Caleb M. Andrews, in the city tax of 1870.

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## No. 351. Resolution abating tax of Phebe A. Blackinton.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of nine dollars and thirty-five cents, from the amount assessed against Phebe A. Blackinton, in the city tax of 1870.

No. 352. Resolution abating tax of Providence  
Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers.

{Approved February 15, 1871.}

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of sixty dollars and seventy-five cents, from the amount assessed against the Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers, in the city tax of 1870.

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No. 353. Resolution abating tax of Providence  
Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of fifty-four dollars, from the amount assessed against the Providence Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, in the city tax of 1870.

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No. 354. Resolution granting permission to raise  
a building.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to John S. Tripp to raise a certain building located at No. 33 Winter street, pursuant to his petition.

Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved February 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons, to move certain wooden buildings, pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings; provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the several petitioners, viz. :—

- No. 355. Matthew Flynn.
- 356. Ira Johnson.
- 357. Edwin Munsey.
- 358. Alfred Stone.

Veto Message from the Mayor, upon Resolution No. 327, naming the school house on Federal and Dean streets.

[Presented February 27, 1871.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
City of Providence, February 27th, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

On the 12th of December last a resolution in the words following was passed by you.

“RESOLVED, That the new Grammar School House, for the Fourth and Seventh Wards, be known and designated as the Federal Street School House, and the use of any other name therefor in any dedicatory services, or in official documents, is hereby forbidden.”

On the 25th of January following, the Board of Aldermen amended the resolution so as to read as follows :

“RESOLVED, That the school established in the new school house at the corner of Federal and Dean streets, be hereafter known and designated as the Federal Street School.” This amendment was concurred in by you on the 13th instant, and has been presented to me for approval.

I cannot assent to the passage of this resolution, because, first, I believe it to be in conflict with a provision of the ordinance in relation to public schools; second, because it appears to me to be an unnecessary interference with the action of the School Committee, and third, because the name selected by that body, would seem to be the better name for the school.

The provision of the ordinance to which I have referred declares that the School Committee "shall have and exercise a general discretionary power in all matters and things relating to the public schools, which are not specially provided for by this ordinance or by the laws of the state."

There can not be any doubt that the name by which a school is to be known, is "a matter or thing relating to the public schools," and as it is not specially provided for in the ordinance, or in the laws of the state, it is one of the powers vested in the committee, under the general clause I have quoted.

But, be this as it may, the fact is, that the School Committee have, without a single exception, fixed and determined the name of every public school in this city; have varied these names at pleasure; and the resolution under consideration is the first instance in which the City Council have attempted to assume the power of naming either of the public schools.

I consider it an interference with the School Committee entirely uncalled for. The members of that body are elected especially to manage the public schools of this city. At the present time a larger proportion of their number than of the members of the Common Council, are representatives of real estate, while the average amount of tax paid by the committee also exceeds the average tax of the Common Council. The committee, may, therefore, be said to represent the property of the city as fully as though they were elected by the constituency of the council. More than one-third of the committee have represented their wards in the City Council, while His Excellency the Governor and other prominent citizens are numbered among the committee, and in this respect it may be termed a representative body.

Serving, as they do, without compensation, devoting many days to the examination of the schools, and leaving for that

purpose their ordinary avocations; it would seem that they might with safety be permitted to select a name for a school which is to be under their supervision, and is to be kept in a building, the plans for which were first adopted by them.

The only reason which I have heard assigned for this proposed interference, is that the committee have selected the name of an individual to be applied to the school, instead of calling it by the name of one of the streets on which it is located.

Why should they not do this? It is their clear right, and the committee so consider it. They did the same thing thirteen years ago, and no City Council since that time has ever questioned their authority for doing it.

February 11, 1856, the City Council appointed a committee to superintend the erection of a grammar school house for the Sixth District. This house was dedicated by the School Committee to the cause of free education, May 25th, 1857. On the 15th day of May, 1857, the School Committee, by a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution in the words following:

“RESOLVED, That the Sixth District grammar school be hereafter known as ‘the Bridgham School,’ in honor of the late Hon. Samuel W. Bridgham, first Mayor of Providence, during whose administration the present improved system of public school education was established.”

August 31, 1868, the School Committee, by a like unanimous vote, ordered “that the name ‘Hughes School’ be given to the new building, in honor of Mr. John L. Hughes, for his persistent and successful efforts in the City Council to introduce the present school system.”

There was a propriety in affixing the name of Bridgham to one of the grammar schools of this city, to tell to the children of future generations that, during his mayoralty, the excellent system by which they are educated was established; and there is like propriety in affixing to another of these grammar schools, the name of Hughes, in order that the same children may remember the man whose efforts secured the system.

I might leave the subject here, but I prefer to give some reasons why the name of “Hughes School,” adopted by the

School Committee, is better than the name of "Federal Street School," adopted by the council.

In the year 1828, the subject of a reorganization of the free schools of the then town of Providence was so strongly agitated that a committee was appointed to report thereon. The report of this committee, from the pen of its chairman, the late Rev. Dr. Wayland, was a most able document, and contained the outlines of our present public school system. The publication and discussion of this valuable report did much toward securing some of the changes made at that time in the system, and prepared the way for others. Not much was accomplished, however, towards the required reorganization, and in 1837 the Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers, which body in 1790 laid before the General Assembly of this state the first document ever presented to them on the subject of free schools, once more gave their attention to the cause of free education, and presented to the City Council their memorial, asking for a reorganization of the school system. This strong memorial might be published and read occasionally with profit, even in these days. The City Council took up the matter, and from that time until the adoption of the present school system, the agitation of the subject did not cease. Stormy debates followed, and the meetings of both branches of the City Council were excited and often angry sessions. Foremost in the fight stood the late John L. Hughes, who was, from June, 1834, to June, 1842, a member from the Fourth Ward in the Common Council. He had no children to be benefited by a change in the public schools—his only child having been educated in a private school—but he labored for the children of others. As chairman or member of committees, he worked unceasingly. Upon the floor of the council he pressed the subject with an earnestness which knew no defeat. Repeatedly and emphatically voted down, only to come anew to the work, he finally triumphed; and to his efforts more than those of any other man, we are indebted for that school system which has been, since its establishment, the pride of our city.

The reorganization having been ordered, a committee was appointed June 4, 1838, to ascertain what alterations were

needed in the then school houses, and what other lands and buildings were necessary. The committee consisted of two Aldermen and six Councilmen, one from each ward, Mr. Hughes representing the Fourth Ward. The committee accomplished the work assigned to them, and September 3, 1838, were reappointed, with authority to alter or take down the old school houses, purchase new locations and erect the new houses required. They were engaged in this important work for several years, and did not make their final report to the City Council until March 9, 1846. Of that committee, His Excellency Seth Padelford, Hon. Edward P. Knowles and Henry Anthony, Esq., alone survive. The committee closed their report in these words: "John L. Hughes, Esq., who was an active and efficient member of the committee, and whose unwearied exertions for the improvement of the public schools will long be remembered, has removed from this city, and now resides in the city of Philadelphia." Upon this report, the City Council "*Resolved*, That the gratuitous labors of the gentlemen composing the committee, deserved a grateful public acknowledgment, and ordered their resolution to be spread upon their record and printed."

Such, in very brief terms, is an outline of the work performed by the men of a former generation for the cause of common school education in this city. In grateful acknowledgment thereof, the School Committee have ordered that the grammar school wherein the children are to be educated who reside in the ward which John L. Hughes so long and ably represented shall bear his name. Is it too much honor to give to a faithful public servant and benefactor? He has passed from his earthly labors, leaving no one to bear his name. Shall the memory of his labors be refused the cheap honor of naming a school? Those who never shared the benefits of the system of education he labored to establish, may decline to honor his work, but I can hardly believe that any one who has received *his* education in the excellent free schools of Providence, will be unwilling that one of its grammar schools shall bear the name of John L. Hughes.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

No. 359. Resolution relative to changing the School  
Laws.

[Passed February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be hereby requested to appear before the Committee of the General Assembly, and oppose any change in the statutes of the state relative to the public schools of this city, until the said change shall have received the approval of the City Council.

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No. 360. Resolution relating to fares, on the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Railroads be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into and report, whether any, and if so, what action is necessary to be taken by the City Council in relation to the rate of fares upon the Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls Railroad.

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No. 361. Resolution to purchase land for Schools on  
Thurber Avenue and Public street.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase the lot in the rear of the school house on Thurber avenue, measuring forty by one hundred feet, and two lots, each of about the same dimensions, in the rear of the Public street school house: provided, the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, which amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be charged to the appropriation for school houses and lots, and provided that a title satisfactory to the City Solicitor be obtained.

## No. 362. Message from the Mayor.

[Presented February 27, 1871.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
 City of Providence, February 27, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

The Board of Assessors have been engaged since the completion of the work of assessing the tax of 1870, in making a re-valuation of the real estate of the City, which has been long needed.

Some weeks since, I was informed by them that the results of their work would be of no value during the present year, unless the clerical force in the office of the Register of Transfers was immediately increased. I accordingly directed the Register to procure such additional assistance as was necessary, which he did. I desire to call your attention to this important department, the labor and responsibility of which have been so largely increased within a few years; and I suggest that a committee be appointed to examine the matter and report what action should be taken thereon by you.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

## No. 363. Resolution relating to the Register of Transfers.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor, relative to the office of Register of Transfers and the need of more assistance therein, be referred to Messrs. Bradford, Van Slyck, and J. B. Barnaby, with Alderman Earle, to examine and report thereon.

## No. 364. Message from the Mayor.

[Presented February 27, 1871.]

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
 City of Providence, February 27, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council :*

The issue of the bonds for the water loan will require four thousand impressions of the city seal. The present die is so nearly worn out as to be scarcely legible, and I therefore suggest that authority be at once given for a new seal.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the necessity of establishing a seal for the Mayor. It has been customary heretofore to affix the city seal to all documents verified before that officer. The increase of such business has been very great, and it is questionable whether the city seal should be longer used for that purpose. I have, during the present municipal year, had occasion to affix the seal to upwards of thirty deeds and instruments in a single transaction. In other cities it has been found necessary, from the same cause, to establish a Mayor's seal, and I recommend the matter to your attention.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor.*

No. 365. Resolution relative to a seal for the Mayor's  
 Office.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the message of His Honor the Mayor relative to a seal for his office, be and the same is hereby referred to the Joint Committee on Ordinances, to report an ordinance establishing a seal for the Mayor.

No. 367. Resolution for procuring a new City Seal.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk, acting under the advice of the Mayor, be hereby authorized to procure a new city seal for the use of the city; to be paid for from the appropriation for printing.

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No. 373. Resolution relative to an appropriation for the Providence Reform School.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the request of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, for an additional appropriation for the purposes of said institution, be and the same is hereby referred to the Joint Committee on Finance, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 374. Resolutions relating to the building of a New Bridge across Seekonk River, at the site of Central Bridge.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City of Providence, in connection with the Town of East Providence, will construct an iron bridge across the Seekonk river at the site of the Central Bridge, so called, in accordance with the conditions set forth in an act of the General Assembly, of the State of Rhode Island, passed at its May session, A. D. 1869, entitled, "An act to authorize the erection of a bridge across Seekonk river"—the said City of Providence assuming to pay, as its portion of the cost of the construction of said bridge, the amount required to build the

same, over and above the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of which said sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has been appropriated by the state towards the erection of said bridge by the aforesaid act of the General Assembly, and the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) has been appropriated towards the erection of said bridge by the town of East Providence, by a resolution passed in town meeting on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1869, *provided*, that the amount to be paid by the City of Providence for the construction of said bridge, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000;) and the City of Providence hereby agrees to maintain and keep in repair all of said bridge included within the limits of said city.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) is hereby appropriated for the purpose set forth in the foregoing resolution, being the amount heretofore paid to the Central Bridge Commissioners, and now in their hands.

RESOLVED, That the Central Bridge Commissioners are hereby appointed the agents of the City of Providence, for the purpose of constructing the bridge aforesaid, with full power to use and expend the said appropriated money in the construction of said bridge, under the foregoing resolutions.

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No. 375. Resolution relating to a Salary Ordinance.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Finance be hereby instructed to report in print, an ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city, for the year ensuing the first Monday in June, 1871.

No. 376. Resolution to pay ex-policeman James Miner.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay as a gratuity to James Miner, or his legal representatives, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, for such a period (not exceeding six months from the first day of December, 1870,) as the Board of Aldermen may determine; said payments to be made monthly, and paid from the appropriation for the police.

No. 377. Resolution for settling damages caused by grading India Street.

[Approved February 27, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That Alderman Earle and Messrs. Shaw, Daboll and A. J. Barnaby, of the Common Council, be and they are hereby authorized to settle all claims for damages to estates on India street, caused by the re-grading of the same.

No. 378. Resolution instructing Committee on the Point Street Bridge, to make report.

[Approved March 6, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the committee on building the Point Street Bridge be and they are hereby instructed to report to the next meeting of the City Council the amount of money paid for the construction of said bridge, and also, the amount of claims and bills unpaid; and also, to report the present condition of said bridge, and the reasons why the contracts for its building have not been fulfilled; and also, at what probable time said structure may be completed and if at an additional expense, what such expense would be, and all other facts in relation to the contracting and construction of said Point Street Bridge.

No. 379. Resolution to pay for Music on the  
 Birthday of Washington.

[Approved March 6, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expense incurred by the First Light Infantry, the United Train Artillery and the Kearney Cadets for music in celebrating Washington's birthday on the 22d day of February; to be paid from the reserve fund.

Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved March 6, 1871.]

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

No. 380. Mary Addeman, No. 15 Barclay street.

“ 381. John Gannon, No. 568 High street.

No. 382. Annexation of part of North Providence.

[Presented March 6 and 13, 1871.]

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, }  
 CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, March 6, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council.*—

I have the honor to present herewith a notice from George H. Corliss and others, tax payers and legal voters in the town of North Providence, of the presentation to the General Assembly, at the May Session, 1871, of petitions for the setting off a portion of said town to the City of Providence; also, copies of said petitions.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL W. BROWN, *City Clerk.*

*To the City Clerk of the City of Providence, and to said City of Providence:—*

You will please take notice, that sundry tax payers and legal voters of the town of North Providence will present to the General Assembly, at the next May Session, petitions to have the part of said town indicated in the annexed plat, set off to the City of Providence, and that a copy of said petitions is hereto annexed in conformity to the requirements of Chapter 2, Section 2, of the Revised Statutes of Rhode Island.

GEORGE H. CORLISS,  
PHILIP B. STINESS, Jr.,  
ED. W. RAYSFORD.

North Providence, March 3, 1871.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island:—*

The undersigned, tax payers and owners of property of that portion of the town of North Providence, which is included within the territory proposed to be annexed to the City of Providence, the boundaries of which territory are indicated in the above diagram, respectfully ask that your Honorable Body, will pass such acts of legislation, as will enable said city to extend its jurisdiction over said territory.

GEORGE H. CORLISS,  
PHILIP B. STINESS, Jr.,  
ED. W. RAYSFORD.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island:—*

The undersigned, legal voters of the town of North Providence, and residents of that portion of said town which is included within the territory proposed to be annexed to the City of Providence, the boundaries of which territory are indicated in the above diagram, respectfully ask that your Honorable Body will pass such acts of legislation as will enable said city to extend its jurisdiction over said territory.

GEORGE H. CORLISS,  
PHILIP B. STINESS, Jr.,  
ED. W. RAYSFORD.

No. 383. Resolution relative to adding the whole of the North Burying Ground and Swan Point Cemetery to the city.

[Approved March 13, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice to the Town of North Providence, that an application will be made to the General Assembly at the May Session, A. D., 1871, for the transfer from said town to the City of Providence, of all the territory belonging to and forming parts of the North Burying Ground and Swan Point Cemetery.

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No. 384. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

[Approved March 13, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for police duty performed in February, 1871, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows :

William J. Booth,	-	-	-	\$77 00
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	77 00
Robert Flynn,	-	-	-	77 00

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No. 389. Report of Joint Special Committee on the Point Street Bridge.

[Presented March 13, 1871.]

*To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence:—*

In obedience to the resolution approved March 6, 1871, the Point Street Bridge Committee respectfully report:

That the amount of money expended in building Point street Bridge, to date, is \$88,732 32.

The amount of claims against the city for labor and stock furnished in the construction of the bridge is, \$7,242 20, a portion of which have not been allowed by the committee.

The bridge is in an unfinished state, and the reason why the contracts for its building have not been fulfilled, is owing to the fact, that the contractors have failed in business.

The committee cannot state the probable time when the bridge will be finished, but will simply say, that an agreement has been made with the New England Iron Company of Boston, for finishing the structure; in this agreement they say, that for the sum of \$7,000 they will complete the bridge by the first day of June.

The above named sum of \$7,000 is not in excess of the original appropriation. The shore spans of the bridge have been completed for a long time, and the extra delay has been caused by the contractors having attempted to use a turn table under the draw span, which was not strong enough to bear the weight. An entirely new and stronger turn table is to be put in by the New England Iron Company, and is included in their agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. ARMINGTON,

*For the Committee.*

Providence, March 10, 1871.

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No. 390. Resolution to pay Freeborn Johnson & Co., for materials, for the Point street Bridge.

[Approved March 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of sixteen hundred and eighty dollars is hereby appropriated for the payment of the bill of Freeborn, Johnson & Co., against the city, for stock furnished for the Point street Bridge: the same to be paid from the appropriation for the Point street Bridge.

No. 391. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive part of Almy street.

[Approved March 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Almy street, from Broadway to Penn street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 392. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive part of Clemence street.

[Approved March 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Clemence street, from Washington street to Fountain street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 393. Resolution to purchase a Road Roller.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be, and he is hereby directed to purchase a Road Roller, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for highways.

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No. 394. Resolution to pay for lighting the streets.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps for the months of January and Feb-

ruary, and up to March 3, 1871, which are now unpaid, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the amount to the reserve fund.

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No. 396. Resolution to Exchange Steam Fire Engines.

[Passed March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department are hereby authorized to exchange Steam Fire Engine No. 1, for a new steam fire engine, and the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated from the funds of the fire department to pay the cost of said exchange.

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No. 397. Resolution appropriating \$200,000 to the Providence Water Works.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

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 that the City Treasurer acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, be authorized to hire the same.

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No. 398. Resolution appropriating \$10,000 to the Providence Reform School.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, in addition to former appropriations be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Providence Reform School, the same to be transferred from the reserve fund.

No. 399. Resolution for heating and ventilating the School House on Greenwich Street.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for heating and ventilating Greenwich street Grammar School House, the same to be expended under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, and charged to the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 400. Resolution for procuring English Sparrows.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of introducing and caring for English sparrows, the same to be expended under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, and to be paid from the appropriation for contingencies.

. 401. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Police.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in February, 1871, by men who have been appointed, but not confirmed, as follows :

John V. Simonds,	-	-	-	-	77 00
Isaac S. Shippee,	-	-	-	-	77 00
Byron M. Darling,	-	-	-	-	74 25
Alfred S. Keach,	-	-	-	-	77 00
Frank M. Horton,	-	-	-	-	77 00
John A. Stone,	-	-	-	-	77 00
Andrew J. F. Hines,	-	-	-	-	77 00

No. 402. Resolution relating to the Duties of the School Committee.

[Passed March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Ordinances, be and they are hereby directed to report what ordinances, if any, are needed to define the duties of the School Committee.

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No. 403. Resolution abating tax of William J. Pettis.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of five dollars and forty cents, and interest as paid, from the amount assessed against William J. Pettis, in the city tax, of 1870.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

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

No. 404. Robert Arnold, No. 50 Barnes street.

No. 405. Cornelius McCarty, No. 232 Power street.

No. 406. Betsy Silva, corner of Ives and Williams streets.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved March 20, 1871.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in

relation to the removal of wooden buildings ; provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :

- No. 407. Samuel Hedley.  
 No. 408. Henry McCarron.  
 No. 409. Roger O'Gorman.  
 No. 410. Franklin H. Richmond.
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No. 411. Resolution to pay George F. Campbell.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to George F. Campbell, a member of the fire department, who was injured while in the service of the city, the sum of one hundred dollars ; to be paid from the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 412. Resolution increasing the appropriation to purchase land for school houses on Thurber avenue and Public street.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be hereby added to the appropriation to purchase land for the school houses on Thurber avenue and Public street, as authorized by resolution No. 361, approved February 27, 1871: the same to be paid from the appropriation for school houses and lots.

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No. 413. Resolution to suspend work ordered on Camp street.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways be hereby directed to suspend work in curbing Camp street, until further directions from the City Council.

No. 414. Message from the Mayor relating to the  
Water Loan.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, March 22, 1871. }

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

It has generally been supposed that if a loan made by the City be not paid at maturity, or, if the interest thereon be not paid, an immediate levy might be made by the bondholder upon any real estate within the city limits. This, however, is not, in my opinion, certain, as I find upon an examination of the matter, with a view to placing the water loan. As the law now stands many grave difficulties will arise to prevent a speedy collection of the debt in case of its non-payment by the city. These difficulties when understood will undoubtedly prevent the negotiation of the loan upon favorable terms.

I therefore suggest your immediate attention to this important matter, in order that such action may be taken at the present session of the General Assembly, as will enable us to negotiate our water loan upon satisfactory terms.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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No. 415. Resolution relating to the liability of the  
City for the Water Loan.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on the reduction of the city debt, together with the City Solicitor, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to apply to the General Assembly for such an amendment of the act entitled "An Act for supplying the City of Providence with Pure

Water," as shall exempt the holders of any bonds that may be issued thereunder from the obligations of Section 12, Chapter 30, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Rhode Island, and as shall establish the liability of the City of Providence, its real estate, and the taxable property of its citizens, to respond to the obligations of such bonds, both principal and interest, to the holders of the same.

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No. 418. Resolution to pave Union street.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause Union street, from Washington street to Fountain street, to be paved with granite blocks.

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No. 419. Resolution for paving North Main Street with the Stow Wooden Pavement.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Standing Committee on Highways be, and they are hereby authorized to pave North Main street, (when the same is paved,) with the Stow foundation pavement, so called, provided, the expense of the same shall not exceed three dollars and twenty-five cents per square yard, and provided further, that the payment of the sum of one dollar per square yard for paving said street in front of the estates of the owners thereon, be first guaranteed to the City of Providence.

No. 420. Resolution for curbing a portion of Clinton street.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and the gutters paved on Clinton street, in front of the estate of Peleg W. Gardiner, a distance of about four hundred feet.

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No. 421. Resolution for curbing Hawthorne street.

[Passed March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and the gutters paved, on Hawthorne street, from Greenwich street to Vineyard street.

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No. 422. Resolution to pay Chambers, Calder & Co.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Chambers, Calder & Co., the sum of seventeen dollars and seventy-seven cents, in full for their bill of medicines, and charge the same to the fire department.

No. 423. Resolution to pay the Providence Tool Co.,  
for repairing Water Pipes.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the Providence Tool Co., the sum of fifty-two dollars and forty-seven cents, in full for their bill of repairs on their water pipe, used for fire purposes, and charge the same to the fire department.

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No. 424. Resolution abating tax of John Bannon.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of sixteen dollars and twenty cents, from the amount assessed against John Bannon, in the City tax of 1870.

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No. 425. Resolution abating tax of Eagle Lodge,  
No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents, from the amount assessed against Eagle Lodge, No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the City tax of 1870.

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No. 426. Resolution abating tax of Grand Royal  
Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of sixteen dollars and twenty cents, from the amount assessed against the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, in the City tax of 1870.

No. 427. Resolution abating tax of John H. Pierce.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to remit the sum of twenty-nine dollars and seventy cents, from the amount assessed against John H. Pierce, in the City tax of 1870.

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No. 428. Resolution granting permission to raise building.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to S. A. Austin, to raise a certain building, located at No. 25 Asia street, pursuant to his petition.

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No. 429. Resolution granting permission to raise building.

[Passed March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Christopher G. Dodge, to raise a certain building, located at No. 8 Worcester street, pursuant to his petition.

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Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved March 22, 1871.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :—

No. 430. Thomas Cosgrove.

“ 431. Nicholas Moulter.

## No. 432. Resolution for a Sewer in Market Square.

[Approved April 10, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen to construct a sewer in North Main street, be hereby authorized to cause a sewer to be laid in Market Square to connect the aforesaid sewer with the river, and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for sewerage.

## No. 433 Resolution relative to Police Station, Engine House and Ward Room for the Third Ward.

[Approved April 10, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That Aldermen Earle and Hopkins with Messrs. Armington, Sweet and Aldrich, of the Common Council, be hereby appointed a committee to inquire into and report upon a proper location for a new Police Station, Engine House and Ward Room for the Third Ward.

## No. 434. Resolution to pay Unconfirmed Police.

[Approved April 10, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in March, 1871, by men who have been appointed but not confirmed as follows:

William J. Booth,	-	-	-	-	\$85 25
Frank M. Horton,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Byron M. Darling,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Alfred S. Keach,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Robert Flynn,	-	-	-	-	85 25
John V. Simonds,	-	-	-	-	85 25
Isaac S. Shippee,	-	-	-	-	85 25

No. 435. Resolutions for the widening and straightening of Broad street, near Snow street.

[Passed April 10, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and straighten Broad street, near Snow street, as follows; commencing on the northerly line of said Broad street, at the southwesterly corner of the brick building of the heirs of Jacob Fuller and wife, and running westerly, in a straight line to the southwesterly corner of the estate of James Y. Smith trustee for Mary B. Gladding, and on the southerly side of said Broad street, commencing at the northwesterly corner of the estate of Julia Bullock, and running westerly to the present line of Broad street, about sixteen feet westerly of the estate formerly of Enoch Remington: 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 one half of the loss and damage thereof upon the persons and estates benefitted thereby, in the ratio of the benefits conferred.

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be 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. 436. Resolutions for the widening of Battey street.

[Approved April 10, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and widen Battey street of a uniform width of forty feet from Fountain street to High 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.

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No. 437. Resolution relating to the extension of Thayer street.

[Approved April 10, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed to lay out Thayer street, from Keene street to Olney street, be referred to Alderman Coggeshall and Knight, with Messrs. Claffin, Waterman and C. S. Smith of the Common Council to examine and report thereon.

No. 441. Resolution transferring \$20,000 to appropriation for interest.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred, from the reserved fund, as an additional appropriation to the account of interest.

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No. 442. Resolution transferring \$500 to appropriation for Pumps and Wells.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserved fund, as an additional appropriation to pumps and wells.

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No. 443. Resolution requesting the Trustees of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad to report.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Trustees now in possession of that portion of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad situated in the state of Rhode Island, be and they are hereby requested to report to the City Council as soon as may be, what amount of money has been received by them annually since said road has been in their possession, and what disposition has been made of the same, and also, what property is now in their possession, and under what system said road is now run, and who has the custody of the receipts of said road.

No. 444. Resolution accepting Gift of \$200 from Anna Whipple, to the North Burial Ground Fund.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the gift of Anna Whipple, 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 lot of said Anna Whipple in said ground, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council.

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No. 445. Resolution for the curbing of Ocean street.

[Passed April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curbstones to be set and the gutters paved on Ocean street, from Public street to Thurber avenue.

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No. 446. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Governor street.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Governor street, from Power street to Bower street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 447. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Power street.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Bower street, from Governor street to Ives street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 448. Resolution to pay Sampson, Davenport & Co., and Charles E. Paine, for City Maps.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the following bills for maps and labor in preparing the same, viz:—

Sampson, Davenport & Co., maps,	-	\$330 00
Charles E. Paine, labor, preparing plans for maps,		\$117 32

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No. 449. Resolution abating taxes of George C. Elliot, trustee, and Stephen Emerson.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to remit the following taxes as erroneously assessed in the tax of 1870, viz.:

George C. Elliot, trustee, -	-	-	-	\$27 00
Stephen Emerson, -	-	-	-	47 25

## No. 450. Resolution abating certain taxes.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to abate the several taxes assessed in the year 1868, reported by the Treasurer as uncollectable and amounting to four thousand two hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty cents, as per accompanying list :

Albee, Sylvester,	\$6 00	Bullock, Elizabeth D. (Mass.)	\$24 00
Aldrich, Amos	12 00	Burdick, Daniel	12 00
Alexander, Alonzo S.,	12 00	Burt, John C., (Ward 9,)	12 00
Allen, Hetty N.,	15 60		
Allen, Nathaniel M., and wife,	24 00	Carle, William	3 60
Almy, Harriet	18 00	Carpenter, Rosannah	4 80
Almy, Sarah H.,	36 00	Chace, Abel C.,	12 00
Anderson, Simon (Ward 9,)	9 60	Chaffee, Edwin M.	420 00
Andrews, George W.	2 40	Chaffee, Edwin M. Jr.,	6 00
Angell, Horace L.	12 00	Clarke, Rebecca M., milliner,	96 00
Armington, Maria	6 00	Clifford, Emma	12 00
Arnold, Mary E.	12 00	Cooban, Hannah A.	7 20
Arnold, Mowry P., Boston,	8 40	Cornell, William	10 80
Atwood, Abram L.,	12 00	Corscaden, James	1 20
Aylsworth, John	7 20	Corscaden, Thomas	12 00
Aylsworth, Ransom B.,	6 00	Crandall, Christopher S.	12 00
		Crary, George W., Mass.,	6 00
Babcock, George H.,	12 00	Crawford, William	3 60
Baker, Allen	6 00	Cushing, Joseph (Jane E., g'dn,)	48 00
Ballou, Caroline	2 40	Cutting William E.	3 60
Bannon, John (Ward 9,)	12 00		
Barbour, Russell W.,	12 00	Darling, Albert N.	24 00
Barrows, Charles (Mass.)	2 40	Davis, Betsey W.	6 00
Barstow, John, G. F., trustee,	32 40	Davis, John C., heirs,	4 80
Barstow, John, in trust,	74 40	Dennis, Charles B., wife's estate,	2 40
Benson, George T., engineer,	12 00	Dennis, William S.	3 60
Billings, James heirs,	36 00	Dillon, Sarah	1 20
Bishop, Henry A.,	9 60	Dolloff, Wellington P.	1 20
Blake, Robert	6 00	Donaldson, William	48 00
Blodget, Eliza A.	12 00	Duffey, William H.	24 00
Boyd, George J.	6 00	Dyer, Nancy A.	24 00
Boyden, George F.	12 00		
Brayton, Josephine B., widow,	24 00	Earle, James M.	3 60
Briggs, Joseph B.	4 80	Eldred, T. W.	6 00
Bristow, Thomas (Ward 9,)	12 00	Everett, Handel P.	12 00
Brown, Eliza N. S.,	24 00		
Brown Henry H., (Ward 9,)	12 00	Farrell, Michael	24 00
Brown, James, Westminster St.	12 00	Fenner, John M.	18 00
Bryan, John	2 40	Field, John W., Ward 7,	2 40

Fisher, Lydia A.	\$24 00	Latham, Mary Ann, Texas,	\$120 00
Fisk, Caleb trustee medical asso- ciation,	60 00	Lawrence, Charles S.	60 00
Fisk, Olive S.	30 00	Lawton, Gilbert R., Mass.,	3 60
Fletcher, Calvin (Ward 9,)	30 00	Lee, P. Henry	6 00
Forrest, John	6 00	Leonard, Horace, estate,	12 00
		Lewis, Mary J., of Flushing, N. Y.	7 20
		Lovett, Millen	2 40
Gaffney, Owen	1 20	Lynch, John	8 40
Gibbs, William H.	12 00	Lyon, Laura	12 00
Gibbon, Thomas	1 20		
Gibson, John	6 00	McHale, John	12 00
Greene, Emma M.	12 00	McMann, Michael	9 60
Greene, John	12 00	McNiff Bridget	2 40
Greene, Richard F., liquors,	12 00	Martin Amey	8 40
Guild, Sophia	6 00	Mason, John S.	27 60
		Mason, Ira	25 20
Hall, Benjamin	60 00	Masterson, John, grocer,	6 00
Harris, Samuel A.	24 00	Masterson, John, plumber,	12 00
Hathaway, Thomas L.	3 60	Masterson, Patrick	12 00
Hayward, Daniel, estate,	6 00	Mathewson, Charles C.	2 40
Hayward, Daniel E., et al,	6 00	Mathewson, Charles S.	3 60
Hicks, Nathan P.	36 00	Mathewson, Mary E.	6 00
Hidden, Henry A., trustee for Mary A. Rein,	8 40	Mayer, Benjamin	12 00
Hodges, Charles L.	8 40	Mayer, Simon, stock,	24 00
Hooker, William R. and wife	6 00	Meehan, John	12 00
Hopkins, William W. and wife,	42 00	Millikin, Margaret	3 60
Horan, Bridget, estate,	3 60	Monroe, Franklin	6 00
Horsfal, Harriet A.	7 20	Monroe, Franklin Jr.,	4 80
Hubbard, Benjamin A.	1 20	Moore, Joseph W,	6 00
Humphrey, George A.	2 40	Morrison, A. L. V. R.	7 20
Hunt, David and wife,	24 00	Mowry, Brown (J. E. Hudson & Co.,)	42 00
Hunt, Mary A.	6 00	Munroe, William	3 60
		Murphy, James, ward 5,	6 00
Johnson, Christopher	6 00	Murray, Margaret	36 00
Johnson, N. H.	12 00		
Joslin, William N.	2 40	Nannery, Patrick	12 00
		Ney, Thomas G.	6 00
Kane, Clement	18 00	Nichols, Mary Ann	438 00
Kelley, Francis	1 20	Nichols, John F.	12 00
Kelton, Henrietta C.	7 20	Nicholas, Sanford	2 40
Kendall, Albert	3 60	Noyes, Leroy D.	12 00
Kimball, Anna E.	36 00		
Kimball, Eliza J.	4 80	O'Leary, John	36 00
Kimball, Eliza W., (wife D. A., Chicago,)	12 00	Oliver, Martha T.	36 00
Kingsbury, Mary N.	4 80		
Kingsley, Leonard	108 00	Patten, Susan S.	51 60
Kyle, John J.	24 00	Pearce, Harriet H.	24 00
		Pearce, Samuel C.	8 40
Lamb, Caroline F.	12 00	Pearce, Smith W.	6 00
Lane, Thomas A.	24 00	Pierce, Sarah F.	30 00
		Perry, George W.	24 00

Phillips, Smith	\$12 00	Thurber, Emily M.	\$14 40
Porter, Robert	18 00	Tilley, Simeon B.	6 00
Potter, Esther H. C.	18 00	Tillinghast, Artemesia	18 00
Potter, Maria M.	2 40	Timony, John	24 00
		Tinker, Alfred	2 40
Randall, John A. C., Boston,	9 60	Tourtellott, Amey A., widow of	
Randall, James	2 40	Henry,	18 00
Read, Larned, Mass.,	4 80	Tourtellott, Jesse F.	14 40
Read, Nancy	12 00	Townsend, Ann P.	12 00
Rourke, Thomas	3 60	Tripp, Edwin	3 60
Rouse, Samuel D.	48 00		
Rouse, William A.	48 00	Varney, William M.	3 60
Richmond, Rebecca A.	12 00	Vero, William and wife,	72 00
Sabre, Gilbert E.	12 00	Waite, Rowse P.	6 00
Salisbury, Henry W.	12 00	Walker, Ann	3 60
Scott, John	72 00	Walmsley, William	2 40
Sheen, Michael	2 40	Walsh, Richard	2 40
Shore, Leander, 9th ward,	12 00	Welch, Oscar F.	6 00
Silva, Joseph	9 60	Westcott, Andrew J., trustee,	12 00
Simmons, Robert and Sarah,	3 60	Wilcox, Stephen A. Jr.,	12 00
Smith, Albert H., (J. B. Kim-		Williams, Daniel	2 40
ball, admr.	84 00	Williams, James, estate, (Mass.)	12 00
Smith, Ann	12 00	Williams, Maria E.	8 40
Smith, Albert G.	4 80	Williams, Randall	4 80
Smith, Augustus	6 00	Winslow, James	2 40
Smith, James Jr., and wife,	13 20	Winslow, Mary Ann	6 00
Smith, Lucy A.	36 00	Wood, John J., and James M.	
Stone, Raymond, guardian,	9 60	Dean,	8 40
Sweet, Andrew G.	48 00	Wood, Sarah S.	6 00
Sprague, Rufus 2d,	3 60	Woods, John, estate,	6 00
		Wyman, Reuben	12 00
Taber, Henry	9 60		
Talbot, Hannah D., New York,	12 00		
Tape, William N.	6 00	Deduct, Caleb Fisk, trustee, }	\$4,279 20
Tierman, William	7 20	Medical Association, }	60 00
Thomas, Charlotte P.	7 20		
Thompson, Samuel	1 20		
			\$4,219 20

### Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

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

No. 451. Lawrence Garrity, No. 36 Ives street.

452. Thomas L. Doyle, No. 22 Stewart street.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz. :—

- No. 453. Ebenezer Allen.
- 454. Charles Burlingame.
- 455. Daniel H. Bennett.
- 456. Paul Capen.
- 457. Thomas J. Hill.
- 458. John P. Murphy.

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No. 459. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Sidney S. Williams, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner; and that said building be kept moving night and day over the streets in which railroad tracks are laid.

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No. 460 Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved April 12, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Alexander B. Springer, to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of

wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, and that the said building be kept moving night and day, while in the streets where railroad tracks are laid.

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No. 461. Resolution for building a school-house on Thurber avenue and Plane street.

[Approved April 12, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the erection and furnishing of a primary and intermediate school-house, at the corner of Thurber avenue and Plane street, in accordance with the plans of C. A. Hall, architect, recommended by the school committee; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Committee on City Property, and charged to the appropriation for school-houses and lots.

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No. 463. Resolution ordering Cisterns.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be hereby authorized to cause two fire cisterns to be constructed, one to be located in the third ward and one in the eighth ward; at an expense of not more than three thousand dollars, to be paid for from the appropriation for the fire department.

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No. 464. Resolution to procure plans and estimates for Bell towers and Fire bells.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby directed to present plans and esti-

mates for two bell towers and locations for the same, with suitable bells for fire alarm purposes.

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No. 465. Resolutions transferring appropriations.

[Passed April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for paving.

RESOLVED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

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No. 466. Resolutions relating to the new building of L. K. Joslin, on Broad street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Engineer be hereby directed to define for L. K. Joslin, the north line of Broad street, opposite his estate, as defined in the resolution of the City Council, passed April 10, 1871, directing application to be made for the appointment of commissioners on said street.

RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby agree to pay to said L. K. Joslin, the cost of bringing his building to the present line of said Broad street, in case said line, named in the previous resolution, shall not be established by the City Council.

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No. 467. Resolution electing to lay out Thayer street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessments, appointed by the Supreme Court at the March Term, A.D. 1871, to lay out Thayer street, from Keene street, northerly to Olney

street and the East Turnpike, under and pursuant to the 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 Saturday, April 8, 1871. Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said Court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

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No. 468. Resolution relative to the laying out of Summer street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the report of the commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed to lay out Summer street, from Broad street to Pine street, be referred to Aldermen Gardner and Ballou, with Messrs. Daboll, Hunt and Van Slyck of the Common Council, to examine and report thereon.

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No. 469. Resolution for repairing engine-house, &c., on Richmond street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the reparation of the building on Richmond street, used for ward room, steamer seven, and for a station house,—to be expended under the direction of the committee on City Property,—said sum to be paid out of the appropriation for public buildings.

No. 470. Resolution for laying out Eddy street, from Washington street to Cove street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out and extend Eddy street of its present width, from Washington street to Cove 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.

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No. 471. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Susan street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Susan street, from Cranston street to Diamond street, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 472. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Parade street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby requested to receive Parade street from Cranston street to Susan street, and declare the same a public highway.

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No. 473. Resolution for curbing part of Aborn street.

[Passed April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved, on Aborn street, from Atwell's avenue to West Exchange street.

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Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

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

No. 474. Charles A. P. Mason, No. 180 Broad street.

475. James Randall, corner of North Main and Bowen streets.

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No. 476. Resolution to lay out, widen and straighten Broad street.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and straighten Broad street, from Greenwich street to the line of the town of Crans-

ton, so that said street shall be sixty-six (66) feet in width from said Greenwich street to the north line of Public street, and eighty (80) feet in width from the south line of Public street to the line of the town of Cranston aforesaid: 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.

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No. 477. Resolution to pay Lamp Accounts.

[Approved April 24, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay all bills contracted by the Board of Aldermen for the lighting of the public lamps for the months of March and April, when the same shall be properly audited, and charge the amount to the reserve fund.

## No. 478. Resolution to pay unconfirmed Policemen.

[Approved May 8, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay from the appropriation for police, for duty performed in April 1871, by policemen who have been appointed but not confirmed, as follows:—

William J. Booth,	-	-	-	-	\$82 50
Isaac Weaver,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Alfred S. Keach,	-	-	-	-	57 75
Robert Flynn,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Frank M. Horton,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Byron M. Darling,	-	-	-	-	82 50
Isaac S. Shippee,	-	-	-	-	82 50
John V. Simonds,	-	-	-	-	82 50

## No. 479. Resolution electing to lay out Summer street.

[Approved May 8, 1871.]

WHEREAS, the commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court at the October term 1869, to lay out Summer street, from Broad street to Pine street, under and pursuant to the 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 Saturday April 15, 1871. Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said court.—

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 480. Message from the Mayor relating to a communication of the Water Commissioners.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE, May 8, 1871.

*Gentlemen of the City Council:—*

I invite your immediate attention to the communication from the Water Commissioners which I transmit herewith.

The matter to which it refers is of such great importance that prompt action on your part is necessary, and it does not seem to me that a reference to a committee is required, as no new facts can be obtained which will influence your decision.

The subject is properly within the jurisdiction of the Water Board, and I recommend therefore that you give the commissioners the authority to act in the premises as they shall deem best for the interests of the City.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, *Mayor*.

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No. 481. Resolution appropriating \$400,000 to the Providence Water Works.

[Approved May 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of four hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby added to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, and that the City Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Finance be authorized to hire the same.

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No. 491. Resolution relating to School House on Public street.

[Approved May 11, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the enlargement and alteration of the School-house, on Public Street, said expenditure to be made under the direction of the Committee on City Property and charged to the appropriation for the support of public schools.

## Resolution granting permission to raise buildings.

[Approved May 11, 1871.]

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

- No. 492. John Phillips, No. 5 Tefft street.
- 493. John W. Shields, Eutaw street.
- 494. Elias Stoyles, No. 107 Williams street.
- 495. John C. Updike, No. 3 Rice street.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 11 1871.]

RESOLVED, By the City Council, that permission be granted to the following named persons to move certain wooden buildings pursuant to their several petitions and to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby, be repaired at the expense of the petitioner, viz:—

- No. 496. William A. Chapman.
- 497. Flagg & Ellis.
- 498. John O'Grady.
- 499. Michael Kenney.
- 500. Michael McHale.
- 501. Perkins Sheet Iron Co.

## No. 502. Resolution granting permission to move a building.

[Approved May 11 1871.]

RESOLVED, That permission be granted to Hiram F. Page to move a certain wooden building, pursuant to his petition and

to the ordinance in relation to the removal of wooden buildings, provided, that all damages done to the telegraph wires thereby be repaired at the expense of the petitioner; and provided further, that said building be kept moving night and day over streets where railroad tracks are laid.

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No. 503. Resolution for exchanging Portrait of Hon. Thomas A. Doyle.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That Alderman Ballou, with Messrs. Keep, Burgess and Persons of the Common Council be appointed a committee to confer with His Honor the Mayor relative to exchanging the portrait of His Honor, now in the possession of the city, for one more satisfactory as a likeness and more creditable to the city as a work of art; with authority to make such exchange.

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No. 504. Resolution electing to lay out and widen Hemlock street.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

WHEREAS, The commissioners of estimate and assessment, appointed by the Supreme Court at the October Term 1869, to lay out and widen Hemlock street, from Beacon street to Mumford street, under and pursuant to the 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 May 15, 1871.

Now, therefore, within thirty days after the making of said report to said court,

RESOLVED, That the City Council do hereby elect to make said improvement.

No. 505. Resolutions for observance of Decoration Day.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Shaw, Van Slyck and Paine, with Alderman Coggeshall be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make arrangements for a suitable observance of Decoration Day.

RESOLVED, That the sum of six hundred 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 to the order of said committee and charged to contingent account.

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No. 508. Resolutions to lay out, widen and straighten Camp street.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable and necessary to lay out, widen and straighten Camp street, of a uniform width of fifty feet, from Olney street 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 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. 510. Resolution relating to the Canvassing Law.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed in the name of the City Council, to petition the General Assembly at its May Session, for a repeal of the act passed at the last session, altering the laws in relation to canvassing the voting lists of the City of Providence; and that the former acts bearing on the subject be revived.

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## No. 511. Resolution to pay W. A. Burdick for paving blocks.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay W. A. Burdick, Agent, ten thousand six hundred dollars, amount of his bill against the City, for paving blocks: the same to be paid out of the appropriation of highways.

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## No. 512. Resolution for curbing Dudley street.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Dudley street, from Friendship street east, about four hundred and fifty feet.

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## No. 513. Resolution for curbing Almy street.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be

and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Almy street, from Broadway to Penn street.

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No. 514. Resolution for curbing Clemence street.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Clemence street, from Washington street to Fountain street.

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No. 515. Resolution for curbing Parkis avenue.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be, and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and gutters paved on Parkis avenue, from Broad street to Greenwich street.

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No. 516. Resolution for curbing Prairie avenue.

[Passed May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause the curb stones to be set and the gutters paved on Prairie avenue from the termination of the present curbing near Dudley street, to Thurber's avenue.

No. 517. Resolution to pay John McMillan for damages.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to John McMillan the sum of four hundred and ten 98-100 dollars, in full for his bill of damages, whenever satisfactory receipts, in full from all parties interested are obtained; said receipts to be acceptable to the City Solicitor, and said sum to be charged to contingencies.

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No. 518. Resolution to settle the claim of Shubael K. Crowell.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Claims be, and they are hereby authorized to settle with Shubael K. Crowell for injuries sustained by him as per his petition, provided, that the sum does not exceed eight hundred dollars.

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No. 519. Resolution to settle the claim of Thomas Miller.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee on Claims be, and they are hereby authorized to settle the claim of Thomas Miller, provided, the amount does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars whenever said Miller shall execute the proper papers.

No. 520. Resolution abating tax of Almira G. Taylor.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to remit to Almira G. Taylor the sum of thirteen 50-100 dollars from the tax of 1870.

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No. 521. Resolution abating tax of Zuriel Waterman.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to remit to Zuriel Waterman the sum of forty 50-100 dollars erroneously assessed in the tax of 1870.

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No. 522. Resolution abating tax of Benjamin Greene,

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to remit to Benjamin Greene, 3d Ward, twelve 15-100 dollars from the tax of 1870.

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No. 523. Resolution abating uncollectable taxes.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to abate the several taxes of the year 1869, reported by the treasurer as uncollectable, amounting to fifty-six hundred and twenty-two and 77-100 dollars.

## Resolution granting permission to move buildings.

[Approved May 15, 1871.]

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

- No. 524. Silas B. Weeks
- 525. John B. Cooke.
- 526. Dennis McCarty.
- 527. Spencer P. Read.
- 528. Charles K. Richmond.

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No. 529. Report of the Special Committee to build a School House on Federal and Dean streets.

[Presented May 24, 1871.]

*To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence :*

The Joint Special Committee appointed January 13, 1869, for the erection and furnishing of the school house at the junction of Federal and Dean streets, having completed the duties assigned them, present this their final report:—

In accordance with the instructions of the council, and in conformity to the city ordinance relative to public buildings, the committee, after advertising for proposals for the erection of the building according to the plans and specifications of Mr. E. L. Howland, awarded the contract for the same to Messrs. Moulton & Ingraham, of Providence, by whom, under the supervision of the able and efficient Superintendent of Public Buildings, Mr. Slade, it has been completed to the satisfaction of the committee. The desks and other school furniture were

furnished, under contract, by Messrs. E. M. Thurston & Co. of this city; and the committee take special pleasure in calling attention to the general excellence and substantial character of their workmanship, in this new and much needed branch of industry in our city.

The details of the cost of erection, furnishing, &c., having been presented to the council in the reports of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, the committee deem it unnecessary to repeat, other than a recapitulation of the same in this report.

Cost of Building, proper,	\$83,512 09
Furniture,	6,922 02
Heating Apparatus,	2,025 00
Draining, Grading, &c.,	630 86
Fencing Lot,	2,992 34
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Total Cost,	\$96,082 31
Amount appropriated by the City Council,	98,000 00
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Balance returned to City Treasurer,	\$1,917 69

The school house has been occupied for school purposes for several months, but the necessity of waiting for late spring, for putting in a granite foundation for the fence, for grading and turfing the grounds, and the adjustment of a few minor accounts, which the claimants were dilatory in presenting, have prevented an earlier report.

And now, may we not, while the last surviving members of our committee are making their retiring bows in the chamber of the Common Council, point with pardonable pride to the elegant structure, surpassed by few, if any, in the country, in beauty of design, in substantial character of construction, in its admirable arrangement of light, heat and ventilation, its furniture and other appointments, which render it in fact, a model school house, erected at a cost less than the architect's original estimates, equipped and furnished complete for school purposes, with grounds fenced and graded for nearly two thousand dollars less than the sum appropriated by the City Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

A. L. CALDER, Chairman.

No. 530. Report of Special Committee to exchange  
the Portrait of Hon. Thomas A. Doyle.

[Presented May 24, 1871.]

*To the Hon. City Council :*

The Joint Special Committee appointed to confer with his Honor the Mayor, relative to an exchange of portraits, make report that pursuant to the resolution appointing the committee, they have made an exchange with the Mayor, giving him the portrait painted by Mr. Oertel, for one that your committee consider much more satisfactory as a likeness and indicative of the character of the subject. This picture was painted by Mr. John N. Arnold, of this city, and, so far as the committee are able to hear, is pronounced on all hands, an admirable portrait.

Respectfully submitted. For the Committee.

DAVID BALLOU, Chairman.

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No. 531. Resolution thanking the Mayor for  
exchanging his Portrait.

[Passed May 31, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the City Council are due and are hereby tendered to his Honor the Mayor, for the portrait of himself, which he so generously tenders to the city, in exchange for the one heretofore in the possession of the Common Council.

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No. 532. Resolution transferring \$5,000 to appropri-  
ation for Paving.

[Approved May 31, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for high-ways to the appropriation for paving.

No. 533. Resolution transferring \$6,000 to appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

[Approved May 31, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the sum of six thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for highways to the appropriation for sidewalks and curbing.

No. 534. Resolution repealing the order to pay interest on City Bonds in gold.

[Approved May 31, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the resolutions approved December 19, A. D. 1870, directing the City Treasurer to pay in gold coin the coupons payable on and after January 1, 1871, on the bonds of the City of Providence, due in 1876, and 1885; and directing said City Treasurer to demand of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company payment in gold coin upon the coupons of the bonds of said company, held by the city of Providence, be and the same are hereby repealed.

No. 535. Resolution for curbing Bradford street.

[Passed May 31, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Surveyor of Highways, acting under the advice and direction of the Joint Committee on Highways, be and he is hereby directed to cause curb stones to be set, and gutters paved on Bradford street from Federal street to Atwell's Avenue.

No. 536. Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive a portion of Superior street.

[Approved May 31, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the Board of Aldermen be and they are hereby requested to receive Superior street, from Diamond street to its southerly termination in Long Pond, and declare the same a public highway.

No. 537. Resolution relating to Interest coupons on Bonds of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company.

[Approved June 5, 1871.]

RESOLVED, That the City Treasurer is hereby directed to receive, in current funds, from the trustees of that portion of the railroad of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Company located in this state, the amount due upon the coupons payable January 1, 1871, upon the bonds of said railroad company held by the City of Providence, and, after paying therefrom a sum equivalent to the amount by him paid in gold to redeem the coupons due January 1, 1871, upon the city bonds issued to said railroad company, to pay the balance to the trustees of the sinking fund for the redemption of said city bonds.